



The Husky Vet Gazette

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Volunteers Needed!

Bring the Colossal Colors
(giant flag) to the
UConn Baseball Game



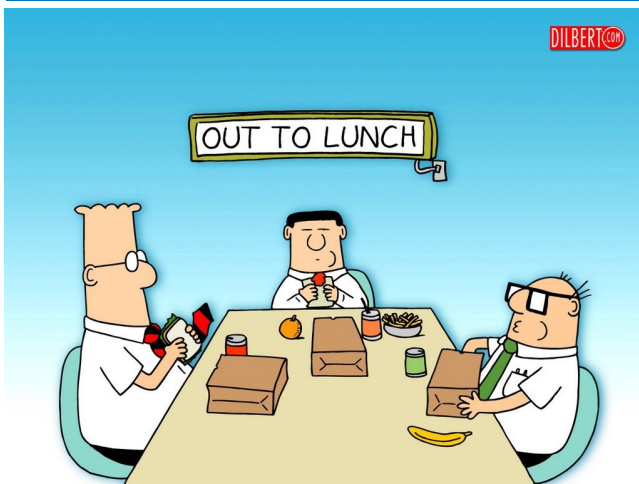
When: UConn Baseball vs. Cincinnati - April 28th
Report at 1:00pm, Game at 3:00pm

Who: Open to all students and guests

What: Carry the Colossal Colors (giant flag) onto the field

Where: J.O. Christian Field (Baseball Field on Storrs campus)

Register at Veterans.uconn.edu



End-of-Year Lunch Social!!

(Free food, good company)

Thursday, April 27, 2017

11:30am to 1:30pm

Arjona 339 (Storrs)

Take a break from studying. Bring your appetite!

Everyone in the UConn Veterans Community is welcome to join in one last get-together before the year ends!

Questions? Contact Nikki Cole at Nikki.cole@uconn.edu

Walking in Commencement? Pick-up a Graduation Cord

Graduation Cords 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 2017 Commencement Ceremony.



Please stop in at Arjona 342 or 345 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 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.

Get Paid - Complete and Submit your FORM D!

If you are going to continue using benefits over the summer, or are returning to UConn in the Fall, please ensure that you file your electronic Form D for the Spring 2017 semester at <http://veterans.uconn.edu/benefits/forms/>

Whether you are a new student, or you're returning for another exciting semester, you need to fill out a Form D in order to get your tuition paid (as well as receive your BAH), if you're using Educational benefits from the VA.

If you have any questions or concerns bring them to the Office of Veterans Affairs & Military Programs located in Arjona Rm. 345, or call 860-486-2442.

Become a Husky Vet Buddy for 2017-2018!

Do you remember what it was like when you first came to UConn? Do you want the chance to make it better for another student veteran coming to campus? Now is your chance . . . Starting in the Fall, new student veterans will be matched to "Husky Vet Buddies" (sort of like a "battle buddy") who can be on hand for whatever questions, etc. they have when they get to campus. The requirements for Husky Vet Buddies are:

- At least in their 2nd year on-campus in the Fall
- Minimum 2.5 cumulative GPA
- Desire to work with fellow students

If you're interested in becoming a Husky Vet Buddy for the Fall semester, please contact Nikki Cole or Paul Hanlon, and send an email to them at Nikki.cole@uconn.edu with your full name and any questions you may have. We'll be setting up times to meet with individuals who are interested, during the last couple weeks in April.

We're also looking for your input about the Husky Vet Buddies Program, so we can use that as we move forward. There are only 4 questions, and it only takes a couple minutes to fill out: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/DH89MR3> Thank you!!



Letter from Italy, 1944 - Discounted Tickets!

On May 4, 2017 at 7:30 pm the GMChorale and Hartford Chorale, with the Hartford Symphony Orchestra, will present the Hartford premiere of ***Letter from Italy, 1944*** at the Bushnell Center for the Performing Arts.

Letter from Italy, 1944 is a story for all soldiers in all wars who cope with PTSD. It is a true story about Doctor John Meneely, a Yale Medical School graduate and a regimental surgeon and combat medic in the U.S. Army's 10th Mountain Division. This new oratorio brings to life the story of the Meneely family as their husband and father is trying to cope with his wartime psychological wounds- a love story of a soldier and his family.

