



Government Shutdown

As most of you are aware, the federal government shutdown started on October 1st due to Congressional disagreements on the budget. While many federal services have been put on furlough, most of the benefits through the Department of Veterans Affairs have continued. Those that are most impactful to the student body, such as VA Chapter Benefits in the form of stipends, have been unaffected.

Our office will continue to monitor the Federal Government shutdown for changes that could affect students, staff, and faculty at the University of Connecticut. For a full break down of services from the Department of Veterans Affairs impacted by the Federal Government shutdown please review their FAQ which is posted online at:

http://www.va.gov/opa/docs/Field_Guide_20130927.pdf



Federal Government shutdown started on Oct. 1

Volunteer for the Super Flag!

UConn is gearing up for a fresh look at this year's football season as the new coach, TJ Weist, takes over. This highlight of the season is the Military Appreciation game which will occur on November 8th, featuring the Super Flag, a football field sized American flag.

Our office, in conjunction with UConn Athletics and the Student Union Board of Governors, is again hosting this event and we are looking for volunteers to carry the flag out onto the field prior to kickoff!

Volunteers will receive a free ticket to the game!

November 8th 2013

Volunteer Activity: 6pm—8:30pm

For more information contact our office or email: Kevin Evringham at:

Kevin.Evringham@UConn.edu

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Upcoming Events:

- *Veteran Community Game Room Day: Oct 23rd*
- *Care Package Drive: Nov 1-12th*
- *Super Flag Game: Nov 8th*
- *Veteran Tailgater: Nov 8th*
- *Veterans Day Ceremony: Nov 11th*

UConn opens Office of Veterans Affairs and Military Programs

Fall greetings to all veterans here at the University of Connecticut... Staff, student and faculty alike! This is truly a great time of year to be part of the UConn family living amidst the beautiful fall colors of Connecticut. I hope this newsletter finds you and your family happy, healthy, and productive. I am pleased to say that our new office, dedicated to the support of all veterans here at UConn, is fully operational and clicking on all cylinders executing the daily mission. We are pleased at the numbers of veterans utilizing our services and visiting our veteran-dedicated areas in the Student Union and the 3rd floor of Arjona.

Please stop by our new offices in Arjona to visit with our staff and other veterans. We have a social lounge with free coffee and popcorn, a computer lab with free printing, and a quiet study lounge... All here for your use! I would like to take a moment and thank the office staff and our VA work-study students for their tremendous effort getting this office up and running. As a result of their efforts, we were recently named a Military Advanced Education—Top Military Friendly University! We are proudly serving those of you who have served! Please take advantage of all we have to offer.

From the Director,
Kris Perry



Veteran Community Game Day— Wednesday, Oct. 23rd

On October 23rd the Student Union Game Room will be opened up exclusively to veterans and their families for free food and games! The SU game room has pool tables, a bowling alley, car racing, and action arcade games that will be free to play for veterans! Video game systems such as the XBOX, PS3, and Wii are also available. Additionally catering will provide pizza, desserts, and soda.

The Student Union game room is located on the main floor of the Student Union just up the stairs from Wendy's. Please stop by for a couple hours of free food and fun games!

When: Oct 23rd, 12:30-2:30 PM
Where: Student Union Game Room
Who: Veterans and their families



UConn Veteran Tailgate at the Super Flag Game!

Our office, with generous support from the UConn Alumni Association and the Provost's Office, will be hosting a Tailgate party at the UConn Military Appreciation Super Flag game on November 8th! The tailgate will run from 6:30 PM to game kickoff at 8:30 PM and will be in a large tent near Gate C of Rentschler Field.

When: Oct 23rd, 12:30-2:30 PM
Where: Student Union Game Room
Who: UConn Veterans & Families

This official tailgate party will be open only to current or registered alumni University of Connecticut, veteran students, staff, and faculty as well as their immediate families.

We are limited to 200 guests. Please RSVP now!

