



The Husky Vet Gazette

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No Barriers Career Fair &

September is going to be an exciting month for all student veterans who are interested in landing a good job after graduation.

It's happening **Monday, September 22nd at noon in the Student Union**

Ballroom, and will be packed with employers who value military service.

Stop by, grab a snack, and help shape your life after college by finding your dream job!

Early registration for this event is possible through **HuskyCareerLink**.



SUPERFLAG IS COMING!

Superflag is happening on **September 27th** this year at Rentschler field. Get in for free

(and be on TV) by volunteering to present the colors before the game.

The Huskies will be squaring off against rival Temple University under the leadership of new head coach Bob Diaco—the 2012 recipient of the Broyles Award.

Contact Doug Pence to be apart of this special experience! Email: student2448@ad.uconn.edu



The UConn VSO (Veterans Student Organization) and the Office of Veterans Affairs & Military Programs are co-sponsoring a military-themed Late Night at the **Student Union on September 26th**. Fun military-themed activities will be held throughout the Student Union and it's open to all UConn students to participate.

7:00p.m. – Colonel Danny McKnight will speak in the Student Union Theater (he was on combat duty in Mogadishu, Somalia in 1993 – basis for the book & movie “Blackhawk Down”). He will be signing copies of his book afterwards.

9:00p.m. – various activities throughout the Student Union for students to participate in (i.e. obstacle course, photo booth, etc.).

10:30p.m. – The movie “Blackhawk Down” will be shown in the Student Union Theater.



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Upcoming Events:

- 1st Career Workshop—03 SEP
- Military Appreciation Late Night—26SEP
- Class Add/Drop Deadline - 08SEP
- Superflag game vs. Temple—27SEP
- 2nd Career Workshop—11SEP
- 3rd Career Workshop –19SEP

Community Events

Baseball fans rejoice—tis the season for discounted tickets! Show your active military ID at Yankee Stadium two hours before the opening pitch to receive one complimentary ticket to the Grandstand/Bleacher level, or 50% off in any other section (excluding suites). Good during all non-premium Monday thru Thursday home games.

Or you could join the Mets on Military Mondays—get complimentary tickets, retail discounts, and access to community outreach events! During each game, the Mets will don a different camouflage uniform to honor our men and women veterans, and a Mets Player will present the “Veteran of the Game” with an autographed jersey.

Feel like heading to Beantown? The Red Sox are offering special discounts to all active duty, reserve, veteran, and retired service members and their families.



Nominate a vet for Veteran of the Month!

Every month, we like to highlight a student veteran who goes above and beyond in their school life, or in the work they do for their community. Do you know someone like that? Probably!

Send your nominations to Nikki Cole (Nikki.cole@uconn.edu) along with the reasons for your nomination. The Veteran of the Month is not only featured within these very pages, but is also featured on our homepage (veterans.uconn.edu).

Take a moment to thank a veteran for their special contributions, and give them a moment in the spotlight!

Home Base visits UConn as part of Late Night!

As part of the Military Late Night festivities, representatives from the Home Base organization will be on hand to meet with our veterans. The Home Base program is sponsored by the Red Sox and Mass General, and they specialize in treating both Post Traumatic Stress and Traumatic Brain Injury. They have helped hundreds of veterans overcome these life altering injuries and lead happy, productive lives.



Their website includes a confidential diagnostic tool to help determine whether or not someone is suffering from PTS or TBI. The test takes about a minute to complete, and no information is collected during the process.





Historically Speaking



On May 31st, 1918, The German submarine U-90 made a gigantic tactical error – they sunk the USS *President Lincoln*. For the price of three torpedoes, they removed a US troop

transport from duty and killed several of the crew. Intent on capturing the highest ranking officer they could find, the U-90 surfaced and began to threaten the survivors, who floated helplessly in life rafts. Things looked grim for the American survivors, many of whom were already wounded.

But the Germans hadn't counted on the bravery and cunning of Edouard Izac.

Lt. Izac claimed to be the highest ranking survivor and volunteered to be taken prisoner. Satisfied with their prize, the U-boat fled the scene before Allied reinforcements could arrive. Lt. Izac maintained a calm demeanor despite his trying circumstances. The Germans transported him back to their homeland, never suspecting one vital detail: Lt. Izac's immigrant parents had taught him German when he was a child.

Lt. Izac absorbed every detail he could about the German fleet and the capabilities of their U boats. He was determined to escape and provide Allied forces with knowledge that would give them a tactical advantage. While being transported by rail to a prison camp, Lt. Izac overpowered a guard and leapt from the still-moving train. The other guards immediately opened fire, and he was pinned down and recaptured a short time later. As punishment, he was severely beaten and kept in solitary confinement for three weeks.

