



# The Husky Vet Gazette

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## Music of the Vietnam War

### FREE CONCERT

UConn's Earthtones and the UConn Rock Ensemble

April 23, 2016 at 8:00 p.m.

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## Veteran Student Organization

### Elections: April 27-29th

Elections will be held online through the VSO's "ucontact" web page.

**Want to run for an executive position?** Please email:

[Samuel.Surowitz@uconn.edu](mailto:Samuel.Surowitz@uconn.edu) and [garrett.taylor@uconn.edu](mailto:garrett.taylor@uconn.edu)



## Its Graduation Time!

## Walking in Commencement?

## Pick-up a Graduation Cord

The combination of your dedication to service and your accomplishment in education deserves to be recognized.

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.

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.

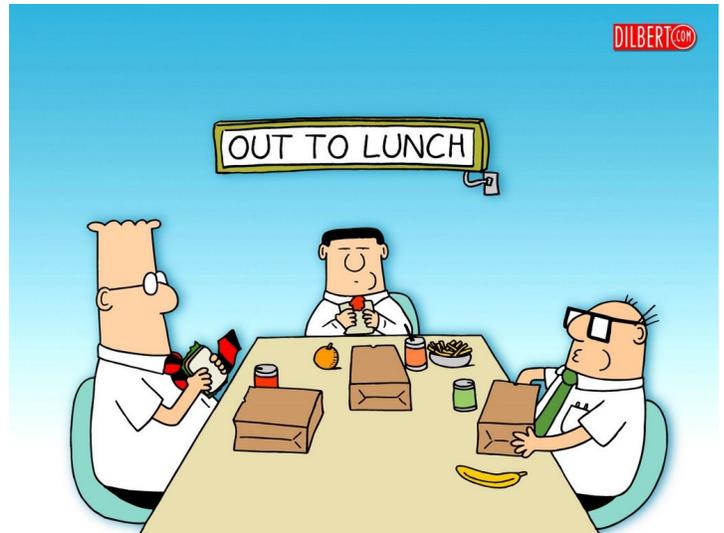
The last Veterans Advisory Council Meeting will be **10:00a.m. Friday, April 29th** in Arjona 340. As always, these meetings are open to everyone, so please feel free to join us on the 29th! The Veterans Advisory Council is comprised of students, faculty, and staff at UConn who are veterans and who want to ensure continued support of our military-connected students on-campus.

### End of Year Lunch Social - FREE FOOD!

When: **Friday, April 29th 11:00a.m to 1:00p.m.**

Where: Arjona 339 (Storrs)

Take a break from studying for finals and bring your appetite! Everyone in the UConn Veterans Community is welcome to join us for one last gathering before the year ends!



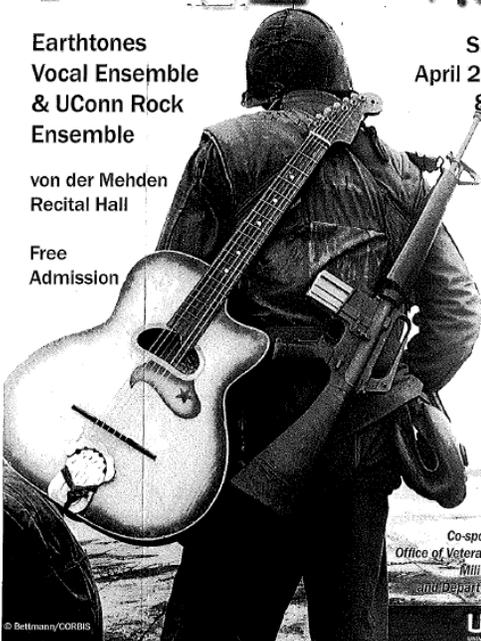
# Music of the Vietnam War

Earthtones  
Vocal Ensemble  
& UConn Rock  
Ensemble

Saturday,  
April 23, 2016  
8:00 PM

von der Mehden  
Recital Hall

Free  
Admission



Co-sponsored by the  
Office of Veterans Affairs and  
Military Programs  
and Department of Music

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## Music of the Vietnam War

"We invite you to our concert "Music of the Vietnam War" **Saturday, April 23, 2016 at 8:00PM** in von der Mehden Recital Hall featuring Earthtones, the UCONN Rock Ensemble and guest artists.