To come join the fun and get some free food you must RSVP with the below information to Kevin Evringham at: Kevin.Evringham@UConn.edu

Veteran Full Name:
Veteran Email Address:
Veteran Phone Number:
Veteran Guest Names:

RSVP deadline:
October 30th at 5:00 PM

Care Package Drive

Our office is coordinating a competitive care package drive for our troops deployed overseas and need your help to get the word out! We are calling on University departments, offices, and units to form teams to see which can gather the most items from our recommended donation list! The top teams will be recognized by our office and the University at large.

We ask that you encourage your department, office, or dorm unit to form a team and start collecting the below items. The Care Package Drive will officially go from November 1st—12th with the top collecting teams announced on November 15th!

For more information or to submit a team roster contact Kevin Evringham:

Kevin.Evringham@UConn.edu

Collection items:

- Batteries (AA)
 - Q-Tips & Baby Wipes
 - Beef jerky, sunflower seeds & coffee
 - Magazines & letter writing supplies
 - General Hygiene items
- Toilet Paper
 - Non-meltable candy & zip lock bags



Care Package Drive November 1st–12th

Veterans Day Ceremony

The University of Connecticut Veterans Day Ceremony will be held this year at 11:20 AM on November 11th at the Ultimate Sacrifice Memorial. This ceremony is open to the entire community. We are honored to have Colonel Edwin Passmore, US Army Retired, UConn alum, as the guest speaker, with opening remarks from UConn President Susan Herbst. Attendees are encouraged to arrive early to secure a seat prior to the posting of the colors.

Light refreshments will be served in the Wilbur Cross North Reading room following the completion of the ceremony.



Transferring Military Credit to UConn

The University of Connecticut is taking a new look at the processing and evaluating of credit earned from courses while in the military. This new look seeks to better translate military course work on the American Council of Education's evaluated service transcript to UConn courses available to students; hopefully reducing their credit and course requirements at the University.

Our office is intimately involved in the process and we encourage students that have not submitted their military transcript to admissions to do so. Additionally, we are developing a database of military transcripts from students here at UConn and welcome copies of your JST/USAF military transcripts to assist in better evaluating course equivalencies.

To get your military transcript login into the [Joint Service Transcript system](#) (for Army, Coast Guard, Marine Corps, and Navy) or for the Air Force following the [instructions on this page](#).

Mail official transcripts to the [Admissions department](#) and bring a copy to Ashley Marshall or Kevin Evringham in [Arjona 345](#).

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The Office of Veterans Affairs and Military Programs is responsible for all benefits, events, support, and outreach for veterans at the University of Connecticut. Additionally, our office works closely with the two resident ROTC Departments on campus to support their mission of training and preparing top ranked students for leadership in the United States Army or Air Force. The University of Connecticut has a long history of support for its veterans and military members and our office seeks to build upon this.

If you or a member of the community are interested in assisting with any of our efforts, or have new ideas of your own, we encourage you to come forward and see how together we can make UConn the premier destination for veterans and service members in the United States.



ROTC students line up in this mid-1920s photo of the interior of Hawley Armory. Built in 1914, the Armory was used for many campus and community activities.

University Archives

Veteran Students Organization Update

The UConn Veteran Students Organization is an active community of veterans, dependents, and interested members of the community that organize and host activities and events for other veterans here at UConn. If you are interested in learning more or would like to participate please add them on [Facebook](#), [Email the President](#), or stop by the [Oasis in the Student Union](#)!

Some of the groups upcoming events are listed below:

- Every Thursday from 6 PM—? Nathan Hall Bar
- Mid-Semester Social and Game Day Oct. 23rd in the Oasis
- Paint the Rock on November 8th

Additionally the group is looking for event planners and officers to take a larger part in the management of the organization. If you are interested please contact [Andrew Lyon](#) or [Cat Jones](#)!



The Rock painted last Veterans Day; stencil by Garrett Taylor