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**Veteran Movie Night - October 21st**

Hosted by the VSO

The VSO is hosting a movie night for all members of the Veteran Student Organization as well as friends and family. Come spend some time with your fellow students and veterans and watch a movie.

Join us for the following exciting events that will be taking place:

5:00 - 7:00pm: Social hour at Nathanial Hale Inn’s True Blue Tavern

7:00 - 10:00: Playing of a *Military Themed Comedy* movie in the Arjona study room (RM 339), with pizza to be provided by the Veteran Affairs and Military Programs Office.

The Movie and pizza are **FREE** to all UConn students and Guests, however attendees of the social hour will be responsible for their own tabs.

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**VA Work Study Positions Available**

If you’re a full-time or 3/4-time student in a college degree, vocational, or professional program, you can “earn while you learn” with a VA work-study allowance. You’ll earn an hourly wage equal to the Federal minimum wage or your State minimum wage, whichever is greater with no tax. For details and eligibility regarding VA Work Study Program, please visit: [http://www.benefits.va.gov/gibill/workstudy.asp](http://www.benefits.va.gov/gibill/workstudy.asp)

Hours currently available for VA Work-Study at the Arjona VAMP (Veterans Affairs & Military Prgms.) office include:

- Monday 11am to 2pm - Tuesday 2:45 to 4:30pm
- Wednesday 11:30 to 2pm - Friday 10:30 to 12pm and 5pm to 7pm.

There is also several shifts available at the Oasis (up to 25 hours a week).

For more information contact Rob Passmore at 860-486-2442 or by email [Robert.Passmore@uconn.edu](mailto:Robert.Passmore@uconn.edu)
Veteran Students Organization (VSO)

Join the VSO:

Meet other students in the UConn Veterans Community!! The Veterans Student Organization (VSO) is a Tier II student organization of UConn undergraduate and graduate students that support veterans at the University. The VSO regularly hosts social events, holds care package drives, and works to ensure incoming veteran students are as welcome as possible. Active duty, family, and non-veterans are welcome as well! If you are interested in participating or helping out with any of these activities, or have ideas of your own, please contact us.

The next meeting will occur on **Wednesday, October 12 at 11:00am** in the Veterans Oasis (Student Union 224).

*Samuel Surowitz is the VSO President and Veterans Program Coordinator. If you’re interested in getting involved with the VSO attend our meeting or contact him at samuel.surowitz@uconn.edu.*

“Uconn-Storrs Veterans” Facebook and Instagram Page!

If you have a Facebook profile, consider following the “UConn-Storrs Veterans” Facebook page. “UConn-Storrs Veterans” will be posting daily updates to Veteran events taking place on Storrs. A dedicated staff member will be monitoring the page to answer any questions regarding upcoming events and services.

Also watch out for after- event photos showcasing Veteran involvement in and around campus.

The URL for the FB page is: [http://facebook.com/UconnStorrsVeterans](http://facebook.com/UconnStorrsVeterans)

And follow us on Instagram at: [https://www.instagram.com/UconnVets/](https://www.instagram.com/UconnVets/)

Hike for Homeless Heroes - October 15th

Camp Johnson in Bolton, CT

11:00a.m. October 15th

Local Bolton Area Veterans are conducting a fundraiser for homeless Veterans. The event, “Hike for Homeless Heroes” will take place October 15th thru the 16th at historic Camp Johnson in Bolton CT. Hike along Rails to Trails (during Fall Foliage!) for a worthwhile cause. Vendors will be on site, youth activities and free camping sites available for those who want to camp Saturday into Sunday. This EVENT is FREE, however we ask a suggested $20.00 donation per person and $25.00 per campsite. Camping sites are limited!!! All donations go to the South Park Inn Shelter in Hartford who provides temporary housing for homeless veterans.

Spread the word for this worthwhile cause!!

Website: [http://wp.me/P7NQwz-2](http://wp.me/P7NQwz-2)

Interested? Contact Robert Dexter at crosscannons@comcast.net
Veterans Advisory Council

The Veterans Advisory Council is comprised of students, faculty, and staff at UConn who are veterans, and who want to ensure a positive impact on the lives of fellow veterans at UConn. Any student veterans are welcome to attend the upcoming Veterans Advisory Council Meetings this Fall:

Thursday, November 3rd – 11a.m. to noon - Arjona 340
Tuesday, December 6th – 11a.m. to noon - Arjona 340

If you’re interested in serving on the Veterans Advisory Council, please contact Nikki Cole at Nikki.cole@uconn.edu.

Veteran Senator Position in Undergraduate Student Government

Are you a Storrs Campus undergraduate and are interested in veterans’ issues, government, or politics? Volunteer to serve as the Ex-Officio Senator representing student veterans in the UConn Undergraduate Student Government (USG)! The veteran student senator will attend weekly Senate meetings on Wednesday nights from 6:30 – 9:00 p.m. He or she must also serve for one hour per week on a Student Government committee, make themselves available to meet with their student veteran constituents as needed, and consult with the Veterans Advisory Council on student veteran concerns and issues. This brand new position was just created this semester and will greatly serve the UConn Veteran Community! This will look great on a job or graduate school application!