The program includes a wide array of songs that were influenced by US participation in the Vietnam War.

Come to hear this powerful music, to reflect on this critical period in our shared history, to pay tribute those who served and to remember those who lost their lives.

The concert is sponsored by the Music Department and Office of Veterans Affairs and Military Programs. Free Admission."

For more information email [Tara.Lokke@uconn.edu](mailto:Tara.Lokke@uconn.edu)

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## April Veteran of the Month

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The Office of Veterans Affairs and Military Programs at UConn is pleased to honor Brian Burke as UConn's April Veteran of the Month. Brian Burke served in the Marines from 2002 to 2008 and he completed two tours in Iraq; the second one was with Charlie Co. 1/25 out of Plainville, CT. Brian is currently a part-time student in UConn's MBA program (PMBA). He previously attended UConn as a full-time student in the Civil Engineering Master's Program in 2008. Brian shares the Master's Program in Civil Engineering was a great opportunity for him, since other schools he applied to, preferred candidates with a traditional engineering degree (his undergraduate degree is in Physics), but UConn saw his non-traditional path as a benefit. Soon after he was accepted, Brian began working on a research project for the Department of Homeland Security. This experience prepared him for the technical

challenges of being an engineer. Brian was able to begin working for a design firm as a bridge engineer before he graduated. In the Fall of 2012, Brian enrolled in the PMBA program at the Hartford Campus. This Spring, Brian graduates from the PMBA program at UConn, with concentrations in management and project management. He shares he enjoyed his time in the program because he had the opportunity to interact with students from a wide variety of industries. This diversity has led to engaging and informative classroom discussions, and they have influenced his problem-solving at work. Now, Brian can look at problems from different points-of-view that he wouldn't have considered previously.

Brian shares that what he most enjoys about UConn is "the Veteran friendly nature of the school along with the relationships that I have developed with professors and other students." Congratulations to Brian Burke and his upcoming graduation!

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.



## Air Force ROTC Cadet of the Month

Cadet Kyle Sullivan is a senior at the University of Connecticut majoring in Mechanical Engineering. Cadet Sullivan was inspired to join AFROTC by his father Chief Master Sergeant Sullivan who would take him on weekly trips to the military base. After joining ROTC cadet Sullivan decided to pursue a career as an Air Force Pilot and was accepted into that program earlier this year. "AFROTC has not only taught me how to be a great leader and follower, but it has taught me more about myself than I could have ever imagined. I am so proud to have the ability to lead and serve alongside some of the best people I have met in my lifetime" Says Cadet Kyle Sullivan. Cadet Sullivan maintains excellent academic and

physical fitness standards, while being the Drill Team Commander and the Wing Safety Officer. He enjoys sports, weight lifting, DJ'ing, taking flying lessons, hiking, and snowboarding. TSgt Khalil Gatlin, Detachment NCOIC, says "I am confident to say that when I retire, the Air Force will be in good hands with Cadet Sullivan [and those like him]. On a day-to-day basis he delivers professionalism, profession of arms, warrior ethos and a will to make everyone around him better.

## Air Force ROTC Award Ceremony

The AFROTC Award ceremony was held on April 7th in the Alumni Center at the University of Connecticut. The Award ceremony is an opportunity for the Air Force ROTC program and the extended community to recognize outstanding cadets for scholarship, leadership, and service. It is also an opportunity to celebrate the top AFROTC cadet's personal successes in challenging academics and military programs. This ceremony reinforces high standards, promotes pride in the military, and in academic excellence



# Benefits Corner

## Scholarships with upcoming deadlines

**Hammer Family Scholarship and the Marines Memorial Tribute Scholarship** – <http://mmanetcom.marineclub.com/scholarships/vets>

Deadline = **April 23** (may vary from year to year)

Eight (8) Hammer Family Scholarships are available in the amount of \$5,000 each. All eligible U.S. Veterans who wish to study in the fields of Math, Statistics, Chemistry, Physics, or Engineering (Aerospace, Civil, Computer, Electrical, Industrial, Manufacturing, Materials, or Mechanical) are welcome to apply. James and Linda Hammer are Benefactor Members of the Marines' Memorial Association and are eager to assist student Veterans committed to advancing their education.

