

Resolution 2020-1: Veterans Day

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The Associated Student Government (ASG) Senate calls for the adoption of Veterans Day into the academic calendar.

Whereas, San Diego is home to more than 241,000 military personnel, the largest concentration of military personnel in the world (San Diego Military Advisory Council 2019 report) and with our campus's proximity to several historic military bases and landmarks, our connection to the military is undeniably interwoven into our campus culture. Furthermore, the University of San Diego has a beautiful and blossoming veteran, ROTC and otherwise military-affiliated student population. With all of this in mind, a proper recognition of Veterans Day would not only directly serve our military and veteran students, but it would have a positive impact that extends to the wider campus community.

Whereas, without Veterans Day off from school, student veterans and students with military-affiliated family members or friends have been unable to fully honor and celebrate their loved ones or participate in Veterans Day festivities because they have class or other school responsibilities. For example, our student veterans in the past have been excluded from events like the Veterans Day parade in San Diego because they cannot miss class.

Whereas, the University of California San Diego and San Diego State University also have significant veteran/military-affiliated students and they observe Veterans Day within their academic calendars.

Whereas, there has been a Fall Break since at least the 2014-2015 academic school year (per USD website under “Academic Calendars” tab) on a random Fall day. Veterans Day is celebrated annually on November 11th, which is also during Fall. Some students, particularly veteran and ROTC students, find it odd that we take a “Fall Break” but do not instead take the opportunity to officially celebrate Veterans Day. Beginning next academic year 2020-2021, there will be no Fall Break. This should be replaced with Veterans Day.

Whereas, a previous senate resolution resulted in priority class registration for student veterans, having Veterans Day off would be the next step in further recognizing and celebrating our military and veteran community.

Be it resolved, it is the Associated Students Government’s position that Veterans Day should be implemented into the academic calendar **as soon as possible**. Contingent upon if academic calendars may still be edited, this change should be made no later than the 2023-2024 school year.


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