

VETERANS SUPPORT CENTER NEWS

Aug 2017

Welcome Back or Welcome Aboard, U Vets!

The summer is FINALLY over, so the VSC will be abuzz with students again. Summer in the VSC has been so quiet that we could hear ourselves not working. As always, the VSC will be providing:

- Free computer lab and printing
- Free coffee and refreshments
- Free study hall and lounge
- VA benefits advising
- VA educational benefits processing
- Peer mentoring
- Free tutoring
- And more!

Fall Semester Hours

The VSC will be open during the following hours:

- M-H: 0700-1800
- F: 0700-1700

The office will be closed on the following days: 9/4, 11/23, 11/24, 12/25, 12/26, and 12/29.

Crouching Veteran, Hidden Scholar Yoga Continues!

Thanks to a grant we received from the Utah Department of Veterans and Military Affairs, the VSC will be able to continue offering free yoga. This program has been HIGHLY successful with participants reporting an average 23% increase in their quality of life and general health. Classes will be held on Mondays and Tuesdays from 0900-1000 in the Union. Come by the VSC before class to get a mat. The first two classes will be held at the Union Den on Mon, Aug 28 and the second in the Union Parlor A on Tue, Aug 29. You can get the full schedule from the VSC. Attend at least 8 classes this semester and you will **receive a free Crouching Veteran, Hidden Scholar t-shirt**. For more details, stop by the VSC.

Peanut Butter & Jelly Sammies

As always, the VSC will have free PB&Js available during the first week of the semester. We have fluffernutter too!

Veterans Commemoration WEEK



The U will have an exciting weeklong series of events commemorating Veterans Day. Details will follow, but here's the highlights:

- Monday, 11/6 — Meet a Vet BBQ and wall signing to honor service members and veterans
- Tuesday, 11/7 — Dodgeball Tournament sponsored by the Student Veterans of Utah
- Wednesday, 11/8 — Panel discussion about the historical treatment of domestic populations when the nation is at war
- Thursday, 11/9 — “When War Comes Home,” a film and discussion about coming home from war
- Friday, 11/10 — 20th annual Veterans Day commemoration; appearance by Mike Anderson, former Marine, former Ute, former Denver Bronco
- Saturday, 11/11 — Veterans Day: Home football game (**250 tickets just for vets**), U Vet tailgate, and in-game commemorative events
- Saturday, 11/11 — Student Veteran at the Year award during the football game (nomination information coming soon).

Carmen's Career Corner

The Career & Professional Development Center (CPDC) has many events this fall. Don't wait until the last semester of your senior year to connect with CPDC. This year, we'll be hosting some great events just for student veterans. For instance:

- "Brown bag lunches" in the VSC with employers who will provide advice about post-graduation employment and internships
- An employer-student veteran networking night in November
- Site visits to employers
- Career fair breakfasts with employers before the career fairs begin

Upcoming CPDC events for all students include:

- Student Job Fair, 8/23, 10:00-14:00, Union Ballroom
- Welcome Week Kick-Off Event, food, SWAG, music, and more, Marriott Library, 8/24, 10:00-14:00.
- STEM Career Fair, 9/26, 09:00-15:00, Union Ballroom
- All Campus Career Fair, 10/3, 09:00-15:00, Union Ballroom

For more information, see the CPDC website at careers.utah.edu or contact Carmen Gold at cgold@sa.utah.edu.

SWAG ALERT!!!

Thanks to the Wagner Foundation, we have new SWAG available for those who served/are serving. Drop by the VSC and get a free embroidered U Vet dress shirt! Available while supplies last.

Our Constitution

Recent events, on our own campus and more notably at others, have demonstrated un-American sentiments of hate and bigotry. It's saddening that some of those representing such disgraceful ideals are veterans. Those of us that served took an oath to "support and defend the Constitution" and made sacrifices to that end—some making the ultimate sacrifice. When anyone stands on the side of hate and against what our Constitution represents, they dishonor us and the sacrifices of our brothers and sisters in arms. As always, free speech will be respected and encouraged in the VSC, and voices of hate and bigotry will not be tolerated.

Work-Study Positions

Each semester, the VSC has VA work-study positions available. If you are enrolled at least 3/4 time and using a VA educational program, you qualify. The VSC currently has an open position for MWF mornings. To apply, see Paul.



Student Veterans at Utah

The SVU organizes social events, service projects, and friendship and provides the voice of student veterans to the U administration. SVU membership is open to all students and alumni who are currently serving in the U.S. Armed Forces, who are veterans of any era who were not dishonorably discharged, or who have an interest in student veteran issues. Membership is free. You can find out more about the SVU on the VSC website or by contacting the SUV President, Caleb Myer, at meyercj42@gmail.com. (By the way, student veterans who are members of the SVU will be given priority when requesting tickets for the Veterans Day football game.)



Stoker Family Scholarship

Those undergraduate students who were honorably discharged from or are currently serving in the U.S. Armed Forces, National Guard, or Reserves and who are in good academic standing as undergraduate students are eligible to apply for this \$2,000 annual scholarship. University employees are ineligible. Award of this scholarship is based on financial need and merit, including contributions to the nation, state, university, and/or community. Applications can be obtained from the VSC beginning 8/21 and must be received by 9/15 for consideration. Contact the VSC for details.



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