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**NEW STANDARDS PROVIDE A FRAMEWORK FOR ESTABLISHING AND  
ASSESSING COLLEGE VETERANS SERVICES PROGRAMS**

**Washington, D.C.** New standards responding to real-time student needs for military service members, veterans, and their families transitioning from military service in higher education have been released today by the Council for the Advancement of Standards in Higher Education (CAS). CAS, composed of 39 collaborating professional associations representing over 100,000 professionals in higher education, has developed Veterans and Military Programs and Services (VMPS) Standards and Guidelines grounded in scholarship through the work conducted by experts within the field of veterans and military services. “The CAS standards and guidelines for Veterans and Military Programs and Services are a culmination of the work of several experts and scholars in the emerging study of and service to veterans in higher education,” stated Douglas Franklin, Assistant Dean of Students at Ohio University and College Educators for Veterans Higher Education (CEVHE) Board Member.

After many years of military conflict higher education has faced a wave of military service members requiring more consistent approaches to meet their unique educational needs. “Since the end of the Second World War, many colleges and universities have provided services to military veterans, but not in ways that fully recognized the educational aims of those students,” said Bob Ackerman, Professor of Educational Leadership at UNLV and Student Veterans of America (SVA) Board Member. “Consistent with the premise of the CAS Standards effort, these guidelines are intended to provide direction to campus leaders as they implement programs and services designed to support students, who are also military, veterans, and their families.”

“The CAS standards are a set of guidelines to assist schools in helping their student veterans help themselves. They are not a “one-size-fits-all” standardization but rather seek not to recreate the wheel on every campus as we can learn from the best practices of each other” said John Mikelson, President College Educators for Veterans Higher Education, Co-founder of the Student Veterans Association and the Director of Veterans Affairs at Association of Non-Traditional Students in Higher Education

CAS was established in 1979 to develop standards that promote college student learning and promote self-assessment for institutional effectiveness. There are now 42

CAS standards in diverse areas of the college student experiences.

“ I fully support the CAS standards and guidelines of the VMPS. The standards are greatly needed and a tremendous achievement that will ensure many veterans, service members, and their families receive the outstanding higher education that they deserve.”  
Doug Herrmann, Emeritus Professor of Psychology, Indiana State University and Past President and Co-founder of the College Educators for Veterans Higher Education (CEVHE)

The new Veterans and Military Programs and Services (VMPS) Standards and Guidelines is available at [www.cas.edu](http://www.cas.edu).