



The Husky Vet Gazette



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CT Veterans Parade



When? Sunday, November 8th, 12:30p.m.

Where? Downtown Hartford

Why? Honoring Veterans!

Join the UConn **Veteran Students Organization** (VSO) for the annual Hartford Veterans parade on November 8th. Contact Sam Surowitz at samuel.surowitz@uconn.edu to sign-up to march in the parade with other veterans from UConn.

Over 3,000 veterans are expected to march. The parade steps off at 12:30 p.m. at the intersection of Buckingham and Washington Streets, near the State Capitol, Travel north on Trinity Street through the Soldiers and Sailors Memorial Arch, onto Ford Street, turn right on Pearl Street, right onto Main Street where it passes a reviewing stand across from the Wadsworth Atheneum, and right onto Capitol Ave, where it ends. Total distance: 1.3 miles.

Find out more at <http://ctveteransparade.org/>



Veterans Day - UConn Ceremony



Wednesday, November 11, 2015. 11:20A.M

Ultimate Sacrifice Memorial

(Rain Location: Wilbur Cross, North Reading Room)

Please join us at The Ultimate Sacrifice Memorial on The Great Lawn in front of Wilbur Cross on Veteran's Day. This annual ceremony gives thanks to veterans for their service and sacrifice. The ceremony will also honor members of the military that have died during times of war and involves a color guard, a placing of the wreath by student veterans, and respectful comments by guest speakers. The entire community is welcome to attend. A reception will follow the ceremony with light refreshments in the Wilbur Cross North Reading Room.

Join in the Military/Veteran Care Package Drive

The Office of Veterans Affairs and Military Programs invites you to take part in its 3rd annual competitive care package and holiday letter drive to support service members overseas and veterans in homeless shelters. Last year's care package drive was a great success with over 5,400 items donated! We hope to make this year's Veterans Care Package Drive an even bigger success and we need your help! We are encouraging student groups, academic departments, offices and residence halls across the UConn campus to form teams and compete to see which group can donate the most items from our recommended donation list. This is a competition!! Gather a team of your friends, co-workers, or floor mates and submit a team name and roster today!

The VAMP office will receive donations from November 9th – 20th, but teams are encouraged to start collecting the recommended items now! Donations will be collected at the Office of Veterans Affairs and Military Programs in Arjona 342A. Collected items will be donated to the Southpark Inn (Hartford, CT) and Homes for the Brave (Bridgeport, CT), two organizations dedicated to providing comprehensive services to homeless veterans. Help us show our service members and veterans how much the UConn community cares! You do not need to be on a team to donate!

Recommended Collection Items

Non-Perishable Foods

Pastas, Soups, Canned Food, Mac N 'Cheese, etc. (Non-expired)

Clothing

Unopened and unused packages of socks, t shirts, sweatpants, coats ,winter hats, slippers, scarves, gloves, etc.

General Hygiene Items

Shampoo, disposable razors, shaving cream, soap, toothpaste, toothbrushes, hand sanitizer, lotion, brushes, etc.

Household Supplies

Blankets, sheets, towels, laundry detergent, cleaning supplies, papergoods (napkins, toilet paper), etc.



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 next meeting will be on **Wednesday, November 4th at 1:00p.m. in the Oasis**. All are welcome!
- We will be planning our involvement in the Hartford Veterans Parade, an upcoming guest speaker, and the care package drive
- See the UCONNTACT Page for further info

Open Officer Position: Vice President of Business Development. Are you interested?

Please let us know if you have any event ideas that you would like the VSO to make happen!

Sean Seipel is the VSO VP of Veteran Outreach . If you're interested in getting involved with the VSO attend our meeting or contact him at Sean.Seipel@uconn.edu.

Military/Veteran Internship Opportunity

The Middletown U.S. Department of Commerce Export Assistance Center has a limited number of internships to offer military/veteran undergraduate and graduate students considering careers in business. Interns assist with researching and analyzing regulatory, trade, and investment issues; helping prepare briefing papers, memos, and other materials; preparing responses to internal and external clients or tracking deadlines and upcoming trade events.



Military interns must meet the following criteria:

- Applicants must be enrolled in at least one class at an accredited college or university
- Applicants must be U.S. Citizens
- Applicants must be accustomed to working in a team environment
- Applicants must be able to follow orders and take direction well

Questions? Contact Anthony Sargis at (860) 638-6954 or email anthony.sargis@trade.gov

Veteran of the Month



We are pleased to recognize Garrett Taylor as UConn's Veteran of the Month for October. Garrett is currently a UConn student veteran who served in the U.S. Army for 4 years. Garrett previously completed a degree in Finance at UConn and he has returned to UConn to pursue a second degree in Mechanical Engineering. He plans to use his degrees in finance and engineering to eventually start an alternative energy services company.

