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Purple Heart Presented to the University of Connecticut



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UConn Veterans Inaugural March In the Hartford Veterans Parade



November 8th Veterans from all over the region gathered in Hartford to pay respect to those who have gone before. For the first time veterans from the University of Connecticut were amongst their ranks. A contingent from the university consisting of both students and staff marched through downtown Hartford to the delight of the spectators. After the march veterans from the university had the opportunity to spend time with other veteran organizations. A new tradition that is sure to grow.

Join in the Military/Veteran Care Package Drive

The VAMP office will receive donations from November 9th – 1st of December , 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 South park 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

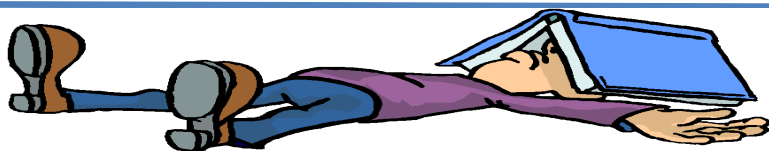
Unopened and unused packages of socks, t shirts, sweatpants, coats ,winter hats, slippers, scarves, gloves, etc.

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.



End of Semester Lunch Social

Come take a break before finals begin: help yourself to some delicious (and Free) food; and spend some time catching up with friends. All Students, staff and faculty in the UConn veterans community are welcome to join us!

December 4th from 11:30 Am to 1:30 Pm

Arjona, Veterans lounge

CT Department of Labor Veterans Specialist in the Oasis

Bunch for Lunch finger food (come eat)

Bring your employment question and resume for an informal lunch

December 2nd 11:30 –1:00

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 .



Veteran of the Month

John Michael Dunne



It is with great honor, we recognize, posthumously, 1st Lieutenant John Michael Dunne as UConn's Veteran of the Month for November. He attended the University of Connecticut and graduated in 1942. As a student, he was an active member of Alpha Phi Fraternity and served as the Editor of the Nutmeg Yearbook. Dunne commissioned into the United States Marine Corps on 03 July 1943. He went on to serve in the Pacific Theater during WWII. After the war, he taught English for a time at the University of Connecticut and then went on to Dublin, Ireland, where he finished work to obtain his doctor of philosophy degree. He later returned to the United States and was planning to teach at Duquesne University in Pittsburg, PA, when, as a member of the Marine Reserve, he was called to service in Korea. He served with Headquarters and Service Company, 2nd Battalion, 7th Marines, 1st Marine Division. During combat operations on December 6, 1950, he was Killed in Action on Hill 902 in the Chosin Reservoir, Korea. 1LT Dunne is buried in Arlington National Cemetery, Section 2, Site 3746.

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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

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 **Thursday December 3rd @ 3:30PM in Arjona veterans lounge**. 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 UCONNCONTACT 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.

**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.

Advancing your education often requires you to take costly national tests.

Students can be reimbursed all required (mandatory) fees charged for national admission tests and national tests for college credit.

The following is a sample of the tests are approved for reimbursement:

SAT (Scholastic Assessment Test)

LSAT (Law School Admission Test)

GRE (Graduate Record Exam)

GMAT (Graduate Management Admission Test)

AP (Advanced Placement Exam)

CLEP (College-Level Examination Program)

ACT (American College Testing Program)

And many more, please visit <http://inquiry.vba.va.gov/weampub/buildSearchNE.do> to see if a test is covered, eligibility requirements and what the VA will cover.

My Ch. 33 GI Bill will be exhausted in mid semester.

Will the VA pay for the whole semester?

If you are about to use up your original 36 months, the VA will pay for the rest of the semester. If you have combined your benefits (for example, exhausted your 36 month Ch. 30 benefit, and was approved to use Ch. 33 for another 12 months) and will exceed your 48th month during the semester, then the VA will only make payments up to the last day of the 48th month.

If you are a dependent, there is no exceeding the 36th month of the Ch. 33 GI Bill, and payments will stop in mid semester if your eligibility is exhausted. However a full book stipend would be paid for that semester.

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. Veterans from either the Storrs campus or the regional locations are welcome to attend :

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

Arjona Bldg. Rm 340

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

UCONN R.O.T.C Competes in Ranger Challenge

Cadets from the Nathan Hale Battalion competed in Ranger Challenge at Fort Dix in New Jersey. Ranger Challenge is an event that takes place annually in which Cadets compete against R.O.T.C. programs from other schools. Ranger Challenge consists of events that push the limits of Cadets, both mentally and physically. Events ranged from filling sand bags to evacuating a casualty, to a 10K timed road march.



Nathan Hale Battalion Ranger Challenge Team

Nathan Hale Conduct Battalion Conducts field Training Exercise

By Dan Arundel



Cadets utilized a one rope bridge to cross during movement to the training site

Cadets of Nathan Hale Battalion departed from The University of Connecticut with full rucksacks October 23 for the weekend to conduct field exercises. Cadets ruck marched for 5.62 miles to the training site where they set up patrol bases and performed team building activities. Over the course of the weekend, Cadets received instruction on many topics to include the proper wear of their cold weather gear, basic instruction on radios, squad and platoon tactical movement formations and techniques, and land navigation. The weekend culminated on October 25 with tactical exercises that required Cadets to use the skills that they had learned over the course of the semester.

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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