



The Husky Vet Gazette

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Back to School Mixer

When? Thursday, September 10th, 11a.m. to 1p.m.

Where? Arjona 339

Why? Free Pizza and Good Company

The University of Connecticut's Office of Veterans Affairs and Military Programs would like to welcome you to the 2015-2016 school year—returners and new students alike!!

This is a great chance to catch up with old friends or make new ones. Drop in as you can, between classes, and enjoy some pizza.



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



Veterans FYE Class—Fall 2015

Last Chance to Sign-Up!

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 Paul Hanlon at paul.hanlon@uconn.edu or call (860) 486-5078.

RSVP Now! Tailgater at Sept. 12th Game

UConn Veterans Tailgate at Sept. 12th Military Appreciation Game – UConn vs. Army.

When: Saturday, September 12th at 10:00a.m.

Where: Rentschler Field

Who: UConn Veterans Community

UConn's Office of Veterans Affairs & Military programs, with generous support from Traveler's, will be hosting a complimentary Tailgate party at the UConn Military Appreciation Game on Saturday, September 12th. The tailgate will run from 10:00a.m. to 12:00p.m. at Rentschler Field.

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

RSVP's required!! Limited space is available.

To join the fun and free food at the Tailgater you must RSVP to Nikki Cole by Wednesday, September 2nd at Nikki.cole@uconn.edu with the below information:

- Veteran Full Name
- Veteran email address
- Veteran phone number
- Veteran guest names

A special military discount is being given for this game: \$20 tickets using the Promo Code USA.



SUPERFLAG - Call for Volunteers

Superflag is happening on **September 26th** this year at Rentschler Field for the **UConn vs. Navy** football game. Get in for free by volunteering to bring the Superflag onto the field at the start of the game. Please RSVP by Sept. 18th to Paul Hanlon via paul.hanlon@uconn.edu and include the following information:

- Last Name
- Best Phone Number
- Best Email
- UConn Affiliation (i.e. club, student, staff, faculty, etc.)

**DID YOU
KNOW...**

CHAPTER 31 VOC. REHAB. Students!!

Your vocational rehabilitation benefits will cover your home internet service. You must submit a PAID statement to your Voc Rehab counselor to be reimbursed. You cannot submit an unpaid statement. You can submit on a monthly basis while you are in school, or you can submit several paid statements at one time. Email your counselor for additional details.

CH 33 Post 9/11, CH 30 Montgomery GI Bill, and Fry Scholarship Recipients

Veterans Access, Choice, & Accountability Act of 2014, effective Jul 1, 2015: The University of Connecticut, in compliance with this Act, will charge in-state tuition rates to any student receiving benefits under either Chapter 30 or Chapter 33 of Title 38, United States Code, or the Marine Gunnery Sergeant John David Fry Scholarship, who lives in Connecticut while attending the University of Connecticut, (regardless of his/her formal state of residence). UConn has gone above and beyond the act's requirements with the decision to remove the law's 3-year post-service enrollment requirement. This is only applicable for GI Bill beneficiaries who do not have Connecticut residency.

The following University of Connecticut students will be charged tuition at the in state rate in accordance with the Veterans Access, Choice and Accountability Act of 2014, effective July 1, 2015.

- A veteran using educational assistance under either Chapter 30 or Chapter 33 of Title 38, United States Code, who lives in Connecticut while attending the University of Connecticut (regardless of his/her formal state of residence) and enrolls in the school after release from a period of active duty service of 90 days or more.
- Anyone using transferred Chapter 33 benefits who lives in Connecticut while attending the University of Connecticut (regardless of his/her formal state of residence).
- Anyone using benefits under the Marine Gunnery Sergeant John David Fry Scholarship who lives in Connecticut while attending the University of Connecticut (regardless of his/her formal state of residence) and enrolls in the school after the service member's death in the line of duty following a period of active duty service of 90 days or more.
- Anyone described above while he or she remains continuously enrolled (other than during regularly scheduled breaks between courses, semesters, or terms) at the same school. The person so described must be using educational benefits under Chapter 30, Chapter 33, or Fry Scholarship, of Title 38, United States Code.



Form D is Now Digital Only!

The D now stands for Digital! All form D's are now completed online at www.veterans.uconn.edu/forms

Students receiving Educational Benefits must submit the Form D each semester. Completion and submission of the Form D is required prior to the UConn fee bill deadline of an upcoming term. Student veterans will not be processed for benefits without completion and submission this form. Form Ds submitted past the UConn fee bill deadline could incur late fees.

If you have not yet done so, submit your Form D today!

If you have general questions about your benefits visit <http://veterans.uconn.edu/benefits>.

For specific questions email veterans@uconn.edu.

Career Fairs in September!!

School of Business/Veteran Student Career Expo!!

When? Friday, **September 18th**, 11a.m. - 3p.m.

Where? Student Union Ballroom (Storrs)

Open to all School of Business students and all Veteran students of any major. Take advantage of meeting employers early in the semester before the interview season starts.

2015 Fall Career Fair

When? Tuesday, September 29th & Wednesday, September 30th, 11a.m. - 3p.m.

