



# The Husky Vet Gazette



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## About Us . . . .

### Veterans Affairs & Military Programs

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The University of Connecticut's Office of Veterans Affairs and Military Programs would like to welcome you to the University and thank you for your service. Our office provides a full range of benefits and services to students that have served or continue to serve in our Armed Forces. These services include benefits processing, event programming and community outreach. Our goal is to provide an excellent experience for all veterans and members of the military that attend the University of Connecticut and for each of them to know that they are an important and integral part of the University. We encourage you to utilize our available resources, along with those of other departments throughout the University, to maximize your educational experience here at UConn.

Please browse through this newsletter, in addition to our website, to learn more about our programs and the benefits available to you. Welcome to UConn!

## Veterans Orientation

All new incoming freshmen and transfer student veterans are encouraged, to attend the Veterans Orientation on Monday, August 31st, as they're able to, in-between classes.

**Free lunch** will be provided during this session, and no cost will be charged to students attending this session. Topics will include: important dates/deadlines at UConn; campus and local resources; introduction to support staff; and time for any individual questions.

**Date:** Monday, August 31st

**Time:** 11:30a.m. to 1:30p.m.

**Location:** Arjona 339 (main lounge) - Veterans Affairs & Military Programs



**MARK YOUR CALENDARS!**

## Veterans FYE Class—Fall 2015

The Veterans FYE (First Year Experience) Class is being offered this Fall 2015 at the main Storrs campus. This class is open to new incoming freshmen, sophomore, and transfer students who previously served in the military. The FYE class is designed to provide an open forum for discussion about college transitional issues and concerns; in addition to promoting greater self-awareness and personal growth. Students who take this class will have the ability to make informed decisions paving the way for a richer and fuller college experience.

The Veterans FYE class will be on Tuesdays, 11:00a.m. to 11:50a.m. in Arjona 343. When you register for Fall classes, look for the Veterans Section of the FYE (**UNIV 1800**) class: **section # 89**. The instructor for this class will be Paul Hanlon, a current graduate student at UConn who previously served in the military and is working in the Office of Veterans Affairs and Military Programs for the 2015-2016 academic year.

If you have questions about this class, please contact Nikki Cole at [Nikki.cole@uconn.edu](mailto:Nikki.cole@uconn.edu) or call [\(860\) 486-3802](tel:860-486-3802).



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## Registered? Complete the Form D!

Are you using G.I. Bill benefits; National Guard Tuition Waiver; or the CT Combat Veterans Tuition Waiver to pay for classes Fall 2015? Don't forget to complete and submit the Form D to the Office of Veterans Affairs & Military Programs. Once you register for Fall classes, submit the Form D to ensure on-time payments of the Basic Allowance for Housing (BAH). Note: Form D's submitted after August 1st could result in delayed BAH payments.

The Form D can be submitted online at <http://veterans.uconn.edu/> under Benefits > Forms > Form D.

If you have questions about the Form D please stop by our benefits office in Arjona 345, or contact us at [veterans@uconn.edu](mailto:veterans@uconn.edu) (email), or at (860) 486-2442.

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## College Credit for Military Service

You can get college credit for military service. Just bring your DD-214 Member 4 copy to the Office of Veterans Affairs & Military Programs (Arjona Rm. 345), or you can send a scanned copy to via email to [Kristopher.perry@uconn.edu](mailto:Kristopher.perry@uconn.edu). If you were stationed in, or deployed to, another country during your military service, you could be eligible to be issued the MISI 92001 Foreign Study in Military Science (3-credits).

Detailed information, including eligibility requirements, is available online at <http://veterans.uconn.edu> under "Programs" > "College Credit for Military Service."



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## Living On-Campus? Check out the Veterans Community



The Veterans Community in on-campus housing is dedicated to helping veterans navigate the complexities of the college experience and making a successful transition from military life to civilian life in a supportive environment. This community is located within South Suites, with 4 students assigned to each suite (2 students in each bedroom of the suite). Within the community, veterans can participate in programs and events that allow for peer learning and connection with other veterans within the residence hall.

For more information about the Veterans Community, please contact Nikki Cole in the Office of Veterans Affairs & Military Programs at (860) 486-3802 or [Nikki.cole@uconn.edu](mailto:Nikki.cole@uconn.edu) via email. Space is limited, and student veterans will be placed in the Veterans Community on a first-come, first-served basis.

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## Veterans Student Organization - Be Involved!

The Veterans Student Organization (VSO) is actively looking for members and students to become more involved! The current membership is planning upcoming events for the upcoming year such as bringing a guest speaker to campus; hosting a pancake breakfast at the start of the year; in addition to many other socials and outings throughout the year. Your help and suggestions are needed to plan events for the year and beyond!

If you're interested in finding ways to be involved with the VSO this upcoming year, please contact [Nikki.cole@uconn.edu](mailto:Nikki.cole@uconn.edu) or call [\(860\) 486-3802](tel:8604863802) with your questions.

