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WANTED

We want YOU . . .

To join us for LUNCH

Thurs., Jan. 18th, 11:30a.m. - 1:30p.m.

Oasis (Student Union 224 - Storrs)

Open to EVERYONE in the UConn Veterans Community for a chance to catch-up with friends, or to meet new ones. Questions? Contact Nikki Cole at 860-486-3802.



Fill out your FAFSA!

Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) is your gateway to grants and loans from the government for your education. Even if you already receive benefits from the VA you may still be eligible for grants from the federal government. However, you must fill out a FAFSA to receive them.



To apply for maximum available benefits for the 2018-19 academic year, you must fill out you FAFSA by **March 1st!**

Potential for thousands of dollars to be awarded. Go to <https://financialaid.uconn.edu/checklist/> for the link to the FAFSA, and for more information for completing it.

Adding/Dropping Classes? Don't forget to complete the Amended Form D

If you are using VA Educational Benefits and you're adding/dropping classes, then you need to complete the Amended Form D for your Educational Benefits. This form MUST be filled out when you add or drop a class.

It's easy - just go to:

<http://veterans.uconn.edu/benefits/forms/> and submit the "Amended Form D" online.

Questions?? Go to the Office of Veterans Affairs & Military Programs in Arjona Rm. 345, email veterans@uconn.edu or call 860-486-2442.

The Results Are In . . . For The 2017 Care Package Drive:

The 2017 competitive Care Package Drive was the 5th annual drive that we have hosted. In total we provided over 4,000 food and clothing items to those in need, with a strong focus on homeless veterans. Twenty teams from across the UConn main and regional campuses, as well as a non-profit and a local business participated in our drive. We were able to completely fill two SUVs and a full size work van with all of the items! This year donations went to Homes for the Brave, Southpark Inn, and directly to those living on the streets in Hartford through a partnership with the Hartford Police Department.

In the spirit of friendly competition, we identified this year's winner as "Budds Bandits" from the Budd's Building! Second place goes to the Gully Whompers of the Provost's Office, and third to the "United We Care" of the Student Union! Thanks to all the rest of the teams and participants for their unsung contributions to this cause!



Veteran Graduate Students' Association

Are you a veteran graduate student or interested in veterans' issues? Do you want to collaborate with a group of like-minded young professionals? Looking for a way to gain experience and build your resume?

Reach out to the Veteran Graduate Student Association (VGSA), a UConn tier II funded, multi-campus organization! Regular members and executive officers are needed!

Contact Samuel.Surowitz@UConn.edu or Mary.Hartford@UConn.edu for more info. or call 860-486-5078!



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 2018-2019 On-Campus Housing Application online by **January 22nd!**

For those students interested in living in the Veterans Community on-campus, please send an email by **February 23rd** to 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 2018-2019. Questions? Contact Nikki Cole at Nikki.cole@uconn.edu about this living option.



Veterans Advisory Council Meetings

Everyone in the UConn Veterans Community are welcome to attend any of the Veterans Advisory Council Meetings.

Thursday, February 1st from 11a.m. to noon in Arjona 340 (Storrs)

Wednesday, April 4th from 1p.m. to 2p.m. in Arjona 340 (Storrs)



The Veterans Advisory Council is comprised of students, faculty and staff at UConn who are veterans, and who want to ensure a positive impact on the lives of fellow veterans at UConn.

Resources for Student Veterans

Wells Fargo Veterans Scholarship Program

To learn more and apply, visit: ScholarshipAmerica.org/WellsFargoVets

Deadline to apply is February 28, 2017

Despite federal education benefits for America's veterans, unmet financial need often derails educational progress. The Wells Fargo Veterans Scholarships fill the gap after military benefits and other grants and scholarships have been utilized.

Scholarships of up to \$7,000 per year are renewable, and each year's awards will increase by \$1,000 to encourage program completion.

Applicants must:

- Be an honorably discharged veteran of the United States military, or the spouse of a disabled veteran
- Be a high school or GED graduate, or a student currently enrolled in full-time undergraduate or graduate
- Study at an accredited two- or four-year college, university, or vocational-technical school
- Have a minimum grade point average of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale or its equivalent



ACP (American Corporate Partners) Mentors Women's Veteran Mentoring Program

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.

ACP started the WVMP in 2016 as a means to assist and develop female veteran professionals as they plan for their career or business.

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**



Veteran of the Month: December/January 2017

Marion Nobles

The Office of Veterans Affairs & Military Programs at UConn is pleased to honor Marion Nobles as our Veteran of the Month for December/January 2017. Marion “Ben” Nobles served in the United States Air Force for 6 years as a Tactical Air Controller. Although Ben Nobles would have been able to serve his country to the maximum extent possible if he were stationed in cool places like Germany or Italy, the Air Force decided to station him in Kansas with the 10 Air support operation squadron. Ben Nobles active day job was walking through the woods and making A-10s go “buuuuuurt.” Ben had a single deployment to Bagdad, Iraq in 2011 to support the Big Red One for Operation Iraqi Freedom. Unfortunately nothing cool enough worth talking about happened. Awards include an Army Accommodation Medal, Airman of the Group, and winner of 2010 10th ASOS Chili cook-off.

Ben Nobles came to UConn for the nationally renowned business school and to be near his girlfriend (now spouse) Christine. Ben originally started at the Hartford Campus, then transferred after his acceptance into the Business school. After arriving at Storrs, Ben became actively involved in the Veteran community at UConn, far surpassing Sam Surrowitz in both looks and works done. Serving as President of the Veteran Student Organization and Program Marketer for UConn’s Office of Veterans Affairs and Military Programs, Ben worked hard to contribute to the growing Veteran community. Ben says “my greatest accomplishment was getting the 1st annual Veterans Ball off the ground. Although I think most people had pretty low expectations for it, I like to think I far surpassed it. It was a lot of fun.” Truly UConn will not be the same after he graduates this month.



Ben Nobles was born in South Carolina (although he doesn't like sharing that), and was the oldest of 4. He grew up in the Appalachian mountains of North Carolina and became interested in the military after High School JROTC classes. He is a volunteer firefighter when he is not at campus, and will be moving to Charlotte, North Carolina after his graduation to be closer to 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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