



UCLA Veterans Initiatives & Partnerships November Mid-Month Newsletter

Veterans, students and leaders connect at UCLA celebration of service

The annual event underscored the university's partnership with the VA and its commitment to helping service members.



Veterans, military-connected students, active duty personnel and campus leaders gathered Nov. 6 at UCLA's James West Alumni Center to celebrate service and community at the university's annual Veterans Day reception.

The mid-morning event featured remarks from Chancellor Julio Frenk and Tony DeFrancesco, executive director and chief liaison of UCLA Veterans Initiatives and Partnerships, and the presentation of the Veteran of the Year Award.

"Today's event is all about connection," Chancellor Frenk said in his address. "It brings us together to listen, learn and celebrate how veterans contribute to every part of our university's life."

Frenk thanked veterans for their service and underscored how their leadership and lived experiences enrich UCLA classrooms and workspaces. "Veterans help us see broader global perspectives and perhaps even inspire others to live with clarity, empathy and purpose," he said. "They're not only a part of our campus. They're essential to it."

Frenk also highlighted UCLA's long-standing partnership with the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, from the post-World War II era to today's programs such as the Veteran Family Wellness Center, the UCLA School of Law's Veterans Legal Clinic and UCLA Health's Operation Mend, which supports veterans as they heal and rebuild their lives.

Following the chancellor's remarks, **Daniel Martin**, a U.S. Army veteran and participant in **UCLA Extension's Veteran Success Academy**, was recognized as the 2025 Veteran of the Year. Martin, who works as a carpenter for the West Los Angeles VA, was honored for his continued mentorship of other veterans in the academy and his dedication to helping peers navigate education and career transitions.

[Read the rest of the story here!](#)

After being recognized by the Chancellor, Martin received his award at the annual Veterans Appreciation Game at the Rose Bowl!



Check out what's happening!

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UCLA WOMEN'S BASKETBALL INVITES YOU TO THE VETERAN APPRECIATION GAME!

UCLA VS SOUTHERN
SUNDAY, NOV. 23 | 2PM
DOORS OPEN AT 1PM
PAULEY PAVILION
PRESENTED BY WESCOM FINANCIAL

EACH VETERAN WILL RECEIVE UP
TO FOUR COMPLIMENTARY TICKETS
TO THE GAME WITH PROOF OF
MILITARY / VETERAN ID.

PLEASE SHOW ID AT THE
NORTH ENTRANCE
BOX OFFICE OF PAULEY
ON GAMEDAY.

FOR ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE
CONTACT BHUTCHINGS@ATHLETICS.UCLA.EDU



UCLA Games on the Infield!

Play corn hole, kickball, and whiffle ball
on the practice infield at the
Jackie Robinson Stadium
followed by lunch!

Thursday, December 4th from 10am - 12pm



Scan here to sign up and learn about
more Veteran Events

Celebrate the Holidays with
UCLA
MEN'S BASKETBALL



VS.



WEDNESDAY, DEC. 17

7:30PM

PAULEY PAVILION

presented by Wescom Financial

**BUS WILL DEPART FROM JACKIE ROBINSON
STADIUM AT 6:30PM AND WILL RETURN FOLLOWING
THE GAME. DINNER WILL BE PROVIDED!**

**SCAN HERE TO RSVP OR VISIT
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Take advantage of everything UCLA has to offer

UCLA Veterans Legal Clinic

Need **legal** advice?

What types of legal issues do we handle?

Veterans Benefits: Pension and service-connected compensation benefits.

Citations & Traffic Infractions:
Violations in traffic court, not DUIs.

Criminal Record Clearing:
Expungements and 290 removals
Housing: Assistance for tenants in disputes with their landlord.

(424) 248-9783



2nd & 4th Tuesdays

8 a.m. - 12 p.m., 1 p.m. - 4 p.m.

Located at Building 218, ground floor Room 5A.

Walk-ins seen on a first-come, first served basis.

Any person who served in the U.S. military, regardless of discharge status, length of service, or era of service may be eligible for services. **The service is for low-income, Los Angeles-area Veterans.** Additional criteria apply. Services are not guaranteed. Referrals are available.

UCLA Veteran Family Wellbeing Center



The Veteran Family Wellbeing Center (VFWC) provides evidenced-based resilience building services to Veterans, Guard and Reserve members of all eras (regardless of discharge status) and their family members residing in California. Located on the West LA VA campus, appointments are available both in person and remotely using a computer or laptop.



The VFWC services help individuals, couples and families:

- Improve communication
- Express and respond to emotions
- Feel closer to loved ones
- Solve problems
- Plan for the future
- Increase overall wellbeing
- Overcome challenges of all kinds, including marital difficulties, parent-child relationships, grief and loss, reintegration, caregiving, feelings of isolation and many others

Services are free, confidential and offered regardless of military discharge status. Whether you have served or supported someone who has, we look forward to helping you achieve your wellbeing and relationship goals.

Location:

**VA Greater Los Angeles Healthcare System
West Los Angeles Medical Center
11301 Wilshire Boulevard
Building 220, 3rd Floor Room 316
Los Angeles, CA 90073**

Appointments available

**Monday-Friday 8:30am-7:00pm
and Saturday mornings.**



Veteran Family
Wellbeing Center



U.S. Department of
Veterans Affairs

For more information, contact our Family Services Coordinator
310.478.3711 ext 42793 | info@vfwc.ucla.edu | vfwc.ucla.edu



Take ownership of your health care

Operation Mend heals our nation's post-9/11 military service members, veterans and caregivers by providing innovative, comprehensive, world-class care for the physical and psychological wounds of war.

Veterans who have gone through the in-person intensive outpatient program (IOP) have shown improvement in mental health symptoms within 3 months after program completion.



Scan, call **310-267-2110** or visit
uclahealth.org/programs/operationmend
to learn how you can get help today

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