In addition to his studies, Garrett volunteers his time as the Chief Financial Officer (CFO) for UConn's Veteran Student Organization (VSO) for which he's been an integral part of organizing a weekly social for veterans, a BBQ at the start of the year, in addition to taking the lead on planning a trip to Boston. Garrett also manages to find time to help out other student veterans through his VA Work Study job in the main office of Veterans Affairs & Military programs on-campus.

What Garrett says he most enjoys about UConn is "even though the school has tens of thousands of students and employees, we still have welcoming and very tight-knit communities."

Thank you Garrett for helping to make our Veterans Community at UConn welcoming to our students, faculty, staff, and visitors on-campus.

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.

Vets Rock at Mohegan Sun



Vets Rock 2015! All day Veterans Day, November 11th!

Hiring hero's work shop 9:00am-10:20am and 1:00pm- 2:30
Career Fair 10:30am-5:00pm

All veterans are invited to come for the FREE Job Fair and Veterans Services EXPO at Mohegan Sun. Free events include a resume workshop, professional attire fitting, career fair, yoga, art therapy, veteran art show, and much more. Stay for the show honoring veterans with Trace Adkins, Dropkick Murphys, and Madison Rising – hosted by Tony Orlando! Tickets for the concert are available at www.MoheganSun.com/vets-rock!

Veterans Advisory Council

The Veterans Advisory Council is comprised of students, faculty, and staff at UConn who are veterans, and who want to ensure a positive impact on the lives of fellow veterans at UConn. Any student veterans are welcome to attend the upcoming Veterans Advisory Council Meetings this Fall:

Friday, December 4th, 11:00a.m. to 12:00p.m. – Arjona 340

If you're interested in serving on the Veterans Advisory Council, please contact Nikki Cole at Nikki.cole@uconn.edu.

Veterans & Commuters Pasta Dinner

When: December 14th from 6:00pm-8:00pm

Where: Room 304 in the Student Union

Who: Veterans and Commuters

UConn Off Campus Student Services has invited the Veteran community to come eat dinner and get to know the other commuting students here on campus. You will Have the opportunity to compare notes on traffic and parking and all the other fun times common to all commuters . Come join in the festivities and enjoy good food and social interaction with others. No reservation required .



**DID YOU
KNOW...**

Employers List . . .

...On the back page of this and every Husky Veteran newsletter is an extensive list of employers and contacts? These employers are dedicated to hiring qualified veterans at every opportunity. The points of contact listed provide you a direct entry point at these companies who's focus is to recruit veterans to their company. Each of these companies has an internal Veterans Employee Resource

Group dedicated to providing for the needs of veterans within their companies. These companies care about their veterans. For graduating seniors, now is the time to begin your job search. See Kris Perry or Nikki Cole for any questions. Or feel free to contact the Point of Contact listed on the back page.

The Lucky Few Film Screening

Monday, November 9th - 12:00p.m. to 1:30p.m.

Benton Museum - East Gallery

The film comes to us courtesy of Jan Herman, who made the documentary while serving as the Navy's Medical Historian. The Lucky Few premiered at the Smithsonian Institution in 2010. Jan Herman describes the film as the "story of how a small Navy warship rescued more than 30,000 South Vietnamese fleeing their dying nation in April 1975. How the men of USS Kirk accomplished this feat while providing humanitarian assistance under unimaginable circumstances [as] one of America's shining moments."

This event is made possible by the Asian and Asian American Student Institute and the Benton Museum. It's open to the Public. The director, Jan Herman, will also be available to answer questions from participants. Questions? Contact

Ticket Club Discounts



TicketClub.com is a live event ticketing website where premier members gain access to an inventory of wholesale tickets to thousands of events with no service fees.

They are currently offering free premier membership to UConn Military and Veterans with the promo code UCONNVETS1. Premier members pay only the base price of the tickets. If you'd like to sign up, go to <https://secure.ticketclub.com/> and create a free membership. Once you sign in you can "redeem a pre-paid membership voucher" under the "My Membership Tab".

For additional info contact Rebecca.Small@ticketclub.com

Together with corporate partners, SVA offers a number of scholarships throughout the academic year. Our Fall 2015 scholarships will close on **November 2nd at 11:59pm**. Go to <http://studentveterans.org/index.php/programs/scholarships>

[General Dynamics SVA Community College Scholarship](#) This scholarship awards 5 student veterans attending community colleges with \$2,000.

[Google SVA Scholarship](#) This scholarship will award eight student veterans with \$10,000 each for those pursuing a degree in computer science or related fields.

[NBCUniversal SVA Scholarship](#) This scholarship will award two student veterans with \$12,000 and is open to all student veterans from community college students to PhD candidates.

[PNC SVA Serving with Integrity Scholarship](#) This scholarship awards 2 student veterans pursuing a degree from an accredited institution of higher learning in finance, business administration, or related fields with \$10,000.

[The Walt Disney Company SVA STEM Scholarship](#) This scholarship awards three students pursuing a degree from an accredited institution of higher learning in a designated Science, Technology, Engineering, or Mathematics (STEM) program with \$10,000.

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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