



# The Husky Vet Gazette

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## Walking in Commencement? Pick-up a Graduation Cord

Graduation Cords (Red, White, and Blue in color) are available for student veterans who are graduating. These cords are available, at no cost, if you served in the military, and will be going through the May 2016 Commencement Ceremony. Please stop in at Arjona 342 and pick-up your graduation cord (Monday – Friday, 8:30a.m. to 4:30p.m.). These cords commemorate your successful completion of your degree program here at UConn, as a student veteran.

If you have any questions about the graduation cords, please contact Nikki Cole at [Nikki.cole@uconn.edu](mailto:Nikki.cole@uconn.edu) or call [\(860\) 486-3802](tel:8604863802).

If you are at one of the regional campuses, you can get your graduation cord from the main Point of Contact on your campus. Please go to <http://veterans.uconn.edu/regional-campuses/> to find the main point of contact for your campus.

## Interested in Tech?

If you are interested in tech, working in tech, learning about tech, Websites, Apps, web apps, iOS(iPhone) or Android, you are invited to this meet up.

My name is Joe Fonz and I am a Marine veteran, who currently works in the tech industry making iPhone apps in NYC.

The plan is to organize a hack night, or a QA session, depending on the response we get. Future plans include tutorials, code reviews, and support in any way I can.

### When/Where/How:

Email me directly, I'll add you to our Slack account I created for these events. From there we will collaborate to pick a meeting spot on campus, or other venue. My email: [joe@kodalabs.com](mailto:joe@kodalabs.com)

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## March Veteran of the Month



### Scott Deranleau

We are pleased to honor Scott Deranleau as the March 2016 Veteran of the Month for UConn. Scott is one of two VA work-study students who manage the Veterans Center at Avery Point. He insures the quiet and social spaces on the second floor of the Library run smoothly, including monitoring who uses the spaces, ensuring the rooms are kept in good order, and the coffee keeps flowing. Scott is always available and cheerful, even when feeling the weight of Chemistry! Scott is a great asset to the Avery Point Campus and a reliable resource for our veteran and active military students.

Prior to coming UConn, Scott served 20 years in the Navy. He served as an instructor for Submarine Vertical Launch Systems, and then again for Electronics. Scott served on the USS Topeka, SSN 754, USS San Francisco SSN 711, USS Ohio SSGN 726, and the USS Pittsburgh SSN 720.

Currently, Scott is a BGS Major with minors in Political Science and Anthropology. Once he graduates, he plans to move to New Hampshire to work at the Seabrook Nuclear Power Plant. In addition to his studies, Scott is involved with the Veterans Association on-campus. Scott says what he most appreciates about UConn, from the time he applied, everyone answered his questions and helped him out as an individual person, "not just a number with the GI Bill." He says, "Every professor and staff member is of the highest quality you can get, and will go out of their way to make sure you succeed. The students are great too, exceeding all my expectations of what I thought a 'typical' college student was."

If you would like to nominate a student, faculty, or staff member for "Veteran of the Month," please contact Nikki Cole at [nikki.cole@uconn.edu](mailto:nikki.cole@uconn.edu) with the name of the person and the reasons for your nomination.

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## Virtual Footlocker Project

Assistant Professor Edward Benoit III, Ph.D in the School of Library & Information Science at Louisiana State University, recently launched a research project focused on developing an application for capturing and preserving the personal records of the modern soldier called the Virtual Footlocker Project.

For generations, soldiers documented their wartime experiences in personal diaries, photographs, and correspondence with loved ones. Often veterans kept these treasured personal collections long after their service, and handed them down to family members. Eventually, these personal military service records humanized the sacrifice of war. With the digital revolution, the 21st century soldier no longer possesses the same tangible personal archives creating a critical gap in the record.

The Virtual Footlocker Project focuses on the development of an open-source, cross-system platform system for capturing and preserving the personal communication and documentary record of the modern soldier. The eventual software application will be free, and will help active duty military and veterans capture/download and preserve their digital files (such as emails, social media, digital pictures/video, blogs, etc.). These memories of their service would be safe from accidental deletion or digital degradation, and could be passed down to loved ones in the future.

If interested in helping in phase one of this project the design phase. If you are active duty, a reservist or Guardsman or veteran who served in the past ten years please participate in the survey as your input will help shape the final product. Additionally, participants can enter a raffle once they complete the survey (it takes about 20 minutes) to win 1 of 20 \$50 payments. You can find more about the project at

<http://www.edbenoit.com/virtualfootlocker> and/or by watching our promotional video at <https://youtu.be/OAWHDa4bTpl>.

