RESOLUTION

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Resolution in Support of the Establishment of an Office of Veterans Affairs

WHEREAS, Veterans at the University of Vermont are an integral part of the community, and require specific support from the University owing to their unique situation of having served in the armed forces, including but not limited to situations pertaining to the GI Bill, mental health services, and transition to civilian life,

WHEREAS, The University currently does not have an office specifically dedicated to Veterans Affairs and administration of the veteran’s support website and materials currently rests in the Office of Enrollment Management,
WHEREAS, The lack of an established office and centralized information is an obstacle for student veterans in the UVM community,

WHEREAS, veterans are a financial asset to the University through the aid they receive from secondary sources (including Veterans Administration aid, federal grants and loans, and other outside grants) that would otherwise have come from University grants and scholarships,

WHEREAS, the amount of aid from external (non-UVM) sources for undergraduate student veterans and dependents at UVM averaged about $9,445 per student for the fall semester 2010, which is more than the average grant aid of $6,313 that UVM provides to eligible in-state students,

BE IT RESOLVED The University of Vermont Student Government Association supports the establishment of an Office of Veterans Affairs.