Letter from Italy, 1944 is timely as our nation strives to understand and address our veterans' struggles with the emotional consequences of war. View a preview of this production at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vmzTF9RV24I&t=14s>. The performance will feature a combined chorus of 200 voices, orchestral accompaniment, and stage projections of photos of the family and the 10th Mountain Division's heroic efforts in World War II. See <http://www.hartfordchorale.org/letter-from-italy-1944> for details and tickets. Use the discount code LFIVET for a 10% discount. Prices for groups of ten or more are discounted by 15% to 25%.



ROTC Commissioning Ceremonies

The University of Connecticut and both ROTC programs are very proud of their students who will be commissioned as officers. These students have demonstrated dedication and commitment to both their academic degree and their completion of the Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) program. Next month, the commissioning ceremonies will celebrate these students' accomplishments.

Air Force ROTC: May 6th

UConn's Air Force ROTC Detachment 115 is holding their Commissioning Ceremony on May 6th at 10:00a.m. in the Student Union Theatre. If you're interested in attending the ceremony, please RSVP to Keara Ludiker at Keara.ludiker@uconn.edu



Army ROTC: May 19th

UConn's Army ROTC Commissioning Ceremony will be held on Friday, May 19th at 4:00p.m. in the Student Union Theater.

Contact Elizabeth Little at Elizabeth.little@uconn.edu with any questions.



Attire for military personnel is service dress and business casual for everyone else.

Job Search Resources for Student Veterans

Student Veterans of America Fellowship

Want to work at SVA National HQ? SVA is proud to announce that we are becoming a host site for The Mission Continues Fellowship Program. This fantastic program can provide you the opportunity to hone your professional skills and receive a cost of living stipend as you serve 20 hours per week for 26 weeks at SVA's National HQ in Washington D.C. [Apply before April 17th](#)

For more information contact:

Darren Phelps at Darren.phelps@studentveterans.org or call 202-223-4710

The required skills/qualifications for this position:

The ideal candidate is someone with knowledge of college campus life, strong communicative and writing abilities, and experience with Excel, PowerPoint, Word, and Google Docs.



CT State Library Job for Veterans

The Connecticut State Library is looking to hire college students and veterans to work at our Remembering World War One Digitization Day events. This project holds community events centered around helping Connecticut residents remember and document the WWI veterans in their own families. They do this by interviewing family members and scanning or photographing the photos, letters and other keepsakes they bring them. These stories and images are then made available online for use by family, students, teachers and anyone with an interest in WWI.

This is an opportunity to get students involved in the commemoration of World War One while giving them some hands-on skills. They are looking for Veterans to do these interviews because it gives extra meaning to the families they work with. Their knowledge of military lingo, documents and history provides an insight that is invaluable.

The positions are on a per event basis and compensation is \$15/hr. This funding is made available through a grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities.

More information about the project can be found at <http://ctinworldwar1.org/digitization-days/>

Interested? If you are interested in applying for a position at one or more events please email a cover letter and resume or C.V. to Christine Pittsley at christine.pittsley@ct.gov Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis.



April Veteran of the Month

The Office of Veterans Affairs and Military Programs at UConn is pleased to announce Jeanne Martin as UConn's Honorary "Veteran" of the Month for April 2017.

Though Jeanne did not serve in the military, she does a lot for student veterans as a staff member at the UConn Avery Point Campus. Jeanne currently works as the Director of Registration Services, and one of her many roles in that position is to serve as the campus liaison for Avery Point for assisting student veterans with their educational benefits in addition to overseeing the Veterans Center at Avery Point. Prior to this role, Jeanne had several years' experience with student operations at Avery Point, and through that experience she learned the long history of veterans and their families attending the Avery Point campus.

Jeanne shares that she discovered when working with student veterans, and active duty military, their sense of humility. For example, she found that when she thanked them for their service and sacrifice, the response she'd often hear was, "I was just doing my job." Her role working with veterans and their families, gives Jeanne the opportunity to not just say thank you to them, but to help them navigate the complex system of VA benefits and university registration. "In other words," Jeanne says, "I get to do my job for them."

Jeanne says, "the best part of my job is when a student walks into my office with a problem he or she has, and I am able to fix it for them." As she gets to know individual students, Jeanne is often impressed with how courteous and accomplished UConn students are. She realizes there are many, many faculty and staff across all campuses who are amazingly capable and help students every day. That's something she really likes about UConn.

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 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?



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Access Health CT	Peter VanLoon	peter.vanloon@ct.gov
AonHewitt Consulting Practice	Mike Walton	mike.walton@aonhewitt.com
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Baystate Health	Dennis O'Brien	dennis.obrien@baystatehealth.org
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