



# The Husky Vet Gazette



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## 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 2018 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.

Questions? Please contact Nikki Cole at [Nikki.cole@uconn.edu](mailto:Nikki.cole@uconn.edu) or call (860) 486-3802. If you are one of the regional campuses. Please go to <http://veterans.uconn.edu/regional-campuses/> to find the main point of contact for your campus.



### HELP US HELP YOU: COMPLETE YOUR FORM D

*If You are not graduating yet don't worry your time will come and we will be there to support you on your mission. Help us help you!*

Please go to <https://veterans.uconn.edu/>

### FILL OUT YOUR FORM D

This is how we know your status and how to apply your educational benefits.

Questions? Contact UConn's Office of Veterans Affairs & Military Programs at 860-486-2224

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**End of Year Lunch  
Social - FREE  
FOOD!**

When: Friday, April 26th  
11:30a.m to 1:30p.m.

Where: Arjona 339 (Storrs)

Take a break from studying  
for finals and bring your ap-  
petite! Everyone in the  
UConn Veterans Community



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**Author: Dave Bushy**

**Presents a Free Public Seminar Discussion**

**On his book of Why and How**

**The World Looked Away:  
Vietnam After The War**

**10:30 am to 12:30 pm  
Friday, May 11, 2018  
The Community Room,  
Second Floor,  
The *Otis Library*  
261 Main Street  
Norwich, CT 06360**



Dave Bushy is a former U.S. Army officer who was on active duty shortly after the end of the American involvement in the Vietnam War. He served as an armor and counterintelligence officer and then went on to a long career as an airline pilot and senior business executive. He is now an executive coach and resides

For further information, please contact Event Organizer, Vincent Iovine

at [viovine10@gmail.com](mailto:viovine10@gmail.com)

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text or call Vincent Iovine at (860) 377-4695

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## Veteran Student Organization BBQ

**On Saturday, 21 April, the VSO will be hosting a BBQ at  
Bicentennial Pond in Mansfield, CT  
from 12:00 to 4:00 p.m..**

Fishing is open for those with active licenses.



This will be a good old fashioned pot luck style event



If you're interested in attending please contact Lenny Adams and the VSO at [uconnstorrveterans@gmail.com](mailto:uconnstorrveterans@gmail.com), or just show up and join in on the fun!

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## *Arizona open for studying the weekend before Finals*

*From 7:00 AM-7:00PM Saturday and Sunday*



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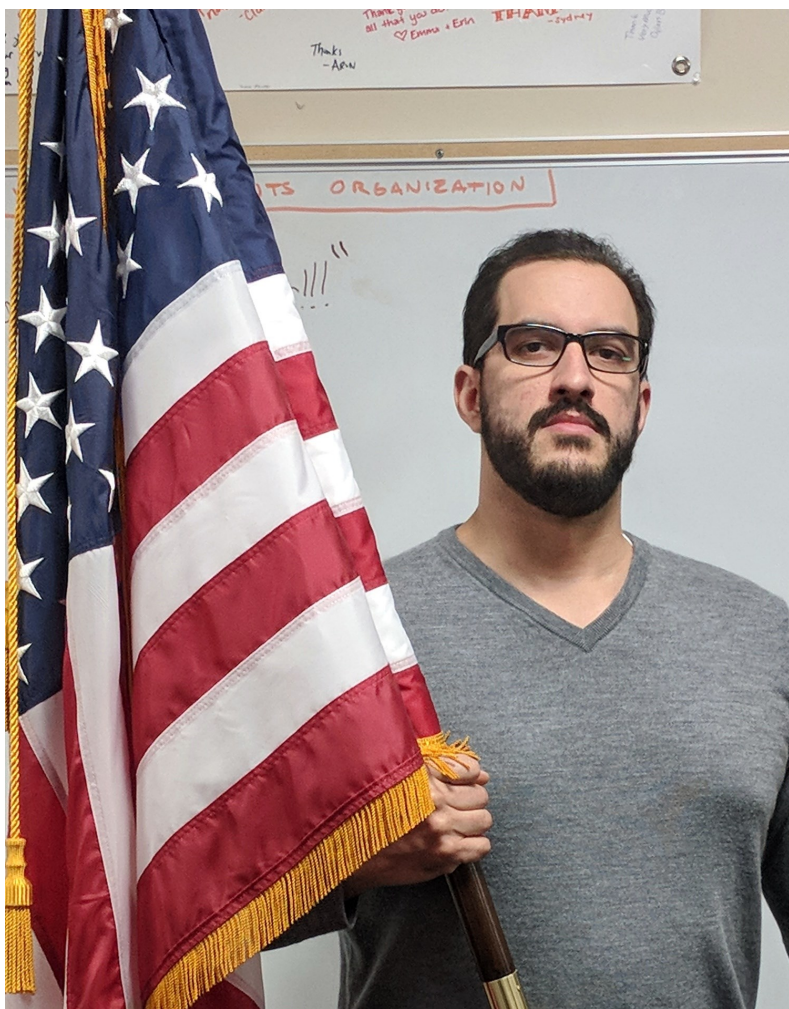
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# Veteran of the Month: April 2018

