



# The Husky Vet Gazette



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## Free Tax Return Help

UConn's volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program (VITA) has double the staff this year. So they have opened up their services to all Veterans and their families.

The volunteers are certified by the IRS to prepare simple Federal and Connecticut state income tax returns. With staff from the School of Business, Beta Alpha Psi, and Payroll.

If you would like more information or to sign up, visit their website: [accounting.business.uconn.edu/VITA](http://accounting.business.uconn.edu/VITA)



## VSO elections are done!

The VSO has a shiny new E-Board!

President: Ben Nobles

Vice President: Alex Mando

Treasurer: Alex Teskey

Secretary: Chris Plourde

VP of Vet Outreach: Spencer Cohen

VP of Veterans Recruitment: Michael Brett

VP of Communication: Michael Bidwell



Be sure to congratulate your new board members when you see them!

Our next meeting (as per the 1st and 3rd Wednesday rule) will be:

**March 1st in the Oasis at 1100.**

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## Pat Tillman Scholarship Foundation

The application is open to military veterans and spouses pursuing a full-time bachelor's, master's, or professional degree at a US-based accredited institution. Each award is based on the applicant's unique financial need—this year they anticipate each Tillman Scholar will receive an annual award of ~\$10,000.

You can find more information about the program at [pattillmanfoundation.org](http://pattillmanfoundation.org). The Tillman Scholars program unites the best talent and leadership from the military, investing in those who will become our country's next doctors, policymakers, scientists, entrepreneurs, teachers and artists.

The application closes **March 1**.



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### Military-Themed Late Night

The Office of Veterans Affairs & Military Programs is working in conjunction with the Student Activities to host a military-themed Late Night on **March 24**. UConn Late Night provides UConn students with free, fun, exciting quality entertainment on Friday and Saturday nights in the Student Union.



If you have any ideas for the military-themed Late Night on March 24th, please forward them to Ben Nobles at [mari-on.nobles@uconn.edu](mailto:mari-on.nobles@uconn.edu) or to Sam Surowitz at [Samuel.surowitz@uconn.edu](mailto:Samuel.surowitz@uconn.edu)

More details are coming soon!

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### Veteran Student Life Award Application/Nomination Deadline: February 24th

UConn's Willis N. Hawley Service and Leadership Award will be available for applications beginning January 28th. The deadline for nominations/applications will be February 24th. \$1,000 will be given to a UConn student (from any campus - undergraduate or graduate). This award recognizes a student veteran who has made significant contributions to the University community through leadership and service during their tenure as a student. The recipient will have demonstrated a commitment to raising awareness and actively advocating for veteran's issues at the University.



More information is available online at <http://sla.uconn.edu/award-descriptions/> along with the online nomination form.

If you know someone you want to nominate, or you would like to nominate yourself, go in and make your nomination by **Feb. 24th!**

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## Luncheon with David Wood, Pulitzer Prize Winner

February 27, 2017 - 12:00p.m. to 1:30p.m.

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All students and Veterans are welcome to the luncheon and conversation with David Wood & Joe Brett on February 27th. The food is being provided by the Dodd Center.

Pulitzer Prize-winner, David Wood, and Joe Brett will be coming to campus (Storrs) to speak with students about the experiences of those directly impacted by war. [David Wood](#) is a Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist who has covered war and conflict around the world. Joe Brett is Vice President for [Veterans Heritage Project](#) and he co-hosts an internet radio program, Front and Center USA.

**A Legacy of Veteran Expressions after War**  
Every Veteran's Life Tells a Story and Every Veteran Leaves a Legacy

Thomas J. Dodd Research Center Gallery  
January 1 - February 28, 2017

THOMAS J. DODD  
RESEARCH CENTER

**Recovery and Reconciliation After the Yugoslav Wars**  
A Study in Portraits and Legacies of Those Who now Fight for Peace  
Photographs by Robin Albarano

Thomas J. Dodd Research Center Hallway  
February 10 - March 14, 2017

**OPENING RECEPTION**  
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2017  
4:00 - 6:00PM  
THOMAS J. DODD RESEARCH CENTER

sponsored by  
The James Barnett Endowment for Humanistic Anthropology  
The Humanities Institute &  
The Humility and Conviction in Public Life

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## Veterans Housing Community

*Come live with us!*

If you're currently living on-campus and wish to return to on-campus housing next year, don't forget to submit your 2017-2018 On-Campus Housing Application on time! For those students interested in living in the Veterans Community on-campus, please send an email by **February 24th** to [Nikki.cole@uconn.edu](mailto:Nikki.cole@uconn.edu) with your full name, student ID number (PeopleSoft), and indicate the full name of the person you want as a roommate (assuming they will also be sending a mutual request).

