



# The Husky Vet Gazette



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## FREE LUNCH - Welcome Back!

**When?** Thursday, September 8th, 11a.m. to 1p.m.

**Where?** Oasis, Student Union Rm. 224

**Why?** Free food and Good Company

The University of Connecticut's Office of Veterans Affairs & Military Programs would like to welcome you to the 2016-2017 school year—returners and new students alike!!

This is a great chance to catch up with old friends or make new ones.

Drop in as you can, between classes, and enjoy some food.

Questions? Please contact Nikki Cole at [Nikki.cole@uconn.edu](mailto:Nikki.cole@uconn.edu) or call [\(860\) 486-3802](tel:(860)486-3802).



## Veterans FYE Class—Fall 2016

**Last Chance to sign up!!**

The Veterans FYE (First Year Experience) Class is being offered this Fall 2016 at the main Storrs campus. This class is open to all military-connected students who are new incoming freshmen, sophomore, and transfer students. This is a one credit class, taught and mentored by student veterans, that meets for 50 minutes once per week and is open exclusively to incoming students who are either veterans or dependents of veterans. As a component of the First Year Experience (FYE) program, this course will acquaint you with the university and expand your learning and social experiences by helping you become familiar university resources, as well as give you an avenue to connect with other military-connected students. This course will also help you navigate and understand the full spectrum of benefits provided to you as a veteran or dependent by the state/federal government. Finally, this course will provide opportunities for you to enhance your academic and interpersonal skills in a relaxed atmosphere where your learning is our priority.

The Veterans FYE class will be on Wednesdays, 11:00a.m. to 11:50a.m. in Arjona 340. Please email Paul Hanlon at [paul.hanlon@uconn.edu](mailto:paul.hanlon@uconn.edu) directly for a permission number to register for this class. Paul will be the instructor for this class and he is currently a graduate student at UConn who previously served in the military and is working in the Office of Veterans Affairs and Military Programs for the 2016-2017 academic year.

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## Military Appreciation Football Game - UConn vs. Syracuse September 24th

### Free tickets for Volunteers!!

**Call for Volunteers:** Superflag is happening on September 24th this year at Rentschler Field for the UConn vs. Syracuse football game. Get in for free by volunteering to help bring the Superflag onto the field at the start of the game and to participate in the halftime activities. Please RSVP by Sept. 19th to Paul Hanlon via email at [paul.hanlon@uconn.edu](mailto:paul.hanlon@uconn.edu) and include the following information:

- Last Name
- Best Phone Number
- Best Email
- UConn Affiliation (i.e. student, staff, faculty, club, etc.)



More details will be coming soon about the Tailgater and the Military discount for any veterans/active duty/Guard/Reserve who want to attend the game, but won't be volunteering.

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## COFFEE/COOKIES & CONVERSATION

### With Dan & Rob about Benefits

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 30, 2016**

**7:30A.M. TO 11:00A.M.**

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 31, 2016**

**1:30P.M. TO 4:00P.M.**

### OASIS, STUDENT UNION RM. 224

Rob Passmore and Dan Kowalchik, UConn's Certifying Officials and experts on Benefits will be in the Oasis to discuss any concerns, questions, etc. students have about VA Educational Benefits, the State Combat Tuition Waiver, National Guard Waiver, etc. Or, just stop in and take a break with some coffee & pastries (Tuesday), or lemonade and cookies (Wednesday).



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## Reminder: Don't forget to complete the Form D!

If you have not yet done so for this Fall semester, submit your Form D today!

Students receiving Educational Benefits must submit the Form D each semester. Completion and submission of the Form D is required prior to the UConn fee bill deadline of an upcoming term. Student veterans will not be processed for benefits without completion and submission this form. Form Ds submitted past the UConn fee bill deadline could incur late fees. All form D's are available online at [www.veterans.uconn.edu/forms](http://www.veterans.uconn.edu/forms)

If you have general questions about your benefits visit <http://veterans.uconn.edu/benefits>.

