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Access to Common Barriers and Effective Solutions to Support Student Veterans

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Collaborative Partner News:

The SIG’s collaborative work continues with other national organizations that support student veterans in the postsecondary setting. The number of links and groups involved in the collaborative meetings has grown since its inception. Partners represent a host of areas and come from the following organizations:

AHEAD—Veteran SIG

Kirk-Vish Student Veterans of America

NACADA—National Academic Advising Association

NASPA—Council for Higher Education Leaders in Higher Ed

IMPI—Military Family Research Institute

CONET—Council of College and Military Educators

NCLDA—National College Learning Center Association

To date, our accomplishments include:

- The creation of an online collaborative workspace under SLACK
- The creation of a Facebook page in December 2016 dedicated to providing avenues and solutions to student veterans about disability in education. The page is titled Disability in Education for Veterans and the direct URL is https://www.facebook.com/groups/disabilityforvets/

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Disability Point of Contact
- Dan Stanage continues to create a database of states and regions. The project is ongoing and designed to assist student veterans. Thus far, information has been collected from the states of California, Washington, Nevada, North Carolina and Ohio schools. If you work/reside outside those states, we would love your help. If you have a statewide or national organization that supports student veterans in higher education landscape. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to Dan Stanage at Dan.stanage@studentveterans.org.

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