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Lunch Social

May 1st 11:30a.m.—1:30p.m.

Arjona 339 (main lounge)

Attention Students! Take a much deserved break from final exam studying and join us at the VAMP End of the Year Luncheon on May 1st! Stop into Arjona 339 between 11:15 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. for some delicious (and FREE) food and unwind with your colleagues before the spring semester draws to a close. In addition, the Veterans Student Organization (VSO) will be holding elections for next year's executive board during the luncheon! Can't wait to see you there!!

Fresh Check Day!

Saturday April 25: 1-4pm

Hillside Road (Rain Location
Student Union 304A/B)

Come to UConn's third annual Fresh Check Day for engaging interactive booths, live music and entertainment, great prizes, FREE food, and an exciting new theme that will bring out the child in you!



UNIV 4800—1 Credit

Fall 2015!

Are you close to graduation and looking for another class to add for Fall 2015? Sign-up for the 1-credit Senior Year Experience (SYE) class for fall.

Fall 2015, the SYE lecture will be Mondays 2:30p.m. to 3:45p.m. and the smaller discussion section (011D) will be on Wednesdays from 11:15a.m. to 12:05p.m. To register, students need to contact Nikki Cole at (860) 486-3802 or Nikki.cole@uconn.edu for a permission number. Topics will include: resume and cover letter writing; how to translate military skills during job searches; insurance 101; money management.

Graduation Cords—Free for Vets!

Graduation Cords (Red, White, and Blue in color) are available for student veterans who are graduating. These cords are available, **at no cost**, if you served in the military, and will be going through the May 2015 Commencement Ceremony. Please stop in at Arjona 342 and pick-up your graduation cord (Monday – Friday, 8:30a.m. to 4:30p.m.). These cords commemorate your successful completion of your degree program here at UConn, as a student veteran. If you have any questions about the graduation cords, please contact Nikki Cole at Nikki.cole@uconn.edu or call (860) 486-3802.

If you are at one of the regional campuses, you can get your graduation cord from the main Point of Contact on your campus.

Study lounges in Arjona Open

April 25 & 26; May 2 & 3

Looking for a place to study for Final Exams??? The two weekends before Finals Week (April 25th & 26th; May 2nd & 3rd), the main lounges and computer lab in Arjona (Rm. 339, 341, & 343) will be open, 9a.m. to 5p.m. Please feel free to come in and use the study areas, coffee, printer, etc. over the weekend to prepare for Finals.

Note: the exterior doors on the **Northwest end** of the Arjona will be unlocked those days.



Willis N. Hawley Service & Leadership Award Winner – Samuel Surowitz

Please join the campus community in congratulating Sam Surowitz as the winner of the Willis N. Hawley Service & Leadership Award. Sam Surowitz is a UConn student veteran who served in the Army from 2007-2011 and was deployed to Iraq, Afghanistan, and Africa. He continues to serve his country through the Army Reserves in addition to balancing his responsibilities as a UConn Student and Chief Operations Officer for the Veterans Student Organization (VSO) on-campus. Though this is Sam's first-year as a UConn student, you'd never know it. Under Sam's leadership, the VSO has been very active in coordinating events and establishing the organization amongst student veterans at UConn (i.e. spring hike in March, Movie Night, and coordinating fellow student veterans for a Q&A session hosted by Residential Life). Sam currently works for the Office of Veterans Affairs & Military Programs, via the VA Work Study program, in addition to serving on the Veterans Advisory Council on-campus to ensure that recently discharged veterans transition well into student life. Sam is an integral part of the UConn Veterans Community and he always works to serve his fellow students, to the best of his abilities.

Sam stated, that if he were to win this award, he would dedicate it to his friend and mentor, SGT Anibal Santiago of the 75th Ranger Regiment who died from a high altitude fall on his third deployment in 2010, leaving behind his wife, son, and two stepsons.

April's Veteran of the Month!