Additionally, you can keep track of the project on the following social media pages:

Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/virtualfootlocker>



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## 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 9 March**. We'll discuss upcoming trips, scholarships, elections, funding, and student employment. 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](mailto:Sean.Seipel@uconn.edu).*

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## Air Force ROTC Cadet of the Month



Air Force ROTC is pleased to present our Cadet of the Month for March 2016, he is Cadet Janson Erhard.

Cadet Erhard is a UConn senior majoring in Business Management. He knew at a young age he wanted to be in the military, as he always had a great appreciation for military service from childhood. Cadet Erhard's unique experience as a child living in Suzhou, China for a year created a desire to travel and see the world. He would like to visit or have assignments in South Korea, Japan, Alaska and Germany.

Cadet Erhard manages a very busy weekly schedule. He is involved in Air Force ROTC Drill Team and Arnold Air Society in addition to being a student employee in various campus offices. He has been a student employee in the following UConn departments - Student Activities, Facilities, Landscape and Co-op.

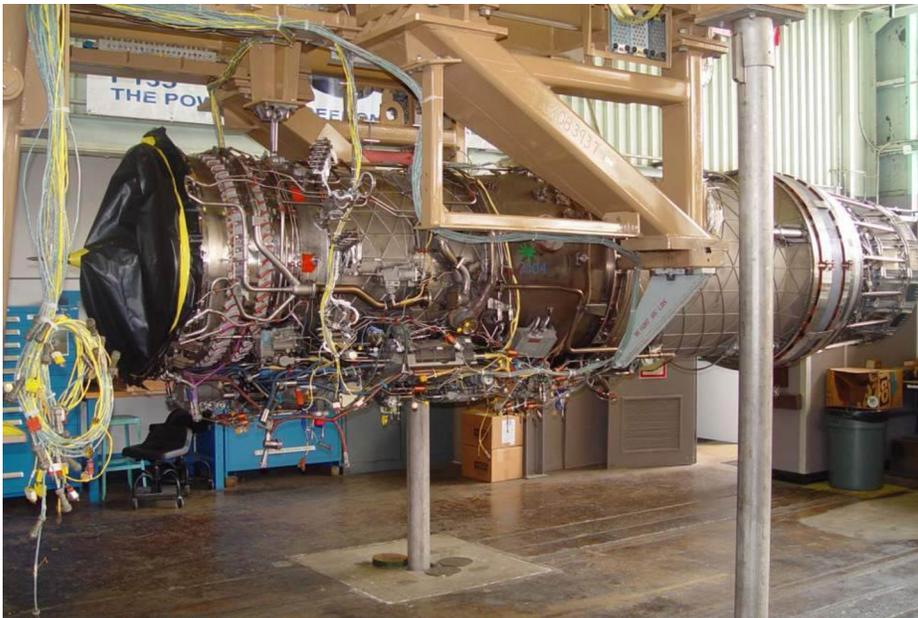
He credits his success in academics and the Air Force ROTC to budgeting his time wisely, working with his School of Business advisor and the support of his roommates and fellow cadets.

Cadet Erhard enjoys the outdoors and likes to canoe, backpack, hike and camp when his time allows.

"Try it! If any part of you thinks [that the Air Force] may be for you then you should give it a try. There are no obligations to try the program, if it ends up not being for you then you can walk away with some wisdom. But if that small part of you turns out to be right, then you just stumbled onto the opportunity of a lifetime and will never look back." – Air Force ROTC Cadet Janson Erhard

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## Detachment 115 Air Force ROTC cadets Visit Pratt and Whitney Middletown pro-



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Detachment 115 Air Force ROTC cadets are looking forward to a visit to the Pratt and Whitney Middletown production facility, Middletown, CT. Pratt & Whitney provides top-of-the-line military engines to 31 armed forces around the world. Their military engines power front line fighters, such as the F-15 Eagle, F-16 Fighting Falcon, F-22 Raptor and F-35 Lightning II, as well as the C-17 Globemaster III military transport.

The cadets are able to tour the Middletown production facility where they get a view of aircraft engines in development and production for the Air Force and partner nations and speak with Pratt and Whitney personnel.

This visit provides an opportunity for AFROTC cadets to see how US and international military and businesses interact for attainment of a common goal. In addition the visit provides a networking opportunity as Pratt and Whitney personnel have often times been military members that are now in the civilian workforce, serving in the Air National Guard Reserves or as retired veterans.

