



Husky Veterans



Ignite Competition Ongoing!

This year the Veteran Student Organization will be participating in Ignite, a crowd funding competition sponsored by the UConn Foundation. The goal of this competition is to encourage charitable giving among current students and recent alumni ('03-'13). Twenty organizations will be competing in this year's competition for the chance to win the \$10,000 grand prize donated by alumnus David Barton '61. The competition will kick-off on February 9th and all donations are welcome! All raised funds will go towards future veteran events and programming on campus.

To donate, please visit the link on the home page of our website: veterans.uconn.edu/donate or contact Ashley Marshall for more info.



Military Themed Late Night!

Our office will be co-hosting the Student Union Late Night Events on April 11th from 9 PM—1 AM. Our goal is to program a military and veteran theme with activities, prizes, movies, and more to inform and engage the UConn student body about the military. To accomplish this we need your help to assist, plan, and participate!

If you are interested in working with our office to create a successful military themed late night [please let us know ASAP!](#) Currently we are looking at:

- Q & A panel of veterans and current service members
- Info tables on each of the service branches
- MRE Sales table (you know you want one!)
- Physical training competition
- Package donation and card writing for deployed troops
- Rock Wall? Nerf Team Room Clearing? Land Nav? All possible!

[Come to us](#) with your ideas or willingness to participate! Again the event will be on the night of April 11th! Contact Kevin.Evringham@UConn.edu for more info!

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Upcoming Events:

- *Spring Break: March 16th—22nd*
- *Fall Registration opens: March 24th*
- *Military Late Night: April 11th*
- *Fresh Check Day: April 26th*
- *Final Exams: May 5th—10th*

Changes to the CT Veterans Tuition

As students start to consider summer plans we want to remind everyone that the University of Connecticut has extended the Veterans Tuition Waiver to include all Summer Sessions! This extension of the waiver is for the full 100% cost of tuition; the same as the Spring and Fall semesters. The inclusion of the summer, and winter, sessions into the tuition waiver provide a significant increase in the available time eligible veterans can attend courses at UConn.

UConn supports its veterans! No other Connecticut university offers the tuition waiver at the 100% rate for the Winter or Summer sessions!

If you have questions on the waiver or your eligibility please stop by our benefits office in Arjona 340.



Heroes 4 Hire Career Fair

The 10th Annual Heroes 4 Hire Career Fair is coming this March 25th at Rentschler! Please make time to attend this veterans only career fair to see what companies are hiring in the Connecticut and New England region. Sponsored by the Connecticut Department of Labor and Connecticut Department of Veterans Affairs, this years Heroes 4 Hire Veterans Job Fair is sure to attract not only the best and brightest veterans in Connecticut but also some of the top-tier companies looking to hire an experienced and dependable work force. Visit the [CT Job Fairs website](#) for updated information!

Heroes 4 Hire Veterans Job Fair

Tuesday, March 25th

11:00—3:00 PM

Rentschler Field Ballroom



Veteran of the Month

There are over 200 faculty and staff veterans that work at the University of Connecticut and many are highly involved in supporting the veteran student population on campus. Our office is committed to recognizing not only the students but also faculty and staff that go beyond their day to day duties to support veteran students and make their time at UConn as enjoyable as possible. This month we would like to recognize one of those University Employee's as the Veteran of the Month!

We are pleased to recognize Dan Kowalchik as the March 'Veteran of the Month.' Dan is a Navy veteran that has worked at the University of Connecticut for more than 17 years in Financial Aid, the veterans financial aid office, and now in our own Veterans Affairs and Military Programs office as the benefits manager.

Dan has always gone out of his way to support and assist the veteran students at the University from financial counseling to networking support services throughout the University. We are proud to recognize Dan as the Veteran of the Month! Thank you Dan!

If you would like to nominate a veteran at UConn for 'Veteran of the Month,' please contact [Nikki Cole](#).



Public Health Survey for Veterans

Reintegration of Student Veterans on Undergraduate College Campuses

Recruiting volunteers for a research study

This study will investigate the unique issues faced by student veterans on college campuses in the areas of academics, social behavior, and perspectives toward university/veteran administrative services. Must be a currently enrolled student (full or part time) at UConn and a veteran of any major branch of the armed forces. Your participation will involve a 15 minute online survey.

Complete now at: https://uconn.co1.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_9ZRS4uyr7i1ahxz

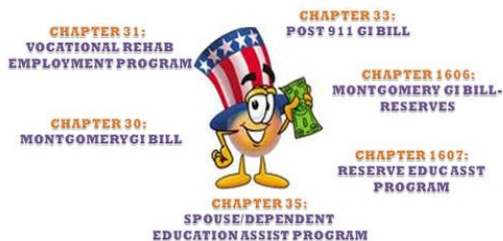
Online survey respondents will be entered into a random drawing to win one of four \$50.00 Amazon gift cards.

Participation in the survey will allow students to provide insights to improve or implement new services offered to student veterans on campus. The study aims to aid in the integration of student veterans within the campus community, the understanding and receiving of their benefits, and the understanding of the unique social and psychosocial issues faced by student veterans.

Study is being conducted by Dr. Stephen Schensul of the UConn Center for Public Health. For questions, please email the Co-investigator, Ryan Duggan at rduggan@student.uchc.edu or call him at: 860-605-5699.

Summer Benefits Processing

VETERANS AFFAIRS EDUCATIONAL BENEFITS



While summer may seem a long ways away, the registration for summer courses has already opened! Those students intending to utilize their VA benefits, or the new extension of the State Veterans Tuition Waiver, should submit their paperwork to our office ASAP! This includes Form D's and other verification documents to ensure your benefits continue without a delay into the summer. It is important to note that delays in submitting your Form D to our office can result in stipend delays. As a reminder:

No advisor signature is required

Forms can be faxed/mailed in

Accuracy counts

Submit your Form D to our office in Arjona 340, through email at veterans@uconn.edu, or fax 860-486-5283.

Hockey @ XL supports the Wounded Warrior Project

UConn MSW student Robert Dexter will be in-between the pipes for the Annual 'Guns and Hoses' event taking place at the Hartford Civic Center / XL Center on March 29th at 1pm.

This is part of the Hartford Wolfpack's Hometown Heroes Night! Members of the Connecticut Guns Law Enforcement Hockey Team and Hartford Firefighters will be raising funds for the Wounded Warrior Project.

\$20.00 gets you into all 5 games and proceeds from ticket sales go toward the Wounded Warrior Project.

Dexter will be playing goaltender for the Connecticut Guns Law Enforcement Hockey Team and you can follow on Twitter [@ctgunshockey](https://twitter.com/ctgunshockey) or on Facebook [@CTGunsHC](https://facebook.com/CTGunsHC)

Join us for a good time and a great cause!



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Serving those who have served

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.

Find us online:
veterans.uconn.edu

Donate at:
Veterans.uconn.edu/donate



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.

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Our Staff

Our staff is comprised of civilian and former service personal all focused on the mission of supporting our veteran and military population here at UConn. We encourage you to check out the web-site, veterans.uconn.edu, to learn more about all of our programs, services, and activities. Below is some of the basic contact information for our staff to provide you easy means of asking questions or clarifying points.

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