

Vet Quarterly

(Right) In February, we had a great turn-out for our Survival Strap workshops! Veterans, dependents and students campus wide visited our office to participate. Dean of Students, Rameen Talesh and Project & Policy Analyst Julie Wong stopped by to join the fun. Many thanks to those who participated!



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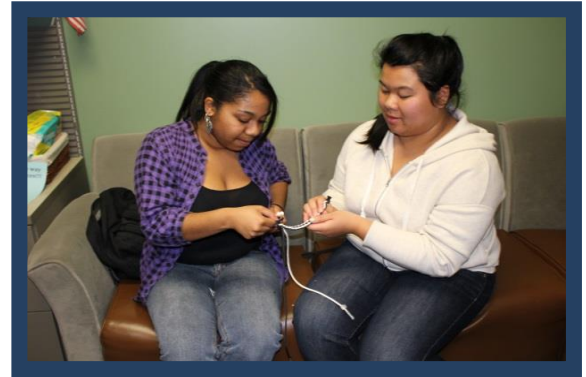
Our Mission

UCI Veteran Services is dedicated to providing a welcoming environment for veterans, reservists, and their dependents. We provide assistance in obtaining the educational benefits to which they are entitled. The center is responsible for submitting entitlement requests for new and continuing students to the VA, answering any questions veteran students or dependents may have concerning their educational benefits and providing resources and programs to assist veterans in navigating their transition to civilian and student life.

Survival Straps Workshops

February 5th & 11th

Last quarter on February 5th and 11th, the Veteran Services Center held for the first time, two Survival Strap Workshops that were open to the general student body. Our office opened our doors in the early afternoon to visitors who were interested in learning about military paracord bracelets. Our workshop began with a presentation lead by our very own Shannen Allado, who informed participants on the purpose of paracord bracelets and its general uses in the military field. She explained that paracord rope is traditionally used outdoors for practical purposes such as marking trails, setting up tents and starting camp fires. Many participants were amazed at the multi-functionality of these handmade bracelets and were surprised to learn that they can also be used as fishing lines, floss, impromptu belts, tourniquets and boot laces. Once the presentation was completed, the event went into full swing as student staff members, Billy Leshner, Shannen Allado, Melissa Cintron and Zed Santiago actively taught visitors how to make a simple cobra knotted bracelet. Veterans, dependents, staff and students from campus wide were lively and excited as they helped each other choose colors and make their own personalized survival straps. Once completed, participants were allowed to take their handmade paracord bracelets home for later use. Combined, the two workshops pulled out a crowd of over 80 attendants and greatly spread awareness about our office and its commitment to the veteran community. The events were so popular that our staff had the pleasure of being interviewed by New University reporter Joyce Chen whose article about our center appeared in the features section of the newspaper. Thanks to the success of these events, we have officially decided to keep them as an office tradition. We hope to see you at our upcoming Survival Straps Workshop in May!





Announcements



Veteran Services Internship Position

Looking for an internship position on-campus? The Veteran Services Center is hiring! We are looking to fill the positions of ONE Outreach Intern and THREE Peer Advisors! As long as you are a military veteran, or a military dependent receiving educational benefits, you are eligible to apply as a Peer Advisor. The Outreach Intern position is open to ALL STUDENTS, veteran preferred.

For more information and access to the application, visit:

<http://search.dos.uci.edu/internships/application/index.php?application=1>

**Applications are due
Friday, April 25, 2014 at
5:00 pm**

***Important Notification ***

Adeli Duron is currently out on maternity leave for the rest of Spring Quarter. Our staff is working hard to keep the office orderly and fill in her shoes until her return. Until then, her temporary replacement is Darryl Cox. Should you have any questions regarding your educational benefits, he will be your person of contact. If you have any concerns or general questions, feel free to call or email our office and we'll assist you in any way we can.

Darryl Cox

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CalVet Visit

If you have any questions regarding education, benefits, financial assistance, housing, jobs, healthcare, etc. Please drop by the veteran's resource center to speak with SGTMAJ James J. Schickel, USMC, RET. Please bring a copy of DD214 and additional pertinent Info.

Wednesday May 7th

9:00 AM- 12:00 PM

Veteran Service Center

Signup Sheet link will be emailed out at a future date. Walk-ins welcome

VSC Mini Fridge & Microwave

Our office now has a microwave, mini-fridge and general snacks available for visitors! Many Thanks to the Veteran's Professional Fraternity who generously donated these items for our office's use. Feel free to stop by to chat or grab something to eat. All the food is free, but donations are accepted! Remember to be courteous and throw out any food trash to keep our office nice and clean. Happy Eating!

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Please Save the Date

**5th Annual
UCI Veteran Appreciation Dinner
Thursday May 29, 2014**

Reception 5:30pm Dinner 6:30pm
UCI Student Center, Doheny Beach Room
Irvine, CA 92697
Service Dress or Business Attires



Coming Soon:

- ❖ Spring Quarter Survival Strap Workshop: May 7th
- ❖ Veteran Appreciation Dinner
- ❖ Future Voc. Rehab Information Sessions