To those whom it concerns,

This November the Student Senate of the University of New Hampshire voted to pass the attached resolution which expresses the opinion of the undergraduate students in regards to the current Veterans’ Lounge and the need for a new facility. The Student Senate believes that a Veterans’ Center should be an important part of the Memorial Union Building as the building contains the state of New Hampshire’s war memorial. Moreover, the student representatives believe that the current location of the Veteran’s Lounge does not serve its purpose as well as it should. The Student Senate also believes that there are numerous reasons why the University of New Hampshire should increase the resources available for veterans, many of which are enumerated in the resolution.

This resolution is a statement from the student representatives on their collective opinion regarding the Veterans’ center and a request to designate a more suitable space.

Respectfully,
Gabriel Hoffman
Speaker of the University of New Hampshire Student Senate
Student Senate Resolution XXXVII – 12 Establishing a Military and Veterans Service Center

Introduced by: Non-Resident Senator, James Godwin
Date: November 8th, 2015

Whereas, the current consensus of University of New Hampshire (UNH) Veteran Faculty and student veterans is that the current Veterans’ Lounge located in the Memorial Union Building (MUB), feels invasive due to the high volume of foot traffic outside the lounge and is without a door to combat noise distractions, and

Whereas, because the MUB holds the State of New Hampshire’s War Memorial, the representation of veteran services should also be commensurate, and

Whereas, the state of New Hampshire holds an immense veteran population, with an average of 250 student veterans that attend UNH, and additionally has a Medal of Honor recipient as a UNH alumnus, and

Whereas, with the creation of Student Armed Forces Association (SAFA) an increasing level of student military members have been coming together and helping each other succeed academically and professionally, and

Whereas, the utilization of a new Military and Veterans Center will allow student veterans who have suffered from traumatizing experiences to readily use available resources and treatment, and

Whereas, by conjoining the Military and Veterans Service Center with a Veterans Lounge and Veterans Resource Center, student veterans will be in close proximity and have immediate access to educational, personal, and professional assets, therefore

Be it resolved by the Student Senate of the University of New Hampshire to urge the allocation of space for a new Military and Veterans Service Center, and

Be it further resolved by the Student Senate of the University of New Hampshire that this proposal be enacted within a reasonable time frame.

Senate Action: Approved
Speaker Verification: Gabriel Hoffman