Four (4) Memorial Tribute Scholarships are available in the amount of \$2,500 each. The Memorial Tribute Scholarship is available for military personnel leaving full time service and entering an undergraduate college program. All US military personnel who have transitioned from Active

Duty to reserve or civilian status within the past 3 years may apply.

**United States Armed Forces Veteran Scholarship** – <http://abroad.uconn.edu/resources/veterans-affairs-benefits-and-uconn-education-abroad-programs/>

This UConn Education Abroad scholarship is available to UConn students committed to study abroad programs who have served or continue to serve in our Armed Forces and are registered with UConn Veteran's Affairs and Military Programs. Veterans will be automatically awarded \$2,500 in scholarship support if they commit to a semester-long study abroad program and \$1,000 if committed to a summer program. There is no application for this scholarship; students just need to indicate their veteran status on their study abroad application. This scholarship can be applied to the costs of any type of UConn-approved study abroad program and can cover Program Fees, Study Abroad Fees, tuition, and other study abroad-related costs as long as they are billed through UConn.

**SVA (Student Veterans of America) Scholarships** – <http://studentveterans.org/index.php/programs/scholarships>

Deadlines = Varies throughout the academic year

SVA is thrilled to offer several scholarships, totaling more than \$160,000, through the help of corporate partners, including General Dynamics, Google, NBCUniversal, PNC, Disney, and BP. The deadlines vary throughout the academic year.

# 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.

## 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.



Registration and Refreshments 10:30-11:00am

Welcome remarks 11:15am

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◆ Congressman Joe Courtney and EB leadership

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Meet with representatives 11:30 am-3pm

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◆ Electric Boat

◆ ELECTRIC BOAT

◆ Department of Labor Veterans

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◆ Training and Transitional Assistance programs

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## **Combat Exposure and Academic Integration: Self-Reported Well-Being Among Student Veterans Study**

Jeffrey Goulding, is a graduate student in the Counseling Psychology PhD program in the Department of Professional Psychology and Family Therapy at Seton Hall University.

This a survey for a national research project aimed to help student veterans by better understanding the relationship for veterans between the stressors of deployment and feelings of well-being upon returning from deployment. It also seeks to understand how student veterans feel they are transitioning to life on college campuses. This research will work to inform policy makers, the military, mental health professionals and institutions of higher learning how to better help veterans transition post deployment.

Your participation in this study involves completing a demographic questionnaire and two measures. Total participation time for each individual is approximately 10-20 minutes.

Participation in this study will provide valuable information in further understanding the factors that contribute the different stressors that veterans experience as a result of their deployment and the difficulties they may have transitioning to campus life as well as potential avenues for easing transition and informing therapists and college campuses about how better to serve military service men and women.

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The survey is anonymous and no specific identifying information is being requested. Researchers will only collect the unique survey identifiers generated by the Qualtrics software. While the study is anonymous, participants may wish to exercise caution when providing information via the internet. You are free to withdraw at any time by closing your browser window.

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## **Etiquette Dinner**

Do you eat like your on a time line or in austere environment? For those Veterans graduating here is an opportunity to experience the social norms of eating in public. More importantly this is an opportunity to network with fellow Alumni for your future. endeavors

Wednesday, April 27

6:00 pm - 8:30 pm

UConn Alumni Center



No matter where you interview, intern, or work, etiquette is important. Learn how to present a professional image while practicing those skills over a three-course meal. UConn alumni will be hosting tables, so you'll also be able to hear their etiquette tips and start networking. Hosted by the Office of UConn Alumni Relations. This event is open to all undergraduate and graduate students from all UConn campuses. There is a **\$10 charge to attend**, which includes salad, your choice of entree, dessert, and beverages. You'll also receive **priceless information** to lead you on a path to **professional success!**

Sign up here: [UConnAlumni.com/Etiquette](http://UConnAlumni.com/Etiquette)

## 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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|---|------------------|--|
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| AonHewitt Consulting Practice               | Mike Walton      | mike.walton@aonhewitt.com                |
| Bank of America                             | Lisa McNulty     | li-sa.a.mcnulty@bankofamerica.com        |
| Baystate Health                             | Dennis O'Brien   | dennis.obrien@baystatehealth.org         |
| Boehringer-Ingelheim                        | Jeff Bridges     | jeffrey.bridges@boehringer-ingelheim.com |
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