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Norwich University to hold first gay pride week at Vt. campus

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Norwich University, the nation's oldest private military academy will hold its first gay pride week, officials at the school in Northfield, Vt., said.

From Monday through Saturday, a series of pride-related and awareness-raising events will be hosted by the Norwich University Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Question, and Allies Club.

The club is believed to be the country's first ever LGBT Club on a military campus university officials said in a press release. The club first met on Sept. 20, 2011, the day that "don't ask, don't tell," the military's policy banning gay service members from serving openly, expired.

The six days of scheduled events this week represent the six colors of LGBT flag, with each color representing a LGBT issue or theme, officials said. Vermont Governor Peter Shumlin will speak at Norwich's first ever Queer Prom on Saturday. A keynote address will be made at the prom by US Army Chief Warrant Officer Charlie Morgan, who first publicly announced she was gay on the day the "don't ask, don't tell" policy ended.


The gay pride week's events are co-sponsored by several university administration departments and student organizations, the release said.

Founded in 1819, Norwich is the birthplace of the nation's Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC) program. University officials say the school was also among the first to admit women and African Americans into the university's Corps of Cadets.



Around 2,300 cadets, civilian residents, and commuters, along with about 1,200 graduate students, attend Norwich, according to the school's website.

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Boston police identify man, 21, shot to death in Dorchester Friday

A man who was shot to death near Southern Avenue in Dorchester early Friday was identified as Deandre Townsend, 21, of Boston, police said in a statement. Officers found Townsend suffering from an apparent gunshot wound shortly after 1 a.m. Friday, according to Boston police. He was pronounced dead at Boston Medical Center.

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Canadian biker killed in collision with moose

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Connecticut to give city hospital \$10 million

The state of Connecticut is contributing \$10 million toward the expansion of a medical training facility at Hartford Hospital. The 30,000-square-foot expansion of the hospital's Center for Education, Simulation, and Innovation is part of a larger \$100 million capital improvement plan. The facility allows students and medical professionals to simulate different types of acute medical crises in a setting that's similar to their actual work environments.

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Drop in prices helps boost home sales in state

Home sales in Vermont have grown 14.5 percent from last year, with lower prices playing a role in luring buyers back into the market. The Northern New England Real Estate Network, which tracks multiple-listing sales of homes in Vermont and New Hampshire, says that through July, 2,493 homes were sold in Vermont

compared with 2,177 for the same period last year. Sales of condominiums also posted gains, with an 11 percent increase. Part of the appeal is lower prices: the median price for houses has fallen \$10,000 from a year ago, from \$212,000 to \$202,000.

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