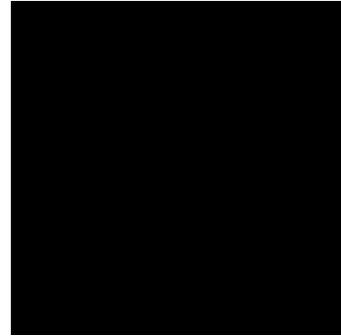


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**VETERANS GROUP AT UNC-CHAPEL HILL CONTINUES TO SERVE COMMUNITY
THROUGH SERVICE PROJECT**



CHAPEL HILL, NC — On Saturday, Oct. 3, the Carolina Veterans Organization (CVO) and UNC’s Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) will put the service skills they learned in the United States Armed Forces to a more local use — to organize a food drive called “Ruck for Hunger” for local food banks. The organizations have distributed boxes around the Chapel Hill and Carrboro area and are currently collecting donations of canned goods. On Oct. 3, these canned goods will be loaded into backpacks and carried by volunteers to the different food banks in what the military calls a ruck march.

“The goal of the Ruck For Hunger event is to promote camaraderie between student veterans, students, and fellow participants within the area, while providing a food drive that

supports TABLE and Carolina Cupboard,” said Lacy Jo Evans a veteran of the Marine Corps and Executive Board Member in Public Affairs for the Carolina Veterans Organization.

The ruck march will begin at 10 a.m. Saturday morning at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, behind the Naval Armory ROTC building parking lot — also known as the Venable parking lot — on South Road. Participants in Ruck for Hunger are encouraged to bring canned foods for donations and a backpack to help pick up food donations around UNC’s campus, Franklin Street, and the Glen Lennox and Meadowmont areas.

All food donations will go to support TABLE of Carrboro and Carolina Cupboard of UNC, two non-profit organizations dedicated to feeding the hungry. Monetary donations are also being accepted for The No Greater Sacrifice Foundation in memory of Lt. Col. John W. Collins, an organization providing scholarships and resources in honor of fallen and wounded soldiers.

Along with the CVO and ROTC, other sponsors of the ruck march include the Carolina Hispanic Association and UNC Student Stores. For more information about this event or if you would like to make a donation, please contact the Carolina Veterans Organization at carolinaveterans@gmail.com or (919) 907-0286.

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About the Carolina Veterans Organization

The mission of the Carolina Veterans Organization is to assist in the professional development and job search process of members; to promote camaraderie among members; and to raise awareness and support for the military on the University of North Carolina’s campus. It welcomes veterans of all branches of the US Military as well as veterans of foreign militaries and families. For more information, visit <http://veterans.web.unc.edu>.