OVSS News
December 2015

Certifications
Submit your certification requests for the Spring 2016 term ASAP if you haven't already!!

Holiday Office Hours:
12/14/2015-1/15/2016 8am-5pm
Closed 12/24/2015-1/3/2016

Boots to Suits
We are very enthusiastic for the upcoming changes in our Boots to Suits program. Please stay on the lookout within the months to follow for some very exciting announcements pertaining to one of UC Denver's most exciting mentorship opportunities.

Career Center
This month we would like to highlight the Career Center for spreading the word about the LinkedIn Event in November. They have tons of resources and events to help students succeed in finding a job after completing their degree program. Check out their website out and find out how they can help you!

Announcements
Withdrawing from Credits:
Beginning November 15, 2015 the VA will require students using the Post 9/11 GI Bill to provide mitigating circumstances when they withdraw or drop from a course after the add/drop period. If the circumstances are approved the VA will pay benefits up to the date the course was dropped. If the circumstances are not accepted the student will be responsible for the benefits from the beginning of the term. Some mitigating circumstance paperwork will have to be provided to our office, but the final documentation will have to be submitted through the GI Bill website's Submit a Question feature.

Finals Week! 12/7-12/11/2015
Good luck to all of our veteran and dependent students who are testing during finals week!

Let us know what kind of events you would like to see in our office for the Spring 2016 semester by emailing us at vaoffice@ucdenver.edu with “Spring Events” in the subject.

Your Gallery
The VSO and OVSS are proud to announce the creation of a rotating gallery in the OVSS. We would love to highlight the creativity of all our Veteran Students. Submit photos of your work(s) that you would like to see hang in our office with your name (artist's name), the medium of the work, and the dimensions of the work before the last Friday of the month (12/25/2015) to the VSO email: CUDenverVSO@gmail.com. A viewing committee will then select the pieces by the following Tuesday (12/29/2015), we will then display the selected works in the office on the First Friday of January (1/1/2016). What will you create?

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Veteran Student Organization

A word from your president; I would like to send a thanks to a group of people that helped make the Fall Events from 2015 a great success. Stephani Loxton for speaking at our Veterans Day Event. Daniel Cabrera for helping with the LinkedIn Event. Amber Longoria for assistance with crafting the Business Plan for the 2016 Student Veterans of America National Conference. The volunteers for the Veterans Day 5K: Stephanie Loxton, Jess Olivas, Teresa Davis, Davis Fyffe, Daniel Cabrera, Doug Hernandez, Charles Reeves, JoAnna McCree, and Kevin Bolser.

I would also like to send a special thank you, from the bottom of my heart, to the other officers of the VSO for your continued commitment and hard work.

To all student veterans and dependents, good luck on all your finals, be safe and enjoy your time off. See you next semester, the VSO and I look forward to making the Spring Semester the best one yet.

-James Bakalik

Heroes Clinic

Provides FREE dental care to Veteran students. Take care of your health! To learn more or schedule an appointment call 303.724.VET.

Chili Cook Off Highlights

Thanks to everyone who came out and participated in the Chili Cook Off on November 18th. It was great to get everyone into the office for good food, free schwag, and relax for a bit. We want to recognize our four category winners: Best Overall—Carl “Glenn” Payne, Hottest—Lori Cord, Most Interesting—Waylon Walker, and Most Like Basic Training—TJ Vazquez!! We also want to recognize the generous donors for the food and prizes we were able to give out; Chili's, Golden Corral, Starbucks on 15th, Starbucks on Wadsworth, Lucky Strike, Harley–Davidson, Red Lobster, Dazbog, Bayou Bob's, Mellow Mushroom, Burlington Coat Factory, Infinitus Pie, Tilted Kilt, Pepsi Center, Music Go Round, Jason’s Deli, King Soopers, Sam’s Club, Deer Creek Men's Ministry, Rocket Fizz, Boney's BBQ, Chipotle, City Pop: Gourmet Popcorn, Biker Jim's Gourmet Dogs, and My Favorite Muffin.

Veteran Events

12/11—Adopt a Vet Gift Drop off deadline at 2pm, for those who cannot attend the event on the 16th.
12/16—Adopt a Vet at the Veterans Home at Fitzsimons 2:30-4:30pm.

Have a great Winter Break