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What: Stars and Stripes with Late Night

When: Friday Feb 12th from 9:00PM to 1:00AM

Where: Student Union

9:30-10:30 p.m., Kirsten Holmstedt author of *The Girls Come Marching Home* and *Band of Sisters* will present on women in combat and do a book signing in SU 304

10:45-11:45 p.m., PBS Documentary *Debt of Honor* about disabled American veterans, starting with the Revolution and focusing on current conflicts, SU 304

12:00-12:30 a.m., Q & A with Student Veteran Panel, SU 304

Throughout the Night - Lots of Fun Stuff such as:

- Equipment Display by the Veteran Student Organization
- Air Force and Army ROTC Displays
- CT National Guard Display
- Red, White, and Blue Tie Dye Bandanas
- Novelty Dog Tag Maker
- MRE (Meals Ready to Eat) rations samples
- Karaoke
- Decorate your own patriotic cupcake and cookies and milk
- And more!



UConn Student Life Award!

\$1,000 Student Veteran Scholarship

The "Willis N. Hawley Service & Leadership Award" recognizes a student veteran(s) who has made significant contributions to the University community through leadership and service during their tenure as a student.

The deadline is **February 26th** to apply for this award.

Go to <http://sla.uconn.edu/> for detailed information on how to apply, or nominate someone.



The XL Center in Hartford January 19th, 2016

Veterans and their families gathered for Military Appreciation Night hosted by UCONN men's basketball team .

How does it feel to be wanted?

It's a reality that employers are actively seeking out veterans, service members, and military spouses. Companies desire the traits that come with military service: loyalty, grit, ability to think under pressure, the list goes on. What you may not realize is that it is incredibly difficult for employers to find or identify this group of people- so difficult in fact that there are task forces in our own state who's mission it is to find you. Make no mistake, I get asked regularly to share job and internship opportunities with vets but guess what? Same problem.

Help me help you. What we have done is hooked you up with a dedicated place to upload your résumé which will be shared with recruiters. The fancy term for it is a "résumé book" and it allows companies to find candidates without the hassle of posting jobs and sorting through hundreds of résumés. Here is how you are going to find it:

Log on to <http://career.uconn.edu/huskycareerlink/>

Bunch for Lunch

When:
Feb 9th @ 11:00AM to 1:00PM

Where:
Arjona , RM 339



Come have lunch and meet Anthony Paolino the Military & Veterans Affairs Coordinator for General Dynamics and Electric Boat. This luncheon is intended to be an informal informational event for career possibilities . Come enjoy the complimentary food and get to know more about General Dynamics and Electric Boat.

Looking for advice from a Veteran working in the business world?

To the Husky Veterans: [Synchrony Financial](#) is looking to partner with you in helping with informal mentorship, & networking to smooth your transition from student life to professional opportunities.

If interested, Contact: Lioul.Haile@synchronyfinancial.com or [203-585-6883](tel:203-585-6883).

Benefits Corner

Scholarship Opportunities from Student Veterans of America (SVA)!!

SVA (Student Veterans of America) is excited to announce their spring 2016 Scholarships, funded by Raytheon and Accenture. In 2016, SVA is on track to grant its one millionth dollar in scholarship Awards.

Raytheon Patriot Scholarship

Two U.S. Army veterans pursuing an undergraduate or graduate degree at an accredited four-year institution will each be awarded a \$10,000 scholarship.

The Raytheon SVA Scholarship

Five student veterans pursuing a STEM degree will each be awarded a \$10,000 scholarship.

The Accenture SVA Scholarship

Four student veterans enrolled in a four-year institution will each be awarded a \$10,000 scholarship.

All scholarship applications close at **11:59pm EST on April 4th**.

Apply Here: <http://studentveterans.org/index.php/programs/scholarships>

Survivors and Dependents Assistance

There are two main GI Bill programs offering education assistance to survivors and dependents of Veterans:

The Marine Gunnery Sergeant John David Fry Scholarship (Fry Scholarship) is available for children and spouses of Service members who died in the line of duty after September 10, 2001.

The Survivors' and Dependents' Educational Assistance (DEA) Program offers education and training opportunities to eligible dependents of Veterans who are permanently and totally disabled due to a service-related condition or of Veterans who died while on active duty or as a result of a service-related condition.

For information go to: http://www.benefits.va.gov/gibill/survivor_dependent_assistance.asp

Form D - Available online! All students (including the regional campuses) can now access and submit the Form D online. Just go to the [Form D link](#) @ <http://veterans.uconn.edu/> and complete it. Remember, the Form D needs to be submitted for **each semester** you want to use VA educational benefits or the State Tuition Waiver.

Air Force ROTC Cadet of the Month



Cadet Samantha Stilwell is a senior at the University of Connecticut majoring in Nursing. Cadet Stilwell was motivated to join AFROTC after receiving support from her family members who described their military experiences as amazing and ones they will never forget. She also has always wanted to travel and see the world. Samantha maintains excellent academic and physical fitness standards required of Air Force ROTC cadets, while working two jobs, one of them as a student employee in the Air Force Uniform Room. Cadet Stilwell enjoys snowboarding, basketball, lacrosse and hiking in addition to baking, knitting and reading. We are honored to select Cadet

Samantha Stilwell as Air Force Cadet of the Month. She is an exceptional cadet that is successful in her rigorous academic pursuits as well as possessing a positive energy she displays to the cadet core and cadre members.

“Be ready to put yourself forward and work hard for what you want. Definitely take all the opportunities presented to you and use them to improve yourself”, says Cadet Samantha Stilwell.

Staying up to date with Husky Air Force ROTC



The Air Force ROTC cadets of Detachment 115 at the University of Connecticut are looking forward to Warrior Day that is coming up in this semester. Warrior Day will take place during Leadership Lab on February 11 in the Armory. Warrior Day consists of physical challenges that allow cadets to expand their skills and knowledge on teamwork, physical strength and endurance and problem solving. The primary and central objectives to Air Force Warrior Day activities

are to improve cadet leadership and cadet teamwork. Warrior Day physical challenges mirror the Ranger Challenge activities that Army ROTC cadets encounter. These activities and challenges include combat crawls, agility runs, push-up endurance, log lifts, and boat runs. A typical course for Air Force cadets would include doing combat crawls with “dummy” weapons (cadets crawl as close to the ground as possible ten yards), agility runs using cones, a set of fast and numerous quality pushups, followed by cadets working in teams to lift a log weighing several hundred pounds. Air Force cadets look forward to Warrior Day each semester and are looking forward to their upcoming day on February 11.

**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.



Veterans Advisory Council

The Veterans Advisory Council is comprised of student, faculty, and staff at UConn 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 Spring:

Friday, February 26th, 11:00a.m. to noon in Arjona 340

Wednesday, March 30th, 10:00a.m. to 11:00a.m. in Arjona 340

If you're interested in serving on the Veterans Advisory Council, or just want more information about it, please contact Nikki Cole at Nikki.cole@uconn.edu



Veteran Students Organization (VSO)

The Veteran Students Organization (VSO) will be meeting in the Veterans' Oasis, Room 224 in the Student Union at **4:00 p.m. Wednesday February 3rd**. We'll discuss upcoming trips, guest speakers, scholarships, and student employment. There will also be free t-shirts for new members and **free pizza** and beverages!

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 attend the meeting or contact us!

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.

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
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