For specific questions email [veterans@uconn.edu](mailto:veterans@uconn.edu)

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## Marine Combat Fitness Challenge

**When: Saturday, Sept. 17th at 1400**

**Where: UConn Outdoor Track of the Sherman Sports Complex on Storrs campus**

**Who: Open to anyone who is interested (sign-up in teams of 2)**



This is an obstacle course that involves running, maneuvering with a partner in military positions, and carrying heavy equipment. Sponsored by UConn's Veteran Students Organization, each team of 2 people will be charged \$5 to help cover the cost of T-Shirts, if registered by Sept. 7th. The Fastest Team gets a Prize. Students can register by contacting Brittany Davis at [Brittany.davis@uconn.edu](mailto:Brittany.davis@uconn.edu) or they can register at the event.

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## Veteran Students Organization (VSO)

**First VSO Meeting:**

**Thursday, Sept. 1st at 3:00p.m. in the Oasis, Student Union Rm. 224**

Meet other students in the UConn Veterans Community!! 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.

*Samuel Surowitz is the VSO President and Veterans Program Coordinator. If you're interested in getting involved with the VSO attend our meeting or contact him at [samuel.surowitz@uconn.edu](mailto:samuel.surowitz@uconn.edu).*



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## September Veteran of the Month

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The Office of Veterans Affairs and Military Programs at UConn is pleased to announce Ed Weingart as UConn's Veteran of the Month for September 2016.

Ed served in the CT Army National Guard from 2000 to 2009. In January 2003, Ed joined the 143<sup>rd</sup> MP Company, and deployed in support of Operation Enduring Freedom to Kuwait and Baghdad, Iraq. After one year they returned home to CT as the most highly decorated National Guard Unit in US history. Upon Ed's return, he transferred to the 102d Army Band as a drummer, guitar player, MC, and sound engineer. Ed also volunteered to rejoin the 143<sup>rd</sup> MP Company on their humanitarian relief mission to New Orleans following Hurricane Katrina. His awards include the Humanitarian Service Medal, Combat Action Badge, and Army Commendation Medal for valor.

Ed describes his transition from the military as "far from seamless." At 21, after returning from overseas, Ed bought a house and started college at UConn. During his first semester he suffered from PTSD and really struggled academically. However, once he transferred to the Department of Dramatic Arts, he found his career path and a job he loved, which really helped with the transition. Additionally, Ed kept in close contact with many of the soldiers he served with, which really helped Ed, since they share such a strong bond from their combat experience together. Similar to the military, Ed says working together in the theater, everyone really has to lean on each other to survive. While the stakes may be lower than in a combat zone, Ed has found that working with his colleagues in the theater industry to create a show can also forge long-lasting bonds with people. The leadership training and experience Ed gained from the military uniquely prepared him for his career as Technical Director since he has to manage people and lead a team to build the sets for shows.

Ed is Assistant Professor of Technical Direction, the Executive Technical Director of The Connecticut Repertory Theater, and the head of the Technical Direction Masters in Fine Arts Program at UConn. Essentially, Ed's job, and what he teaches, is the planning, engineering, and execution that happens backstage in order to turn the vision for a show in to a reality on stage. Ed says what he enjoys most about his job, "is working with bright and creative young people and watching as they develop their artistic and technical talents over the course of their time at the University . . . Even more rewarding is hearing back from my former students once they have gone out in to the world to work as they become successful in their own right." Ed says he, "also enjoys watching an audience gasp and try to figure out how we were able to make a person fly across the stage."

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.

# Job Search Resources for Student Veterans

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## 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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## UConn Business/Veteran Student Career Expo

September 23, 2016

11a.m.—3p.m.

Student Union Ballroom & Rm. 304

Attention Business and Veteran Students – start your semester off strong by meeting with key corporate employers at the School of Business / Veteran Student Career Expo! Open to all School of Business students and all Veteran students of any major. Take advantage of meeting employers early in the semester before the interview season starts. The best networking also involves following up with these employers at the University Career Fair.

Questions? Contact Kathy Hendrickson at [Kathy.Hendrickson@business.uconn.edu](mailto:Kathy.Hendrickson@business.uconn.edu)

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## University Career Fair

Wednesday, October 5th, 2016

11a.m.—3p.m.

Gampel Pavilion

## STEM Career Fair

Thursday, October 6th, 2016

11a.m.—3p.m.

Gampel Pavilion

Questions? Contact the Center for Career Development at 860-486-3013 or [career@uconn.edu](mailto:career@uconn.edu)

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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?



Company	Point of Contact	Email Address
Access Health CT	Peter VanLoon	peter.vanloon@ct.gov
Aetna	Jill Klepacki	klepackij@aetna.com
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
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