Philip served in the Navy as an Intelligence Specialist and was initially stationed in Tampa, Florida at MacDill Air Force Base, attached to United States Central Command's Joint Intelligence Center (2007-2009). During his time there, Philip worked in the Intelligence Dissemination Office and was deployed to Djibouti, Qatar, and Afghanistan. In 2008, he was recognized as "Tampa Sailor of the Year". In 2009, Philip rotated to a new home base-Naval Air Station Jacksonville, in Jacksonville, Florida where he was the Leading Petty Officer for a P-3 Squadron - VP-45. Additionally, he deployed to Okinawa, Australia, and El Salvador. Philip reached the grade of E-6 before his four year mark and was honorably discharged after 6 years of service (2006-2012).

After leaving the military, Philip worked on local and federal political campaigns in Connecticut prior to attending UConn's Master of Public Administration (MPA) program. During his second year in the program, Philip had the opportunity to put the analytical skills he learned into practice through his Capstone project with Achievement First Hartford Academy (AFHA). Philip also interned for the Newington Board of Education as a Communications Specialist during his second year of the program. While working as an intern for the Newington Board of Education, Philip developed a district-wide communication plan, wrote over 25 press releases and created a district promotional video. In addition to earning his MPA, Philip also completed his Certificate in Leadership and Public Management.

Philip currently lives in Simsbury, Connecticut where he is a Commissioner on the town's Conservation Commission. He recently served as Director of Public Relations for a successful State Senate campaign and works as a Communications Specialist for Traveler's Business Insurance, Strategic Planning and Execution.

Scholarships for Veterans through the Marines' Memorial Association

Application Deadline = April 23rd Eight (8) Hammer Family Scholarships are available in the amount of \$5,000 each. All eligible U.S. Veterans who wish to study in the fields of Math, Statistics, Chemistry, Physics, or Engineering (Aerospace, Civil, Computer, Electrical, Industrial, Manufacturing, Materials, or Mechanical) are welcome to apply. James and Linda Hammer are Benefactor Members of the Marines' Memorial Association and are eager to assist student Veterans committed to advancing their education.

Four (4) Memorial Tribute Scholarships are available in the amount of \$2,500 each. The Memorial Tribute Scholarship is available for military personnel leaving full time service and entering an undergraduate college program. All US military personnel who have transitioned from Active Duty to reserve or civilian status within the past 3 years may apply.

Go to <http://mmanetcom.marineclub.com/scholarships/vets> for more information and to apply.

News from ROTC

UCONN ROTC Commissioning Ceremonies!

The University of Connecticut and both ROTC programs are very proud of their students who will be commissioned as officers. These students have demonstrated dedication and commitment to both their academic degree and their completion of the Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) program. Next month, the commissioning ceremonies will celebrate these students' accomplishments.

Air Force ROTC Commissioning Ceremony: May 9th at 11:30a.m. in the Student Union Theater

Army ROTC Commissioning Ceremony: May 22nd at 2:00p.m. in the Christian Fellowship Church (140 Pudding Hill Road; Scotland, CT)



Walk a Mile In her Shoes Event

When? Saturday, April 25th 11a.m. to 3p.m.

Where? Fairfield Way

Army ROTC, the Nathan Hale Club, and UConn Undergraduate Student Government welcome all of the UConn campus in joining them to "walk a mile in her shoes" in an effort to join the fight against rape and gender violence. The free event will feature guest speaker, Dr. Gina Barreca with a performance by the UConn Chordials.

Save the Date!!

2015 Travelers Championship Golf Tournament

June 22-28, 2015

TPC River Highlands—Cromwell, CT

U.S. Veterans and their dependents can purchase a discounted ticket for \$20, with 50% of each Ticket sold will be donated to Birdies for the Brave, a PGA TOUR military outreach charity. There will be **complimentary (free)** admission all week for Active-Duty, Reserve, and Retired Military Service Members and their dependents. Everyone **MUST** present their valid Common Access Card or retired ID card at the gate.

Please Note: All Military tickets include complimentary access into the Patriots' Outpost, an exclusive, climate-controlled Military Hospitality Venue on the course, sponsored by Saint Francis Care.

For more information, or to purchase tickets, go to

<http://travelerschampionship.com/military-appreciation-presented-by-saint-francis-care/>



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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