The Middletown excursion is a memorable and important trip Air Force cadets look forward to each Spring.

# Benefits Corner

## Using Your Post 9/11 GI Bill Benefits during Summer Session – Summer 2016?

Taking summer classes is an excellent way to finish your degree faster and receive BAH during the summer months. Remember - just like during the academic year, any courses you take using your GI Bill must meet unfilled degree requirements. It is your responsibility to be certain the courses you are taking are applicable to your degree requirements. Although you are not required to meet with your advisor prior to registration, we encourage you to do so if you have any questions about how summer courses will fit into your degree program.

BAH is paid based on your rate of pursuit, and the VA will calculate your status based on the length of the term and the amount of credits you are enrolled in. Below is a chart showing what is considered Full Time for each summer term. These credit amounts only apply if your course starting and ending dates match the starting and ending dates of the term. As there are courses that do not conform to the published term dates, please call us if you have any question regarding your rate of pursuit for the summer terms. The VA also takes into consideration overlapping course dates in the BAH calculation.

In order to be certified for summer courses, you must first register for the courses, and then submit a Form D through [www.veterans.uconn.edu](http://www.veterans.uconn.edu). This applies to Federal VA benefits, as well as the State Veteran Tuition Waiver. The National Guard waiver does not apply to summer session.

Summer 2016 Schedule				Full Time Credits	
Session	Start Date	End Date	# of Weeks	GRAD	UNDERGRAD
May Term	9-May	27-May	3	1.5	2
Session 3	9-May	26-Aug	16	8	11
Session 1	31-May	1-Jul	5	2.5	3.5
Alternative Session 1	31-May	8-Jul	6	3	4
Session 2	11-Jul	12-Aug	5	2.5	3.5
Alternative Session 2	11-Jul	19-Aug	6	3	4

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# Job Search Resources for Student Veterans

## Career Counselor On-Campus for Student Veterans

**Eran Peterson** is a designated career counselor on-campus for student veterans. Being a veteran himself, Eran has many years of experience assisting veterans with marketing their combined military experience with their educational experience to employers (i.e. resumes, cover letters, interviewing, etc.).

Call Eran at (860) 486-5939 or email him at [Eran.Peterson@uconn.edu](mailto:Eran.Peterson@uconn.edu) to schedule some time with him.

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## Veterans Resume Book

UConn's Center for Career Development have dedicated a place to upload your résumé which employers will have access to. A "résumé book" 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 [HuskyCareerLink](#) and upload your résumé. Then click on Documents/Opt-in Books. Scroll down and you will see the Veterans résumé book! It's very easy.

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## Job Openings at Travelers!!

Travelers has 10 openings for Customer Service Representative to start in early to mid-April. These won't stay open long, so apply now! Feel free to email resumes directly to Jim McMahon at [JMcmahon@Travelers.com](mailto:JMcmahon@Travelers.com) and he'll make sure it gets looked at.

Customer Service Representative  
Windsor CT  
**10 openings**

Req # 5964BR  
Salary: approx. \$40K

Required hours: Sunday 9AM-6PM and 4 Weekdays 11AM-8PM with possibility for those interested to work 2nd shift from home in the future. Where applicable, shift differential may apply.

Please click the following link (s) to view job (s).

[View details](#) 5964BR - Customer Service Representative, Claim

Questions? Contact Jim McMahon, Enterprise Talent Acquisition & Military Outreach for Travelers. Phone: 860.277.1376; Email: [JMcmahon@Travelers.com](mailto:JMcmahon@Travelers.com)

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## Your Chance to talk to a Professional, who happens to be a Veteran

Open to all UConn Veterans: Lioul Haile from [Synchrony Financial](#) will be holding a Q&A session at the Veterans Student Center about the transition from student and military life to professional opportunities. You will also be able to initiate contacts for informal mentoring and networking opportunities as you look forward to your graduation.

When: March 30th, 2016 @ 12:30PM EST

Where: Oasis, Student Union 2<sup>nd</sup> floor (Storrs)

Questions? Contact Lioul Haile at [lioul.haile@synchronyfinancial.com](mailto:lioul.haile@synchronyfinancial.com)

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# 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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Bank of America	Lisa McNulty	lisa.a.mcnulty@bankofamerica.com
Baystate Health	Dennis O'Brien	dennis.obrien@baystatehealth.org
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