

# Veterans Academic Resource Center

## March 2015 Newsletter



Spring Break is finally upon us!

### Program of the Month

## Family Day BBQ at UCF's Lake Claire



Saturday March 21st

11:30 am — 3:00 pm

Bring your FAMILY out to:

- Relax and enjoy Lake Claire facilities
- Connect with fellow transfer students and student veterans
- Enjoy free food and family fun activities: family tours, a visit from Knightro, bounce house, corn hole, volleyball, face painting, and more!
- Connect with resources and win great UCF prizes
- Interact with student organizations such as: Tau Sigma, Student Veterans of America, Transfer Knights

RSVP now at [www.tinyurl.com/familybbqcf](http://www.tinyurl.com/familybbqcf)

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### Employer of the Month

**Bank of America**

Since 2011, Bank of America has hired more than 5,000 veterans, Guard and Reserve members thanks to a dedicated team focused on military recruiting. Bank of America is furthering its commitment to hire veterans, Guard and Reserve members as one component of an integrated strategy to help military veterans and their families return to civilian life through education, employment, wellness and housing. More than 1,600 homes have been donated to military veterans and first responders since 2012, exceeding our three-year commitment to make up to 1,000 properties available. Their dedicated team actively recruits top talent and provides service members, veterans and spouses with information that can help them build their workplace and business knowledge through their military careers web site.

"From recruiting and hiring veterans, to employee volunteers and funding for charitable organizations, we show our appreciation for those who have served, continue to serve, or are part of a military family and what they have given our country and our company," said Andrea Smith, Global Head of Human Resources at Bank of America. "To that end, we dedicate and make available resources to help these employees build upon the leadership, training and skills they developed while protecting our way of life."

The VARC office will still be open during Spring Break March 9-13. Regular office hours, 9AM – 5PM

### Important Information about Registration!

As a student veteran, you get priority registration and multi-term registration. If you cannot register on March 16 for Summer 2015, Fall 2015, and Spring 2016 contact Lorine Cisch-Taylor at [lorine.cisch-taylor@ucf.edu](mailto:lorine.cisch-taylor@ucf.edu)

### Connect with other UCF Student Veterans

Join the Student Veterans Association to connect with other student veterans.

Contact the David Del Castillo President: [almarael@knights.ucf.edu](mailto:almarael@knights.ucf.edu)



## Important Dates this Month

March 3—Mid Term Breakfast Break 8:00-10:00 AM, VARC Lobby  
- "Finding and Applying for Federal Jobs" 3:00-4:00 PM, CSEL 121  
- "Federal Resume Writing" 4:00-5:00 PM, CSEL 121

March 4—Mid Term Breakfast Break 8:00-10:00 AM, VARC Lobby

### **March 9-13—SPRING BREAK!**

March 16—Registration for Summer Classes Opens

March 17—"Writing Workshop" 11:00AM—1:00PM, VARC Lobby

**March 21— Family Day BBQ at UCF's Lake Claire 11:30AM-3:00PM**

**March 24—Last day to withdraw from classes**

March 25—"Financial Literacy" 4:00-5:00PM, VARC Lobby

\*\*Summer Certifications will start being accepted soon. Look our for the exact date coming soon!



March 9th—13th

### **UCF Baseball is in full swing!**

Don't forget that as a student you receive free entry into home games.

The Knights will be hosting schools such as Florida, Columbia, Fairfield, Presbyterian, and Houston this month at home.

Check out [ucfknights.com](http://ucfknights.com) for their official schedule



## **SeaWorld's Bands, Brews, & BBQ**

Central Florida's favorite BBQ festival returns for four sizzling weekends. With a special salute to America's Heroes, SeaWorld will have special discounts and offers for all enlisted men and women and retirees from the military.

Bands, Brew & BBQ features live concerts from top classic rock and country bands and artists, the tastiest BBQ from Central Florida's top local smokehouses, plus SeaWorld's own Sweet & Smokin' Barbecue. Proceeds from this event benefit USO Central Florida. Show lineup coming soon!

For dates, times, and more information visit:

[www.us.uso.org/CentralFlorida/Events](http://www.us.uso.org/CentralFlorida/Events)

### **VARC Employee of the Month**

## **Peer Mentor—Gabi Reyes**



Gabi has been a Peer Mentor at the VARC since May 2014. She is pursuing a Master's Degree in Mental Health Counseling and her passion for veterans brought her to our office. "Being a peer mentor has allowed me to work and interact with veterans and help them succeed in their school work and beyond." Gabi won employee of the month for her dedication to the office and the veterans we serve, for her exceptional organization skills, and her coordination of VARC programs and their success.

Looking for something fun to do over spring break?

Escapology Orlando offers all veterans their first visit for FREE!

Get a group together and see if you have what it takes to escape!

For more information:

[www.orlando.escapology.com](http://www.orlando.escapology.com)