## Austin Ford

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The Office of Veterans Affairs & Military Programs at UConn is pleased to honor Austin Ford as our Veteran of the Month for April 2018. Austin joined the Navy in 2006 and spent nine years as a Corpsman, until he left in 2015 to pursue his education. Although Austin joined the Navy, he was assigned to the Fleet Marine Force. He spent the majority of his time at Camp Lejeune in North Carolina, but he was also stationed in Okinawa, Japan for three years. During his time in the military, Austin provided medical care to countless Marines while attached to various units both overseas and stateside. These experiences are what inspired Austin to pursue a degree in PNB and MCB and to go to medical school to become an emergency medicine physician.



Transitioning from the military to being a college student was extremely strenuous for Austin at first. When Austin started at UConn Avery Point in Fall 2015, it had been nearly ten years since he'd been in school. With only a few months to adapt to being a civilian again, taking on the added challenge of preparing for college made things even more complicated. Thankfully, he had very supportive professors who appreciated the experiences Austin shared in class discussions and supportive friends who could walk Austin through some of the basics of student life. Spaces like the veteran's area in the Avery Point library, and the Oasis at the Storrs campus were incredibly beneficial resources in Austin's transition. They allowed him to meet and become friends with veterans who were in similar situations. Plus, these were places where Austin didn't feel like the odd man out. He would definitely encourage fellow veterans to take advantage of these and similar services on their campus if they are feeling overwhelmed by the shift to student life.

To Austin, there are many great things about being a college student at UConn. Attending a research university provides ample opportunities to get involved in unique projects. Additionally, Austin appreciates that UConn has such a diverse student body. As someone who traveled a lot with the military and has lived outside the US, he enjoys getting to meet so many fellow huskies from all over the world.



We build strength, stability, self-reliance and shelter.

**MIDDLESEX HABITAT FOR HUMANITY INVITES ALL INTERESTED MILITARY FAMILIES TO ATTEND AN APPLICANT MEETING FOR A HABITAT FOR HUMANITY HOME**

**Thursday, April 19, 2018 at 6:00 pm  
Trinity Episcopal Church  
345 E Main St, Portland, CT 06480**

The purpose of the meeting is to provide information about the Habitat for Humanity application process for homeownership. At this time, Middlesex Habitat will be distributing applications for the Military Build program. **Any eligible military family interested is highly encouraged to attend the meeting to get an application for the next Habitat house in Portland.**

The basic requirements to obtaining a Military Build Habitat for Humanity Home are the following:

- Must be a U.S. veteran or military service member (and their family)
- Must have a DD Form 214 or current Military ID
- Must have a need for simple, decent housing
- Must meet the income requirements for a house
- Must be able to pay an interest free mortgage for the Habitat house
- Must be willing to partner with Middlesex Habitat in building the house

**We will begin construction in spring 2018, and Middlesex Habitat is now starting the selection process. Any military family interested is highly encouraged to attend should they wish to be considered for this 3-bedroom Habitat home.**

For more information families and individuals should call the Middlesex Habitat office at 860-398-6483.

Directions and more information on website:  
[www.habitatmiddlesex.org](http://www.habitatmiddlesex.org)



# VETERANS



If you are active duty or a disabled veteran, we invite you to participate in an adventure in

## ARCHAEOLOGY

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- New Lebanon, New York, May 2018
- Lincolnshire, England, July 2018
- Ligonier, Pennsylvania, August 2018

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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?



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