The Veterans Community will be located in South Suites for 2017-2018. Questions? Contact Nikki Cole at [Nikki.cole@uconn.edu](mailto:Nikki.cole@uconn.edu) about this living option.

# 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.

## ACP & UConn - Spring 2017 Mentorships Available

Start the Spring Semester with a professional career coach through ACP's Veteran Mentoring Program!

[American Corporate Partners](#) (ACP), helps veterans achieve career goals through a free national mentorship program and is a proud partner of the Student Veterans of America (SVA). Hundreds of student veterans have already taken advantage of these opportunities with great success — check out some of their stories on ACP's [website!](#)

### What ACP offers:

A one-on-one yearlong mentorship with a corporate professional in a career field of your interest. ACP Mentors come from one of 60+ companies like 21st Century Fox, Deloitte, GE, Intel, Johnson & Johnson, Lockheed Martin, USAA and [many others](#).

### What you can gain from an ACP Mentorship:

- Learn about career/internship opportunities
- Build a network of professionals
- Improve your resume and interview skills
- Translate your military experience into civilian terms
- Learn how to advance at your current job



To start your mentorship, visit [www.acp-usa.org/mentoring](http://www.acp-usa.org/mentoring) to apply today and note that you were referred by UCONN on your application and please indicate which campus. If you have questions, please email Avi Mayville at [amayville@acp-usa.org](mailto:amayville@acp-usa.org)



## Full-time Jobs, Internships, & Co-op Positions

Recruiting Event Open to all U.S. Veterans worldwide  
with College & University level Education  
(Free for Veterans to register and participate)

Register at - <https://www.careereco.com/Fair/EventDetails?fairId=05boec06-326f-4cc6-a36c-a6cd00f8196a>

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# January/February Veteran of the Month

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The Office of Veterans Affairs and Military Programs at UConn is pleased to announce Alexander Teskey as UConn's Veterans of the Month for January/February 2017.

Alex served 6 years in the Navy as a submarine Nuclear Machinist's Mate. For the first two years, Alex was stationed in Charleston, SC for Naval Nuclear Power Training. Then, he was stationed at the Sub Base in Groton, CT on the USS Dallas (SSN-700) for the remainder of his time in the Navy. During that time, Alex and the rest of the crew on the USS Dallas were deployed two times to the Middle East and once to South America with dozens of shorter underways in between. After letting him drag her from California to South Carolina to Connecticut, Alex's wife Elly, and Alex finally decided to buy a home and settle down in Connecticut.

Alex has always known that he wanted to be an engineer, and the G.I. Bill has given him a fantastic opportunity to reach that goal to pursue a degree in Materials Science & Engineering. He's genuinely fascinated by how and why things work (or don't work). As a materials engineer, he'll have a much deeper understanding of the differences that make a successful design, or a spectacular failure. Outside of class, Alex is a member of the Veterans Student Organization and the treasurer of the UConn Skydiving Club. Alex was part of the UConn skydiving Team that won a gold medal at the [National Collegiate Parachuting Championships](#) in Arizona in December and January.

As a leader in a particularly small but dedicated student organization, Alex shares he's had the opportunity to talk with his counterparts at several respected universities about starting and maintaining their student organizations. Most universities encourage students to start and participate in student organizations to form well rounded young adults. Where UConn leads the pack is its extraordinary devotion to that goal. In his experience, UConn provides more staff, mentorship, funding and are just more accepting of small or niche student interests, and Alex believes this attitude helps produce better adults. For Alex, it's exciting to see such a large organization striving toward a genuinely positive outcome through everyday operations.

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 reasons for your nomination.



## 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	lisa.a.mcnulty@bankofamerica.com
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