



The Husky Vet Gazette

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Game Night

March 5th - 4pm to 6pm

SAVE THE DATE

The Student Union Game Room (located on the 1st floor of the Student Union) will be open exclusively to veterans and their families for **FREE FOOD and FREE GAMES!**

Bring your friends, families, your appetite, and join in the fun!



Student Life Award!

\$1,000 Student Veteran Scholarship

The "Willis N. Hawley Service & Leadership Award" is only awarded to a current UConn undergraduate or graduate student who served in the U.S. Armed Forces.

The deadline is **noon Friday, February 27th** to apply for this award. Go to <http://sla.uconn.edu/nomination-information/> for detailed information on how to apply, or nominate someone.

This award is meant to recognize outstanding veterans who have made significant contributions by way of leadership and service.

Apply Financial Aid!!!

Submit your FAFSA now:

<http://financialaid.uconn.edu/2014/12/04/fafsa-reminder-for-the-20152016-academic-year/>

Don't miss this year's FAFSA deadline (March 1st). Too many student veterans believe that they are not eligible for additional aid—but that is not always the case. Submit an application and bolster your GI Bill!

If someone was going to pay your thousands of dollars for a few minutes of your time, you'd be pretty happy right? Go do some paperwork and get paid!

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Government Jobs

The U.S. General Services Administration (GSA) will be recruiting and interviewing students on campus for the following FEDERAL position:

The Emerging Leaders Program (ELP) is part of the Office of Emerging Talent Development located in the Office of Human Resources Management (OHRM) at the U.S. General Services Administration (GSA). GSA is a federal government agency whose mission is to bring the best value in real estate, acquisition, and technology services to the American people. The ELP is a robust leadership development program focused on growing future talent at the agency. The ELP has a variety of career tracks to choose from allowing you to take the reins of your career early on. We want your hard work and perseverance in college to pay off! Our goal is to provide recent graduates with a solid federal knowledge base, enhanced technical skills, and ongoing professional development.



GSA is seeking talented, motivated individuals to fill positions for the following exciting career tracks in Washington, DC:

- Program Analyst
- Contract Specialist

To be considered for this position, apply through HuskyCareerLink:

<http://career.uconn.edu/huskycareerlink/>

click on "Campus Interviews I Qualify For" (right hand side) and you will see it listed as **Program Analyst and Contract Specialist**. Selected candidates will be able to attend an info session in Laural Hall prior to the scheduled interview days. Interviews will happen March 10th and March 11th.

If you have more questions, please contact Eran Peterson, (Career Counselor in UConn's Center for Career Development) at eran.peterson@uconn.edu or at (860) 486-5939.

On Campus Workshops

Feeling stressed? Spend an hour with the knowledgeable folks at CMHS Workshops. Held on the 4th floor of the Arjona building, each workshop is an hour long and designed to maximize personal success.

[Visit their website for more information](#), or call 860-486-4705. Workshops begin next week, but you only need to attend one to glean the benefit!

Stress Management: Making Stress Your Friend

Mondays and Thursdays 1500-1600

Perfectionists & Procrastinators United

Wednesdays 1500-1600

No appointment necessary, just show up for one of these **FREE** sessions!



FREE Drop-In Stress Management

For more information and to sign up, call
Counseling & Mental Health Services
860-486-4705

Historically Speaking

William R. Flores



On January 28th, 1980, the Coast Guard Cutter Blackthorn collided with the tanker Capricorn near the port of Tampa Bay, Florida. The damage to the Blackthorn was catastrophic – and the incident would go down as the worst peacetime disaster in Coast Guard history. The order to abandon the stricken ship was given immediately, and the majority of the crew leapt over the rails and into the ocean as the Blackthorn began to sink.

The cutter was taking on water at an alarming rate, and was clearly destined for a permanent berthing on the sea floor, but that did not deter Seaman Apprentice William “Billy” Flores from taking action. With some of his shipmates trapped aboard with injuries, and still others floundering in the water, he took a series of daring steps that saved the lives of his crew at the cost of his own.

Thinking quickly, Billy used his belt to lash open the lifejacket locker, ensuring that they would be able to float to the surface. He then began to throw as many as he could over the side to his stranded shipmates before the stricken ship sank.

Despite the fact that he was less than a year out of bootcamp, Billy showed extreme courage and heroic devotion to his crew. He was posthumously awarded the Coast Guard medal, the highest honor that service can bestow.

Veteran of the Month

January/February Veteran of the Month is Robert Passmore. Rob is the newest addition to the Office of Veterans Affairs & Military Programs.

Rob Passmore came to us after 27 years with UConn Dining Services, where he managed multiple locations and over his career. He is a veteran of the US Air Force and holds a Bachelor’s of Arts in Spanish and Political Science. Rob comes from a Mansfield family with a long military history and with many ties to UConn. Rob spent his first 18 years moving from country to country as the son of an active duty Army officer, where he became fluent in Spanish. Rob brings with him a deep commitment to continue his family’s tradition of service.

If you would like to nominate a veteran at UConn for “Veteran of the Month,” please contact Nikki Cole at

nikki.cole@uconn.edu with the individual’s name and reasons for the nomination.



Fall 2014 Care Package Drive

And the Winner is...

The results are in... and the VAMP office is proud to report that The 2nd Annual Military/Veteran Care Package Drive was a huge success! With the help of student groups, administrative offices and departments across the UConn campus, we were able to collect nearly 7,000 items! We would also like to give a special thanks to our winning team, Pharmacy Cares, for their contribution of over 1,700 items! Additionally, we want to acknowledge Dining Services for their contribution of over 1,000 items and the Biology Department for their donation of nearly 800 items!! The VAMP office would like to extend our sincerest gratitude to all of the participating teams for making this year's Military/Veteran Care Package Drive such an overwhelming success.

All of the generous contributions from this year's care package drive have been donated to the South Park Inn, a homeless shelter located in Hartford, Connecticut. Established in 1984, South Park Inn specializes in providing support services tailored to the needs of homeless veterans. South Park Inn works closely with the local Veteran's Administration Homeless Service Coordinator to identify and place homeless veterans in its transitional and permanent housing programs as soon as possible. In addition, South Park Inn hosts a weekly Veteran Drop in center where representatives from various Veteran agencies spend the afternoon and meet individually with Veterans to offer support and assistance. Donations from this year's care package drive will help the South Park Inn continue its many initiatives and positively impact the lives many. We are proud to be members of such a giving community, and we look forward to making next year's drive an even bigger success!



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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