Where? Gampel Pavilion

More information available at <http://career.uconn.edu>



Resume Spot Checks

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Objective
To obtain a part-time summer job in an office environment
Education
University of Connecticut, Storrs, CT
Bachelor of Arts History, May 2017
Storrs, Section 10-1

Résumé SPOT CHECK

Need a quick check of your resume for mistakes and recommendations for further polishing? Stop by the Resume Spot Check to have a career counselor review your resume.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16 FROM 10:00-12:00
AND
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21 FROM 2:00-4:00
IN THE
STUDENT UNION OASIS

Wilbur Cross Building, 202
860-486-3013
career.uconn.edu

UConn
CENTER FOR
CAREER DEVELOPMENT

Are you thinking about applying for internships or jobs for Winter Break/Summer? Are you a Senior close to graduation and haven't started working on your resume yet? Worried that you're not ready to meet potential employers at the upcoming Career Fairs? The Career Development Center has your back. Eran Peterson will be hosting two workshops designed to help veterans prepare for the upcoming Career Fairs. Stop by the Oasis (Student Union, Rm. 224) at the dates/times listed below. **Free food** and beverages will be provided to all participants in these workshops.

**Wednesday, September 16th, 10a.m. to 12p.m.—Oasis, Student Union
Rm. 224**

**Monday, September 21st, 2p.m. to 4p.m.—Oasis, Student Union
Rm. 224**

Things they DON'T know

You've heard the statistics before. Only 0.4% of the American population is active military, and less than 7% of living Americans have ever served in the military at some point in their lives. What this means is that employers tend to have very little information about what it means to serve and what skills and attributes military experiences offer. To compound this issue, many prior and current service members neglect to capitalize on their achievements and market them for potential career opportunities. Whether this is your first September on campus or you are returning from a break, your career transition should begin as early as possible. Unfortunately there is no cookie-cutter approach to this transition, but the Center for Career Development can certainly help you craft your résumé, navigate the career fair, and teach you networking and job/internship search strategies to leverage your experiences into results. Drop in to Wilbur Cross Room 202 to learn more about these resources.

Eran Peterson is a Career Counselor and OIF Veteran. Contact him directly at eran.peterson@uconn.edu



Veteran Students Organization (VSO)

The Veterans Student Organization (VSO) is a Tier II student organization of UConn undergraduate and graduate students that support veterans at the University. The VSO regularly hosts social events, holds care package drives, and works to ensure incoming veteran students are as welcome as possible. Active duty, family, and non-veterans are welcome as well! If you are interested in participating or helping out with any of these activities, or have ideas of your own, please contact us.

Upcoming Events:

- Our first meeting will be on **Thursday September 3rd at 3:30p.m. in Arjona 343**. All are welcome!
- We will be manning a table at the involvement fair on Wednesday **September 9th from 2 to 7p.m. on Fairfield Way**. Volunteers needed!

Open Positions:

- **Vice President of Recruiting** - Knows veterans educational benefits, develops strategies and leads efforts to recruit undergraduate and graduate students
- **Communications Officer**- Assists with VSO website, mass emails, newsletter, and social media

Samuel Surowitz is the VSO President and Veterans Program Coordinator. If you're interested in getting involved with the VSO attend our meeting or contact him at samuel.surowitz@uconn.edu.

Veteran of the Month

We are pleased to recognize Paul Hanlon as the Veteran of the Month for August/September. Paul is a UConn student veteran who served in the Army from 1985 to 1997, and then worked full-time in the Connecticut Army National Guard from 1998 to his retirement in 2012. During Paul's time in the Army, he was stationed in Germany, Korea, and Fort Benning Georgia. He also served in Desert Shield/Desert Storm as an Infantryman in the 24th Infantry Division 1990 – 1991. While in the Army National Guard, Paul deployed to Afghanistan 2006 to 2007. Paul worked in many capacities during his career in the Army and the Army National Guard including: Infantry, Combat Engineer, Logistics Specialist, and Human Resources. He even attended airborne school during his military career, at the age of 40.

Paul is currently a Senior and is one class away from completing a BGS degree with a concentration in political science /minor in psychology. After taking as many classes possible at the Avery Point campus, Paul is now taking classes at the main Storrs campus. He says, if he could have, he would have stayed at Avery Point, since it is such a beautiful campus and he enjoyed his experiences there as a student. Paul is part of a psychology research team at the UConn Health Center this fall. Ultimately, Paul plans to pursue a PhD in Industrial and Organizational Psychology. To Paul, this field seems like the best way to make a difference and have an impact. Human beings on average spend 70% of their lives at work, so why not strive to find ways to make it more enjoyable? Paul is married with 4 kids, two boys and two girls...two dogs and a cat. His hobbies include endurance athletics.

In addition to his family commitments, academic pursuits, and hobbies, Paul is working in the Office of Veterans Affairs and Military Programs this year as Veterans Services Specialist. His first big projects include coordinating the hundreds of volunteers needed for the Superflag at the September 26th UConn vs. Navy game, in addition to teaching the First Year Experience (FYE) section for student veterans during this Fall 2015 semester.

If you would like to nominate a veteran at UConn for "Veteran of the Month," please contact Nikki Cole at Nikki.cole@uconn.edu with the individual's name and the reasons for the nomination.



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?



Company	Point of Contact	Email Address
Access Health CT	Peter VanLoon	peter.vanloon@ct.gov
Aetna	Jill Klepacki	klepackij@aetna.com
AonHewitt Consulting Practice	Mike Walton	mike.walton@aonhewitt.com
Bank of America	Lisa McNulty	lisa.a.mculty@bankofamerica.com
Baystate Health	Dennis O'Brien	dennis.obrien@baystatehealth.org
Boehringer-Ingelheim	Jeff Bridges	jeffrey.bridges@boehringer-ingelheim.com
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Disney/ESPN	Kevin Preston	kevin.preston@espn.com
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Enterprise Holdings	Carrie Smith	carrie.l.smith@ehi.com
Frontier	Karlian Brown	karlian.brown@ftr.com
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