If you’re interested in serving in this position this semester or next semester, contact Samuel.Suowitz@uconn.edu for more information!

Patriot Race - November 12th

Saturday, November 12, 2016

9:45a.m. Opening Ceremony
10:00a.m. Race Start
Patriots Park (172 Lake Street, Coventry, CT)

The Connecticut Veterans Day Patriot Race is a fun event to recognize and honor our brave men and women who have served. All veterans and their families know about sacrifice and patriotism; and we encourage others to join us in celebrating and supporting them on Saturday, November 12, 2016. This 4-mile race will begin and end at Patriots Park in Coventry, CT, near the Connecticut Vietnam Memorial and the Captain Nathan Hale monument.

Sign up online at: http://www.ctveteransdayrace.com/

Early Registration Fee: $25
After Oct. 15th Fee: $30
The Office of Veterans Affairs and Military Programs at UConn is pleased to announce Stacey Mobley as UConn’s Veteran of the Month for October 2016.

Stacey Mobley served 6.5 years in the Army. The first three years he was an enlisted soldier, specifically as a combat medic assigned to Giessen, West Germany, and then to a community hospital in Alabama during Desert Storm. Later, Stacey re-entered the Army for three more years, as a medical officer, after completing his B.S. in Nutritional Biochemistry and then a Ph.D. in Nutritional Sciences from The Ohio State University (OSU). During his time as a medical officer, he served at the Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington, D.C., where he provided clinical nutrition to wounded soldiers of Operations Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom. At Walter Reed, Stacey Mobley established the first nutritional sciences research laboratory at a major U.S. Army hospital to study nutritional requirements of wounded service members in addition to finding effective treatments to combat obesity in the military. His military decorations include a Meritorious Service Medal, Army Good Conduct Medal, 3 Army Commendation Medals, 2 Army Achievement Medals, a National Defense Service Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Oversees Service Medal, and the Expert Field Medical Badge.

Stacey indicates his transition from the military to his current work was seamless because serving as a combat medic and clinical nutritionist allowed him to translate the concepts to medicine to nutritional sciences. For example, he relates nutrition principles to heart diseases, inborn errors of metabolism, critical care, etc. in addition to the knowledge that he’s used from military service to his current job. He will even share with his students important concepts related to learning, self-discipline, and teamwork he picked up from his military experience. For example, in the Army having a “battle buddy” is important to take care of each other and to accomplish the mission. In his classes, Stacey encourages students to have a “study buddy” to help each other succeed in the classroom which may include sharing notes, quizzing each other, and sharing other educational resources. He also encourages students to study abroad because his own time being stationed in Germany allowed him to experience other cultures which gave him a lot of self-enrichment.

Stacey Mobley is currently a lecturer at UConn in the Department of Nutritional Sciences. He loves teaching. He says, “I enjoy interacting with students, and seeing them get excited about learning.”

If you would like to nominate a student, faculty, or staff member for “Veteran of the Month,” please contact Nikki Cole at Nikki.cole@uconn.edu with the name of the person and the reasons for your nomination.
Career Counselor On-Campus for Student Veterans

Eran Peterson is a designated career counselor on-campus for student veterans. Being a veteran himself, Eran has many years of experience assisting veterans with marketing their combined military experience with their educational experience to employers (i.e. resumes, cover letters, interviewing, etc.).

Call Eran at (860) 486-5939 or email him at Eran.Peterson@uconn.edu to schedule some time with him.

Paid Internship Opportunities:

Military/Veteran Internship Opportunity:
The Middletown U.S. Department of Commerce Export Assistance Center has a limited number of internships to offer military/veteran undergraduate and graduate students considering careers in business. Interns assist with researching and analyzing regulatory, trade, and investment issues; helping prepare briefing papers, memos, and other materials; preparing responses to internal and external clients or tracking deadlines and upcoming trade events.

Military interns must meet the following criteria:
- Applicants must be enrolled in at least one class at an accredited college or university
- Applicants must be U.S. Citizens
- Applicants must be accustomed to working in a team environment
- Applicants must be able to follow orders and take direction well

For more information please contact:
Anthony Sargis
Phone: 860-638-6950
Email: Anthony.Sargis@trade.gov

Lilly Sales Internship (open to all majors):
This 10-week paid internship (Summer 2017) gives students a “hand-on” experience selling Pharmaceuticals. All interns are assigned a territory and will sell one of Lilly's products. All interns are provided a company car and an iPad as part of the internship.

Requirements:
- Expected graduation between Dec. 2017 & Aug. 2018
- Must be 21 years of age by June 1, 2017
- Must have a valid driver’s license

How to Apply:
- Scroll down to “Search Openings” and enter the ID #28804 in the “Req ID” field.
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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