Advising Military Veterans and Servicemembers Strategically

Stay Day 2015
Serving Students in the 21st Century

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I. Intersecting Cultural Identities & Military Service

- Creating An Inclusive Space

What Is A Veteran?
1. Redefining the “Veteran” Label
Unexpected Baggage of Service

Photo: https://www.dysfunctionalveterans.com/
Thank You For Your Service?

UC Caliber Students ... ...Who Have Served

II. Advising Traps!

- Assessing the Veteran/Servicemember’s Educational Barriers

A student comes into your office and self-identifies as military-affiliated –

What is the first thing you do?

Do you know what to do?

Photo: http://www.veteranstoday.com/tag/gi-bill/
1. Stop and Serve the Student

Associate Vice Chancellor of Student Life, Dr. Milton Lang, meets with student veterans and VA Certifying Official, Yolanda Torres, on campus at their weekly Coffee & Donuts gathering.

Photo: https://www.facebook.com/groups/DavisStudentVet/
What Sets These Students Apart?

CALVET TUITION FEE WAIVER

POST-9/11 GI BILL

SURVIVORS & DEPENDENT ASSISTANCE

VA VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION

WORKSTUDY

Info in Photo: http://www.benefits.va.gov/gibill/
Assessing Their Advising Needs

Photo: http://ucdavis.edu/about/eggheads/
III. Building an Aggie Veteran Network

➢ The Resources to Break Down Barriers

Do you consider yourself a resource for student veterans and military-affiliated students?

Why or why not?

How would they know?

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Why Is Learning About Advising Student Veterans & Military Important to You?

• You have worked with student veterans and military-affiliated students, or you want to work with them!

• You are a veteran and/or military-affiliated!

• You know a student veteran and/or military-affiliated student who is **UC caliber** and would benefit from a UC Davis education!
Resources

- Transfer Reentry Veteran (TRV) Center

Photos: Yelp; DavisWiKi; UC Davis Dateline
Resources

• Undergraduate Admissions
  • Undergraduate Admissions Veteran & Military Advisers
    • Megan Kennedy, mekennedy@ucdavis.edu
    • Renee Timas, retimas@ucdavis.edu
  • University of California, Transfer Admission Planner (TAP)
    • https://uctap.universityofcalifornia.edu/students/

Photos: CSU Long Beach; Student Veterans of America (SVA);
www.cevs.ucdavis.edu
Resources

Davis Student Veteran Organization (DSVO), Center for Student Involvement (CSI)

Veterans Constituency Group (VCG), Office of Campus Community Relations (OCCR)

Photos: https://www.facebook.com/DavisStudentVeteran; https://www.facebook.com/UCDvets
Resources

Scheduled Opening – Fall 2016

- Reception Area
- Meeting Space
- Lounge Space
- After Hour Access for Studying
- Storage Lockers
- Kitchenette
- Staff Offices
- Office for Visiting Professionals

Gold Star Aggie Memorial
- Visitor Services

- Two Digital Touchscreens
- Golden Book Display

As one UC Davis, we pride ourselves on our commitment to our veteran students. Our vision is to create a freestanding veterans student center in the Memorial Union so our student veterans find a community space that will meet their specific needs. We know our veterans’ academic success is our success, and we are grateful that they trust us in helping them meet their future goals.

Adela de la Torre, Vice Chancellor, Student Affairs

THE NEW VETERANS CENTER OPENING IN 2016

The new veterans center is an integral component of the Memorial Union Renewal Project and the culmination of planning and effort by supporters who believe veterans deserve their own campus home. Located on the Memorial Union’s second floor, the center will provide a reception area for veteran students and visitors; space for veteran mentoring; official, advisors and visiting professional; and a meeting area that can be configured for a variety of formal and informal events. In addition, students will have access to computer terminals and printers.

Renderings: Student Affairs Marketing and Communications; Campus Recreation and Unions
• Please Welcome...

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Photo: http://www.davisenterprise.com/local-news/ucd/ucd-veteran-peer-adviser-reporting-for-duty/