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STUDENT VETERAN-SPECIFIC STUDY AREA TO OPEN ON DAVENPORT UNIVERSITY W.A. LETTINGA CAMPUS

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich., Mar. 26, 2013 – Many veterans face unique challenges when returning to an academic setting after serving in the military. It has been found that up to one-third of student veterans may be struggling with “invisible wounds of war,” traumatic brain injury, post-traumatic stress disorder or major depression. To accommodate these students, Davenport University is opening a student veteran study area in the W.A. Lettinga Campus Library.

The study area will give student veterans specific space to address the special needs of post-traumatic stress disorder and reintegration into civilian life. The room will be kept very quiet and secluded with minimal distractions. The furniture will be arranged so students will not be sitting with their backs to the door. Lighting will be simple, mellow and adjustable. Noise cancelling headphones will also be available to those who may need them. Additionally, colors from all branches of the military will be represented and will cover the room.

All media are invited to attend dedication ceremonies:

WHAT:	Student Veteran Study Area Dedication
WHEN:	2 p.m., Wednesday, April 3, 2013
WHERE:	Center for Teaching & Learning - Academic Building Davenport University, W.A. Lettinga Campus 6191 Kraft Lake, Grand Rapids, Mich.

About Davenport University

Founded in 1866, Davenport is a private, non-profit university serving more than 11,000 students at campuses across Michigan and online. With tuition among the lowest of all private universities in the state, Davenport provides high academic quality, small class sizes, conveniently located campuses, faculty with real-world experience and more than 50 dynamic undergraduate and graduate programs addressing in-demand careers in business, technology and health professions. More information is available at www.davenport.edu.

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