The University of Washington Tacoma is proud to introduce our UW Challenge Coins!

The challenge coin symbolizes a military tradition and forges a bond between the veteran and military population here at UWT.

Each student veteran will be given a coin to commemorate their service.

The UW coins will be distributed at the Veterans Welcome Event on September 26th, located at the VIBE.

In order to show our support and commitment to the student veteran population of UWT, and welcome new and returning students, the Veteran and Military Services office will be holding a welcome night on September 26th. The event will be from 4-6 PM and will be held in the Veterans Incubator for Better Entrepreneurship, VIBE (Tioga Library 307 A).

Who can attend?

- Spouses
- Dependents
- Active duty military members
- All incoming and returning student veterans
- Student veterans who are not receiving VA education benefits are also encouraged to attend!

*Please email Flanaa2@uw.edu or Vetnav@uw.edu to RSVP

P.A.V.E (Peer Advisors for Veteran Education) is a peer support program just for student veterans. Student veterans are trained to share their firsthand experience with incoming veterans and help connect them with the campus and community resources they need to succeed.

Peer Advisors for Veteran Education
Peer Advisors for Veteran Education (PAVE)

The volunteer role of the Peer Advisors is to support the student veteran as they transition to campus life. Peer Advisors will be existing students who have experience and knowledge of the campus. The Peer Advisor will act within an agreed range of confidentiality and will ensure they have the best interest of the student veteran in mind at all times.

PAVE aims to create a safe haven and source of support to ease the transition from the military to the university by improving student veterans’ sense of connectedness to the university, identifying mental health issues and other concerns in a timely fashion, and connecting student veterans with appropriate resources.

PAVE is part of the University of Michigan Depression Center’s Military Support Programs and Networks (M-SPAN); M-SPAN is a suite of programs serving service members and veterans. The program is a collaboration between the University of Michigan Depression Center & Department of Psychiatry and Student Veterans of America.

Student Veterans of America Scholarships

Veteran and active duty military students at UW Tacoma: Applications for various SVA scholarships are now open (deadline: Nov 4, 2016). Eligibility requirements vary by scholarship. More information is on the SVA website. SVA supports a network of over 1,300 schools and over 500,000 student veterans. At the individual level, SVA empowers veterans to be informed consumers of higher education and make the most of the transition to civilian life.

SVA has awarded over $1 million to 111 SVA Scholars since 2011.

Please contact Cindy Schaarschmidt, Student Fellowships & Awards at cs65@uw.edu with questions and to receive application support.
Free Legal Clinic
Do you need help with custody, child support, divorce, debt, bankruptcy, a landlord-tenant issue or other civil legal problems, but can’t afford a lawyer?
Are you looking for assistance with a discharge upgrade or VA disability benefits appeal?
Sign up for a free legal clinic at RallyPoint/6!
Who do they help?
- Veterans
- Active Service Members
- Spouses and Family Members

1st & 3rd Thursdays of each month, 6-8 pm at RallyPoint/6 in Lakewood
Connect@rp6.org
253-777-0556

The University of Washington Tacoma is working with StoryCorps, an oral history and public media non-profit organization, to record and preserve the stories of military personnel and family members. We are looking for UW Tacoma affiliates (students, alumni, staff, and faculty) with military connections to tell their stories this October.

A StoryCorps interview is a 40-minute recorded conversation between you and a loved one or friend. It’s an opportunity to share the stories and ask the questions that matter most to you:
- What are you proud of?
- Do you have any regrets?
- What are some life lessons you’ve learned?

At the end of the session, you’ll receive a CD of your conversation, and with your permission, we’ll also archive the recording at the Library of Congress.
StoryCorps interviews will take place on October 20th & 21st, in Cherry Parkes (ground level).

To reserve your appointment with StoryCorps, please contact: Abby Murray, Lecturer in Writing Studies
amurray1@uw.edu
253.692.5756

Calling All Veterans
Informal veterans social gathering to meet and share stories!
Date: Thurs, Nov 10, 2016
Time: 5 – 7pm
Venue: 7 Seas Brewery, 2101 S. Jefferson St
Contact: Milt Tremblay
milt@u.washington.edu

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Date: Wed Nov 9, 2016
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Venue: Milgard Assembly Room WPH
Contact: VMS MAT 206

Student Veteran Organization
The Student Veteran Organization (SVO) is a registered student organization geared towards veterans and active-duty military, their families and other supportive members of the community. The group is also welcoming of military spouses and dependents, who themselves have had distinct experiences, ones that aren’t necessarily common to the rest of the UW Tacoma student population.
Contact Zachary Foster, SVO President for more info
fosterzachary@hotmail.com

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Hello,

My name is Andrew Flanagan and I am the University of Washington Tacoma’s new Vet Corps Navigator. I would like to take this opportunity to formally introduce myself to you, the student veteran population.

First, some of you may be unfamiliar with what Vet Corps is. The Veterans Navigator is a position supported by a partnership between UW Tacoma and the Washington Department of Veterans Affairs to ensure that transitioning veterans have all the tools and support they need to be successful. As a Navigator, I will provide our student veterans with referrals to on and off campus services, explain campus culture to transitioning veteran students, offer social support, bolster engagement opportunities and serve as the PAVE Team Leader.

My role as the university Vet Corps Navigator is to ensure the success of each student veteran, or dependent, who attends the college. I can say first hand that the life of a student veteran is challenging. Assignments, finals, finding affordable healthcare, work, and family issues are just some of the challenges we, as student veterans face. These challenges are the reason my commitment to you is to come to school every day with a positive attitude and provide veterans, active military members and their families with the support they need to be successful students. My pledge to you is that I will be here to support you in any way that I can.

Thank you!

Andrew Flanagan