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Free Lunch and Final Veterans Advisory Council Meeting - Dec. 6th

Tuesday, Dec 6th: Meeting at 11am in Arjona 340
Lunch Social at 12p.m. to 1:30p.m.

In the main lounge (Arjona 339), come take a break before finals begin. Help yourself to some delicious (and FREE) food while spending some time catching up with friends. All students, staff and faculty in the UConn Veterans Community are welcome to join us.

The final Veterans Advisory meeting will take place at 11:00a.m., immediately before lunch. All students, faculty, and staff who are veterans and want to be involved with UConn's care of Veterans are welcome to attend.

You can join us for lunch even if you don't attend the Veterans Advisory Council Meeting.

Questions? Contact the main office at 860-486-2442 or email veterans@uconn.edu



Veterans Appreciation Hockey Game! Friday, December 9th UConn vs UMass

After the astounding success of the Superflag event, the UConn wants to unfurl the US flag at the Hockey game too! All participants will unfurl the flag and receive free tickets to the game for their participation.

Friday Dec. 9th at the Hartford XL Center.

Assembly time is TBD, game starts at 6:30.

If interested, contact Paul Hanlon: paul.hanlon@uconn.edu

UNCLE SAM WANTS YOU



**Drop off items in the collection box or in Arjona 343 from
Nov 14th to December 2nd!**

The **UConn Office of Veterans Affairs and Military Programs** has initiated its 4th annual care package drive. Collected items will be donated to shelters which provide housing, training, job placement, and other services to the homeless and those in need with a focus on veterans. Create a team name and attach it to your donations if you want to compete for the *Ice Cream Sunday Bar!* Contact Samuel.Surowitz@UConn.edu for more info.

Recommended Collection Items

General Hygiene Items: Soap, shampoo, razor blades, shaving cream, feminine hygiene products, deodorant, etc

Household Supplies: cleaners, batteries, paper towels, plastic utensils, Ziploc bags, detergents, toilet paper, etc

New Clothing: Winter Clothing, socks, hats jackets, sweats, underwear, undershirts, sizes M-XXXL preferred

Food: Canned goods, coffee, non-perishables, condiments, peanut butter, jelly, powdered creamer, sauces, etc

Veterans Day Ceremony

UConn's Office of Veterans Affairs & Military Programs would like to thank everyone who came out to support the Veterans day ceremony, as well as Vets Rock and the Applebees events on November 11th.



All the work we do is for Veterans like you, so your participation in these events means a lot.



Interested in being a "Hospice Veteran Volunteer?"

Masonicare is in need of Veteran Volunteers to be Hospice givers to Veterans at the end of their life. Volunteers are essential to the delivery of quality hospice care. Masonicare pairs Veterans with Veteran patients who share a common language and experience. Volunteers are not required to perform hands on care, instead assist with conversation, participating in ceremonies and helping with non medical needs.

For more information, check out masonicare.org.

Complete and Submit your FORM D!

Fall Semester is wrapping up and spring semester is starting soon.

If you are coming back for another exciting semester you need to fill out a Form D in order to get your tuition paid (as well as receive your BAH).

You can find the link here: <http://veterans.uconn.edu/benefits/forms/>

If you have any questions or concerns bring them to the VA&MP office located in Arjona Rm. 345, or call 860-486-2442.



Central Connecticut State University

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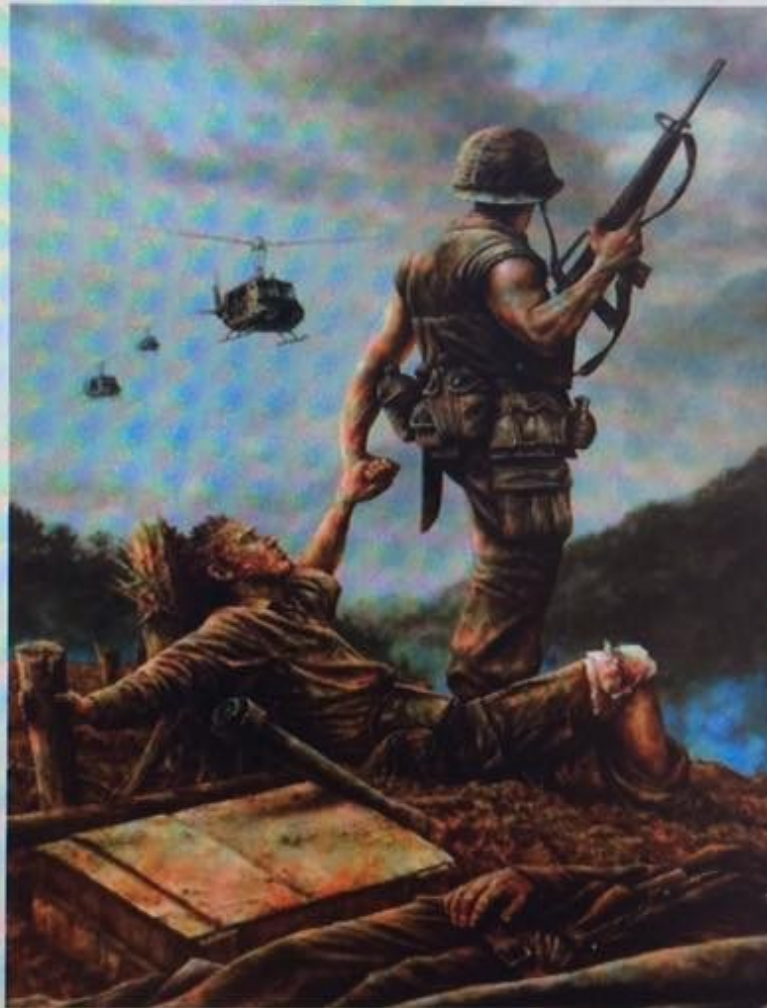
The Battle of Khe Sanh

Dennis Mannion (USMC Ret.) will speak of his experience in one of the most important battles of the Vietnam War.

Tuesday, November 29, 2016

6:00 pm – 7:30 pm

Student Center, Philbrick Room



For more information please contact:

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November Veteran of the Month

The Office of Veterans Affairs and Military Programs at UConn is pleased to announce Gregory de Gruchy as UConn's Veterans of the Month for November 2016.

Gregory served 4 years in the U.S. Marine Corps. He enlisted in 2007 and was assigned as an Aviation Ordnance Technician at Camp Pendleton. From 2008-2009, Gregory deployed to Iraq as a technician and logistics supervisor. When he re-deployed in 2010, he was a Workcenter Supervisor in Afghanistan. Between his tours, Gregory became certified as a Marine Corps Martial Arts Instructor and he enjoyed teaching whenever he had the opportunity.

In 2014, Gregory graduated Summa Cum Laude from UConn in Allied Health Sciences. He spent the following year doing research in the Department of Kinesiology and taking classes within the Doctorate of Physical Therapy Program before he started Medical School at UCHC in 2015. Currently, Gregory serves as the Policy Chair for the American Medical Association (AMA) Chapter at UConn SoM. He helped author, and is currently leading an effort to pass a policy to get the AMA to include sexual orientation and gender identity in its demographics collection of members.

Gregory shares that what he's most enjoyed about UConn, "is the great mentorship and insight I have been able to receive from professors and graduate students throughout my education."

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 reasons for your nomination.



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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