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Colossal Colors on November 4th!

We need Vets and their families to help display our Colossal US Flag before UConn Football plays. Volunteers receive a gift as well as free ticket to the game!

Sign up at veterans.uconn.edu



Annual UConn Veterans Day Ceremony

Where: Founder's Green (in front of Wilbur Cross - Storrs)

When: November 10th at 11:00a.m.

Keynote Speaker: Brigadier General Ralph Hedenberg, CT National Guard

Each year, UConn and the Office of Veterans Affairs & Military Programs organizes a ceremony to honor the courage and volunteerism of Veteran students, staff and faculty working and living here at UConn. The ceremony will involve laying of a wreath at the Ultimate Sacrifice memorial, Color Guard, and much more.

Light refreshments following the ceremony in the South Reading Room of Wilbur Cross



Coffee Hour with Special Guest



What: Coffee and Pastries with a Special Guest

When: November 10th at 9:00a.m.

Where: In the Oasis, Student Union 224 (Storrs)

The Veteran Affairs and Military Programs Office has a surprise special guest coming to the OASIS the day before Veterans Day. Coffee and pastries will also be provided.

You Do Not Want to Miss It.

Devils Hopyard State Park Hike - Nov. 11th

The VSO is collaborating with the Sierra Club for a hike on **Saturday, November 11 at 10:00a.m.** This hike is roughly 3 hours and the plan is to go to a restaurant that offers free meals for Veterans after. This event is open to anyone, although the trail may be tough for young children.

[More details and location can be found on this Doc.](#)



Free Movies and Popcorn!

Through collaboration between the CSD, Student Activities and The Office of Veterans Affairs & Military Programs at UConn, there will now be several movies shown in November centered around military/veterans and disabilities.

Saturday, November 11

2 pm Men of Honor

5 pm Born on the 4th of July

Student Union Theater



Wednesday, November 15

5 pm American Sniper

8 pm Forrest Gump

Student Union Theater

Admission is free. **All the restrictions for minors/UConn ID apply (i.e. only folks with an ID will be admitted—they can bring guests).** Every attendee gets free popcorn and a drink.

Job Search Resources for Student Veterans

Vets Rock 2017!

Where: Mohegan Sun and Arena
When: November 3rd 1000AM to Late
What: Lots of Stuff

Vets Rock is a huge Veterans Day related event that offers tons of events and opportunities for Veterans. Including:

- Joe Walsh Concert
- Vet Owned Vendor Village
- A Huge Career Fair and Workshop
- Complimentary Suit
- Discounts at many Mohegan Restaurants



For more details and to purchase tickets check out their [main page](#)

See you at the Casino!

ACP (American Corporate Partners) Mentors

American Corporate Partners (ACP) is a nationwide, nonprofit organization that proudly assists America's veterans in their transition from the military to finding their next career.

We provide professional development guidance through free mentorships from corporate professionals, networking opportunities and online career coaching.

Since 2008, ACP has assisted more than 10,000 veterans, and our veteran mentoring program is open to all post-9/11 veterans. **Get started today @** acp-usa.org/mentoring



DONATION DRIVE



Let us help those who need help.

Drop off items in the collection box or in Arjona 343 from Nov. 13th to Dec 8th!

The UConn Office of Veterans Affairs and Military Programs has initiated its 5th annual care package drive. Collected items will be donated to shelters which provide housing, training, job placement, and other services to the homeless and those in need with a focus on veterans. Create a team name and attach it to your donations if you want to compete against other teams. The winner will receive a plaque commemorating their contributions! Contact samuel.surowitz@uconn.edu or peter.harrington@UConn.edu for more info or call 860-486-5078!

Recommended Collection Items

General Hygiene Items: Soap, shampoo, razor blades, shaving cream, feminine hygiene products, deodorant, etc

Household Supplies: cleaners, batteries, paper towels, plastic utensils, Ziploc bags, detergents, toilet paper, etc

New Clothing: Winter Clothing, socks, hats jackets, sweats, underwear, undershirts, sizes M-XXXL

Food: Canned goods, coffee, non-perishables, condiments, peanut butter, jelly, powdered creamer, sauces, etc

Veteran of the Month: October 2017

Leonard “Lenny” Adams

The Office of Veterans Affairs & Military Programs at UConn is pleased to honor Lenny Adams as our “Veteran of the Month” for October 2017. Lenny served in the Active Duty U.S. Army for a little over 6 years as a Medical Laboratory Specialist. He was assigned to the 31st Combat Support Hospital (CSH), and he deployed with them for 15 months during “The Surge” from 2007 to 2008 to Camp Bucca, Iraq. He deployed with them a second time for 11 months during 2010 to Afghanistan: Camp Dwyer, Camp Deleram II, and Camp Arena. During both of those tours, the 31st CSH conducted emergent medical care for a range of members of our joint forces—primarily Army soldiers (Iraq) and Marines (Afghanistan)—as well as the local nationals of each respective country. Lenny recounts: “We saved a lot of lives... but as is often the case, we couldn’t save them all. My experiences throughout my time in the Army helped me to appreciate the many freedoms and amenities that are abundant here in our beloved country. I feel that I have learned many profound lessons through those years of challenges and introspection. In their totality, my experiences have helped me to transform into my *best self*, and I will always be grateful for that.”

After completing his contract at the end of 2011, Lenny spent some time traveling across the country (from Arizona to Connecticut) as well as an unforgettable trip abroad (Berlin, Germany; Nice, France; and Barcelona, Spain). After those travels, he settled into a job at Lawrence and Memorial Hospital as a Medical Laboratory Technician a year and a half before transferring to their satellite facility Pequot Health Center. After several years of working as a civilian in the medical field, he realized he wanted to become a Computer Scientist and Engineer. So with a lot of determination, Lenny did all that was needed to get accepted into UConn and into the School of Engineering as a Computer Science and Engineering major. He says it has been—and continues to be—one of the greatest challenges of his life!

There are a number of things Lenny enjoys about UConn. He really enjoys the overall atmosphere at UConn, and he appreciates the faculty and staff, as they are all very friendly, enthusiastic, and supportive. He states, “Our UConn veterans community is, in my opinion, out-freakin-standing! We are well connected and share a very dynamic camaraderie—complete with encouragement as well as good humor! It is an empowering experience and one that I thoroughly enjoy being a part

of.” Overall, Lenny really enjoys the enthusiasm of the various student clubs, having joined several clubs on-campus. Also, he really appreciates the knowledgeable tutors at the Quantitative Center (Q-Center), and he highly recommends anyone give the Q-Center a try. Last but not least, Lenny has attended several of the Late Night events, which he found to be SO awesome!!! He shares, “I encourage any and all members of our UConn community to stay the course and continue to greet each day as another great opportunity to build the foundation of your future. It is both a privilege and an honor to be a student/veteran here, and it is my goal to continue to contribute positively and enthusiastically to the empowerment of our UConn family!”

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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