

Veteran's Newsletter



Message from the Director

The Concord University Office of Veteran Services would like to welcome incoming Veteran students and their families and invite them to visit our lounge on the ground floor of the student building, Subway side. **We are open from 8 am until 4 pm** every day during classes and offer Veterans and dependents a place to study, socialize, or relax between classes. The lounge is equipped with Computers, a printer, tv/ game system and is stocked with beverages and snacks.

The CU Student Veterans Association is a chapter of Student Veterans of America. It is committed to improving the quality of life and helping our Community of Veterans' academic progress. You are invited to become a member of the organization, providing a platform for anyone willing to help support veterans and their families. While being a CU SVA member, you will subject yourselves to creating lifelong friends, leadership development, peer-to-peer mentoring, and being a role model for others. The Office of Veteran Services works closely with Eric Stovall, our school certifying official, the administration, faculty, staff, and student body to address returning veterans' challenges and foster better communication lines between all parties.

As the Veterans Director here at Concord University, I encourage all of you [Vets and family members] to stop in and see what we offer in person. Our goal is to become the country's number one military-friendly university. If you are interested in helping your fellow veterans/dependents in the lounge, you may apply for a position as a work-study. This application and information will be included in your welcome packet. Also included in the packet is an application to join the Student Veterans Association. You should join a team of veterans and students who support others in the community and the entire campus. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at gwilliams@concord.edu or in the Veteran's lounge at **(304)-384-6300**.

Friday Lunches

The Veterans Lounge has a free lunch every Friday starting at 11 AM. If you want to meet some new people and familiar faces and eat good food, come down to the lounge on the first floor

Veteran's Lounge

A common misconception about the Veteran's Lounge here at Concord is that it is only available to Veterans. However, the Lounge is available to everyone who has VA Benefits, who is currently serving, or who has served. The lounge is also open to all persons including current dependents, current service members, spouses of deceased service members, and of course, veterans. The Lounge offers a relaxing area and includes a television, a fridge full of snacks and beverages, and computer stations. The Lounge is a good place for you to do your homework as well, and we have free printing!

Veterans Take Over CU Food Pantry

Do you need some food after a long night of studying or don't have the financial means to pay for food, toiletries or necessities? We have you covered! The Student Veterans Association takes care of a food pantry available to all students inside the Beasley Student Center in the Veteran's Lounge across from Subway or inside the Game Room, both locations on the 1st floor.

The Dana White Story

On May 13th, 1942, a young man by the name of Dana White enlisted in the military. He was one semester away from earning his bachelor's degree at Concord University (then known as Concord State College).

White became part of the 8th Army Air Force, being commissioned as a Second Lieutenant on October 1st, 1943. He completed flight training, joining his unit on February 20th, 1944. White would become a co-pilot on a B-17 Flying Fortress known as the "Booby Trap" as a part of the 384th Bomb Group.

On April 13th, 1944. White and his men would be sent on a mission to Schweinfurt, Germany. Fighter planes attacked the soldiers. During the attack, White, alongside the pilot, bombardier and navigator were killed in the aftermath. White saved the life of the top turret gunner, who was the only survivor of that attack. Dana White was posthumously awarded with the Purple Heart.

On May 6th, 2017 during the graduation ceremonies, Lieutenant White was posthumously awarded a degree of Bachelor of Arts, which was accepted by his family.



Month of the Military Child

In April, we recognize the children of our service members and the challenges they have faced and presently face as well as their contributions to service personnel, and, in turn, our nation as a whole. Wearing purple on an organization's specified PurpleUp day is a perfect way to recognize children of military personnel. The Concord SVA will be selling shirts specifically for this matter. **Our PurpleUp day will be Friday, April 11th. You can purchase these shirts during the track event that week.**

Concord SVA will be hosting a spirit week as well during this month. **From Monday, April 7th to Friday, April 11th**, there will be separate events to participate in this spirit week.

- **Monday, April 7th – Wear a shirt representing a branch of the military. (Army, Marines, Air Force, Navy, Coast Guard...)**
- **Tuesday, April 8th – Wear your favorite camouflage clothing.**
- **Wednesday, April 9th – Wear red, white, and blue for recognition of military families.**
- **Thursday, April 10th – Wear red to remember those previously deployed.**
- **Friday, April 11th – Wear purple in honor of the children of military personnel.**

Resources for military families:

Militarychild.org/for-families/ - Plenty of resources for military families including but not limited to workshops, toolkits, and academic explorations.

Militaryfamily.org – A plethora of resources and collections of information for everything from dealing with deployments to policy issues and everything surrounding.

Militaryonesource.mil – A source of information and tools on finding relative benefits, appropriate counselors, and more.

