

# Veterans Academic Resource Center

## January/February 2015 Newsletter

Welcome to UCF New Veteran Knights and Welcome Back to all our student veterans.



### Employer of the Month



#### Employing the Finest: Our Nation's Veterans

Transitioning Service members and Veterans deserve employment that honors their service and puts their unique skills and leadership ability to use.

#### Helping Our Wounded Warriors in Recovery, Rehabilitation and Transition

We are enabling hundreds of Veterans to receive the training and education they need to start their own business through our partnership with the [Institute for Veterans and Military Families](#) Entrepreneurship Bootcamps for Veterans .



### Program of the Month

#### Mock Interview Sessions with Lockheed Martin

Tuesday, February 10th  
14:00—17:00 at the VARC

Come prepared with resumes and dress professional.

ALL MAJORS ARE WELCOME.

Please contact Lorine Cisch-Taylor at:  
lorine.cisch-taylor@ucf.edu

Don't get caught falling behind in class!  
Peer tutoring is available for the following classes:

- Financial Accounting
- Managerial Accounting
- Intermediate Financial Accounting
- \*Business Finance
- \*Quant Business Tools II
- College Physics I
- \*College Physics II
- Biology
- \* Microbiology
- Biochemistry
- General Chemistry
- Chemistry Fundamentals 1A & 1B
- Chemistry I
- Chemistry II
- Organic Chemistry I
- Organic Chemistry II
- Human Physiology
- Neurobiology
- \*Astronomy
- \*Computer Science I
- \* Principles of Statistics
- Statistical Methods
- Intro to Computer Programming
- Object Oriented Programming
- Discrete Structures
- Statics
- Dynamics
- Thermodynamics
- Electrical Networks
- Physics for Engineering I
- Physics for Engineering II
- Probability & Stats for Engineers

\*Tutoring located at VARC  
For the schedule and more information visit  
[www.sarc.sdes.ucf.edu/tutoring](http://www.sarc.sdes.ucf.edu/tutoring)

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Chapter 31 Advisor

### Congratulations to the Newly Elected Student Veterans Association Officers!



*President:* David Del Castillo  
*Vice President:* Joel Shoemaker  
*Treasurer:* Erich Mehnert

\*\* Meet your new officers on the next page

Be on the lookout for meetings, events, and getting involved with SVA this semester!

If you are interest in join SVA please contact the Faculty Advisor Dr. Aaron Smith at [aaron.smith@ucf.edu](mailto:aaron.smith@ucf.edu)

### Military Appreciation Day With UCF Basketball February 22, 2015 @ 2:00 PM UCF vs. Memphis

All Active Military, Reserves, Veterans, and First Responders can receive free tickets to the game.



To register for your free tickets please visit  
[www.ucfknights.com/promotions](http://www.ucfknights.com/promotions), or  
present your student ID.

\*\*Must register online, no walk-ups on Gameday\*\*



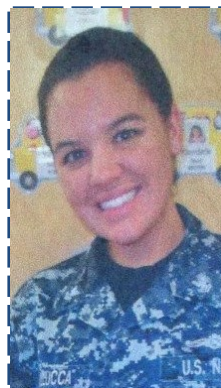
in association with the  
**Registrar's Office  
& Student Development  
and Enrollment Services**

# Spring 2015 PROGRAMS

VARC Programs are subject to change and be updated throughout the semester.

Updated information can be viewed at the following locations:  
 Veterans Academic Resource Center — CFE Arena 1278 East Knights Plaza Drive  
 Online at [www.varc.sdes.ucf.edu](http://www.varc.sdes.ucf.edu) ~ [www.facebook.com/ucfvarc](https://www.facebook.com/ucfvarc) ~ [www.twitter.com/ucfvarc](https://www.twitter.com/ucfvarc)