Many men would have been broken by the experience, but Lt. Izac used the time to plot a 'more feasible' method of escape, which he successfully executed shortly thereafter. He travelled through Germany, evading patrols and eating only raw vegetables. His escape culminated in a swim across the Rhine River into neutral Switzerland, whereupon he immediately departed for London.

His bravery and determination earned him the Medal of Honor, and the book he wrote about his time on the U boat can be read for free here: <https://archive.org/details/prisoneru01isaagooq>



This section is designed to profile brave men and women who served in World War One. This year marks the centennial of that tragic conflict, and those who don't learn from the past are doomed to repeat it...their sacrifices must never be forgotten.

We are happy to accept reader submitted articles!



~ Loretta Perfectus Walsh ~

The first enlisted woman

1917, Philadelphia, PA—Loretta Walsh was prompted to serve her country by the events of the Great War. She, like many others, followed the news of the conflict with great interest.

When it became public knowledge that Germany had asked Mexico to join the war on their behalf, Loretta (and the rest of the nation), was justifiably incensed.

Loretta took it a step father than most by enlisting in the United States Navy at the age of 20. She was the first woman to join the military in an active duty role, the first woman to enlist, and the first woman to serve in any branch in a non-nursing capacity. She was sworn in as a Chief Yeoman on March 21st, 1917.

Just twelve days later, President Woodrow Wilson went before Congress to ask for a declaration of war, which was passed on April 6th, 1917.

Loretta continued to serve until July 1919, and continued on inactive reserve until the end of her four year enlistment on March 17th, 1921.

The Vet Gazette wants to hear from you!



Every veteran on this campus took a different path to get here. Each one of us has our own unique talents and experiences. To recognize that, this section of the paper is being set aside for editorial articles submitted by our vets.

We each have a story to tell, whether it's a memory from our time in the service, or what we've been doing to adjust to civilian life. Tell us what it was like to sail the seas, or live in far-off places. Let us know what your education means for you—whether it's a class you enjoy or the new friends you've made. There's plenty to talk about, and this is your space to do it.

Take a moment to tell us about your major, or your hobbies, or anything that you're passionate about. Short fiction and poetry welcome.

Send submissions to: logan.wagner@uconn.edu

I can't wait to hear from you.

Thanks,

Logan

Boots on the Ground



Mirror Lake

The UConn campus is one of the most beautiful in the nation.

There are hundreds of interesting things to see, and most of us walk past them every day.

Don't be greedy—whip out your phone and share your favorite view of the campus with us. Each edition of our newsletter will feature a veteran submitted photo. All types of photos are welcome. Be famous! Or infamous.

Be creative, show us the people and places that make UConn unique!

Send submissions to:

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Mentorship Program for Vets

New semester, new you! Make the most out of the back-to-school season with a professional Mentor from American Corporate Partners (ACP). If you are ready to:

- Network with industry professionals
- Gain insight into your post-graduation career
- Seek guidance in applying to internships and jobs
- Refine your resume and interviewing skills



...then consider joining our yearlong program, which offers post-9/11 Veterans a one-on-one mentorship with a corporate professional from a company like Boeing, Citi, Deloitte, GE, Intel, Johnson & Johnson, USAA—and many more!

Have a professional guide you through the steps of your career. Visit ACP's website to apply, and please note that you were referred by UConn on your application.

[Www.acp-usa.org/Mentoring_Program](http://www.acp-usa.org/Mentoring_Program)

This exciting opportunity has drawn national acclaim and has been endorsed by President Bill Clinton.

Stop by our website (www.acp-usa.org) to watch his informative PSA!

Veteran of the Month



Logan and his son

September's Veteran of the Month is Logan Wagner, a UConn senior who served in the United States Navy for six years.

Logan first served onboard the USS *Ardent*, an *Avenger* class MCM home ported in Manama, Bahrain. From there, he was assigned to the security department at NAS Keflavik, and then to MOMAU One in Seal Beach, California.

He is on track to graduate in May, and he plans on teaching after grad school.

He is currently the editor of the Husky Vet Gazette, and also works at the Connecticut Transportation Institute.

He enjoys reading, playing guitar, and spending time with his son, who is part ninja, part superhero, and entirely awesome.



Carry On with these employers



Every company on this list is veteran friendly.

Don't be shy—send them an email with a brief cover letter and copy of your resume—they can't wait to hear from you!



Company	Point of Contact	Email Address
Access Health CT	Peter VanLoon	peter.vanloon@ct.gov
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