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Military History class offered this spring!

INTD 1820 – Military History (1 credit, Spring 2015):

Tuesdays 11:00-11:50am; Arjona 343

INTD 1820.016 #11097 'Military History' covering topics on the theory of war and American military history. Was it terrorism or guerilla warfare that won the Revolution? How did State loyalty affect cadets at West Point during the Civil War? These questions and many more will be answered during this fascinating course. Contact Doug Pence to hold your seat: student2448@ad.uconn.edu

Free Game Night November 13th!

Calling all veteran gamers! Play for free at the student union arcade from five to seven. That's two hours of zombie-blasting, barrel jumping, pixelated awesome.

AND IT'S FREE!

Did I mention the free nacho bar & complimentary beverages? No? Well, guess what—there will be a nacho bar and free drinks. So that's two reasons to come check it out.

It's also worth mentioning that you can game & eat all you want, but you can't do both at the same time.

Veteran's Day Ceremony

Monday, November 10th@11:20a.m.

The UConn Veterans Day Ceremony will be held this year at the Ultimate Sacrifice Memorial on the Storrs campus. The entire community is welcome to attend, so pass the word!

This year we are honored to host Bob Ross, Executive Director of the CT Office of Military Affairs, who is a retired naval officer and UConn alum. Opening remarks will be made by UConn President Susan Herbst.

Attendees are encouraged to arrive early, and there will be light refreshments in Wilbur Cross afterwards.

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Registration Open!

Registration for courses in the Intersession and Spring 2015 are now open! If you will be taking courses during either of these semesters you must complete your Form D (no advisor signature required) and submit it to the benefits office in Arjona 345 ASAP. The sooner you submit the form, the sooner you will have your benefits for payment certified! The Form D is available on our website as is more information on approved programs and other VA Benefits. If you have questions or would like more information please contact us at [860-486-2442](tel:860-486-2442) or stop by the benefits office in Arjona 345.

5k November 8th!

Wanna run for fun? How about for a good cause? You'll have a chance to do both as part of the Nathan Hale Club's Second Annual memorial 5k. Last year, UConn managed to raise over a thousand dollars. It's only \$5 for veterans, \$10 for everyone else. Go [HERE](#) to register.

This race is being held in honor of 1LT Keith N. Heidtman and CPT Jason R. Hamill, both of whom made the ultimate sacrifice.

For more information, please contact the race coordinator, Colton Wagner, at colton.wagner@uconn.edu.

Hope to see you there!

Questions? Comments? Article idea?

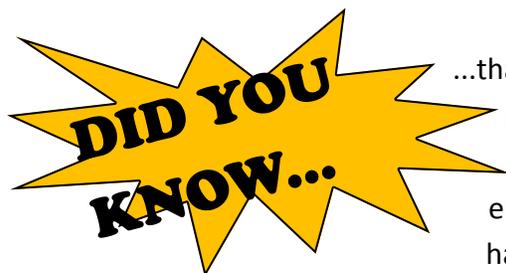
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Free CrossFit Workout!

Are you ready for an intense physical challenge? The owner of [CrossFit 03](#) thinks so. Joseph D'Amico invites all veterans to join him at his gym in New Haven for a free workout in support of [Team RWB!](#) Team RWB is a non-profit veteran support group that engages veterans through various activities. CrossFit 03 is the only place in Connecticut that hosts them—so shake a leg and come on down!

Joseph is a USMC vet and currently a 1st Lieutenant in the Air Force Reserve. You can get more information [HERE](#), or [sign up HERE](#)...and [here is on Facebook](#), if that's more your style.



...that you probably have health benefits that you aren't using? Why let them go to waste—you earned 'em! For example, students attending UConn on Chapter 33 benefits are entitled to have their health insurance fees covered. That's pretty significant, and that's just the tip of the iceberg. You'll have to [read the guide](#) to find out the rest, but take ten minutes of your time and check it. It'll certainly save you money, and it might save your life!