Program Name and Description	Date/Time/Place
<b>SVA Meeting</b> Join fellow student veterans for the first SVA meeting of the semester.	Wednesday, January 28 5:00 – 6:30 VARC Lobby
<b>USO Orientation to Volunteer</b> Want to volunteer with the USO of Central Florida? Join us for an information session and start giving back to the community.	Friday, January 30 Session #1 10:00 – 11:00 Session #2 3:00 – 4:00 VARC Lobby
<b>Seek and Destroy Discover</b> Explore the four temperaments, authentic happiness, character strengths, and self-worth.	Friday, February 6 10:00 – 11:00 VARC Study Room 109
<b>Mock Interviews with Lockheed Martin</b> Practice and learn interview techniques and skills with Lockheed Martin.	Tuesday, February 10 2:00 – 5:00 VARC Lobby
<b>Getting into Grad School</b> Learn tips and helpful hints for applying for graduate school	Friday, February 13 1:00 – 3:00; VARC Study Room 111
<b>Stress Buster at the VARC</b> Understand stress and how it can impact your life. Develop strategies and skills to manage classroom and personal stress	Monday, February 16 2:00–4:00 VARC Study Room 110
<b>Building Brand You!</b> Learn how to “Brand” yourself and the importance of your “Brand You” in the professional world. .	Monday, February 23 6:00 – 7:30 VARC Study Room 109
<b>Mid-Term Breakfast Break</b> Take a break from studying and stop by VARC for breakfast.	Tuesday, March 3 Wednesday, March 4 8:00 – 11:00 VARC Lobby
<b>Writing Workshop</b> Writing Workshop focuses on extending the depth of your understanding of literature and writing, learning from the differing perspectives of fellow student vets.	Tuesday, March 17 11:00–1:00 VARC Lobby
<b>Veteran Knights Back to School BBQ</b> Join fellow veterans and their families for a family fun day at Lake Claire. Food, music, and a variety of recreational activities that the entire family can enjoy!	Saturday, March 21 11:30 – 3:00 Lake Claire (UCF Campus)
<b>Financial Literacy</b> Learn how to manage your money, create a budget, and understand credit	Wednesday, March 25 4:00–5:00 VARC Lobby
<b>Boots to Loafers</b> Learn important rules for making the transition into your first post-college job from an expert.	April 3 or 4 (TBD) Time: TBD VARC
<b>Pets for Vets</b> Come interact with dog from Pets Rescue by Judy to relieve some semester stress. Also get tips on how to survive finals week.	Tuesday April 28 Time: TBD VARC Patio
<b>Reception for Spring 2015 Graduates</b> The VARC would like to congratulate all Spring 2015 graduates. Open to all student veterans graduating and their families	Wednesday, May 6 Time: TBD VARC Lobby



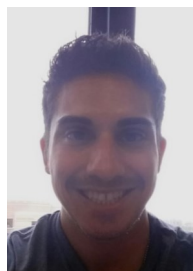
VARC Employee of the Month: Peer Mentor

**Rebecca Fallucca**

Rebecca has been a peer mentor at VARC since last October. She a Pre-Med student hoping to become a Physical Therapist . This semester she has been assigned to work with our student veterans using Chapter 31 benefits. “I like that I get to help fellow veterans in their transition to civilian/student life and learn from their experiences”. Rebecca is also the VARC USO liaison and plans to have volunteer opportunities for our student veterans with the USO of Central Florida. She is a hard worker with a friendly smile and has been a great addition to our VARC family.

**Congratulations Rebecca!**

## Meet your New SVA Officers



President: David Del Castillo

David is in his first semester here at UCF and is majoring in Aerospace Engineering. He served in the military for 5 years and is very excited to be part of the SVA team. David is looking forward to being involved in the community and welcomes all veterans at UCF to become part of SVA

Vice President: Joel Shoemaker

Joel is currently a junior majoring in Interdisciplinary Studies with a minor in Health Sciences. Upon graduation, he plans on attending PA school. “I look forward to helping SVA grow into a premier program amongst UCF student veterans, and I can’t wait to see what this semester has in store for all of us. I look forward to working for you all.”



Treasurer: Erich Mehnert

A Michigan native, Erich recently moved here to the Orlando area and is also in his first semester here at UCF. He was a Development Engineer in the Air Force for about 5.5 years and was stationed at Edwards AFB, CA and at Wright-Patterson AFB, OH. Erich is currently a full-time Graduate student, working towards a Masters Degree in Civil Engineering.