The VA defines basic eligibility as this:

A person who served in the active military, naval, or air service and who was discharged or released under conditions other than dishonorable may qualify for VA health care benefits. Reservists and National Guard members may also qualify for VA health care benefits if they were called to active duty (other than for training only) by a Federal order and completed the full period for which they were called or ordered to active duty.

Minimum Duty Requirements: Veterans who enlisted after Sept. 7, 1980, or who entered active duty after Oct. 16, 1981, must have served 24 continuous months or the full period for which they were called to active duty in order to be eligible. This minimum duty requirement may not apply to Veterans discharged for hardship, early out or a disability incurred or aggravated in the line of duty.

But there are several categories, so if the above doesn't describe you, don't fret. There is a wide variety of services available, so please go check it out!

Historically Speaking

World War One didn't lack for heroes, but few can be said to be as quick thinking as Jake Alex. On August 9th, 1918, Corporal Alex was with the 131st Infantry as they battled German forces at Chippilly Ridge. It was an ugly fight, and during a critical point in the engagement, Cpl. Alex lost his entire chain of command. No one would have faulted him for issuing a tactical retreat, but they didn't know Jake Alex. The loss of his officers only made him angry, and he took charge of his platoon and led them forward until machine gun fire made that impossible. That would have been a good place to stop, but his ire was still up. He advanced alone and attacked the nest on his own.



Jake Alex

He used up all of his bullets and grenades, then inflicted five more casualties with his bayonet. When *that* broke, he started attacking with the butt of his rifle. It was clear to the surviving Germans that nothing was going to stop him from winning the day, so they surrendered. All fifteen of them. To a man that had nothing more than a fancy club and a 'don't mess with me' attitude.

For his valor, Corporal Jake Alex was awarded the Medal of Honor.

UConn's Army ROTC takes on the Army Ten-Miler



UConn's own ROTC, looking none the worse for the wear after the grueling event

On October 11th, ten of UConn's highly motivated ROTC cadets headed down to Washington, D.C. Their mission was to complete a brutal ten mile run. There's nothing like a challenge to showcase warrior spirit, and Cadet Paul Murphy finished the run with an amazing time of 66.4 minutes. Together, both teams finished with very respectable times.

Afterwards, they were treated to free food and some other goodies before climbing back onto the bus and heading back up to UConn. It was a long day that showcased their outstanding spirit and determination. Way to go, cadets!



VAMP CARE PACKAGE DRIVE!!!!

By Nicole Simonsen

The Office of Veterans Affairs and Military Programs (or VAMP, as the cool kids call it) invites you to take part in its 2nd annual competitive care package drive to support our active duty service members deployed overseas and veterans at our state homeless shelters. Last year's care package drive was a great success with a total of 27 teams and over 4,600 items and \$1,100 donated! We hope to make this year's Military/Veterans Care Package an even bigger success and we need your help! The VAMP Office is participating in the competition this year and will compete with teams from around the UConn campus to see which group can donate the most items. The VAMP office has formed a team and encourages all members of the veteran community to join in our effort. The VAMP office will receive donations from November 1st - 21st, but teams are encouraged to start collecting the recommended items now! Donations will be collected at the Office of Veterans Affairs and Military Programs in Arjona 345. Collected items will be donated to active duty service members deployed overseas, as well as the Southpark Inn (Hartford, CT) and Homes for the Brave (Bridgeport, CT), two organizations dedicated to providing comprehensive services to homeless veterans. For more information please contact Nicole Simonsen at Nicole.Simonsen@uconn.edu or 6-1973.

SUPPORT THE TROOPS

Care Package Drive



REQUESTED ITEMS:



General Hygiene Items	Household Supplies
Shampoo	Laundry detergent
Soap	Cleaning supplies
Disposable razors and shaving cream	Coffee
Toothpaste and Toothbrushes	Hard candy
Deodorant	Winter socks
Body lotion	Blankets and sheets (twin size)
Baby powder	Towels
Hair brushes and combs	Paper goods (napkins, toilet paper, paper plates/cups)

Carry On with these employers

It's time to get to work. One of the greatest benefits of completing your college education is securing employment that will aid you for the rest of your life. Each of these companies is veteran friendly—so what are you waiting for?



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