



# The Husky Vet Gazette

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## We're Moving !

The Main Office for Veterans Affairs & Military Programs at Storrs will be moving from Arjona (3rd floor) to Hawley Armory (North Tower) in early October



## First Fall Veterans Advisory Council Meeting of the New School year

**Tuesday, Sept. 25th. 10:00a.m. in Arjona 340**

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. Any student Veterans are welcome to attend any of the Veterans Advisory Council Meetings.

If you're interested in serving on the Veterans Advisory Council, please contact Nikki Eblerly at [Nikki.eblerly@uconn.edu](mailto:Nikki.eblerly@uconn.edu).



### **Straight from The Federal Veterans Office**

A provision of the Harry W. Colmery Veterans Educational Assistance Act of 2017, known as the **Forever GI Bill**, changed how the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) pays the Post-9/11 GI Bill Monthly Housing Allowance (MHA). The law requires VA to pay MHA based on the zip code of the training location where you attend the majority of your classes. VA is in the process of modifying and testing its systems to make this change, **however, you will continue to receive GI Bill benefit payments under the current rules until those changes can be implemented**. If you are taking classes in multiple zip codes or locations other than your school's main campus, when VA updates its systems, your school will have to adjust your enrollment certification with this information. In some circumstances, this may result in a different MHA amount than what you previously received. You can search for MHA by zip code on the GI Bill Comparison Tool at <https://www.vets.gov/gi-billcomparison-tool>. For more information go to vets.gov

As changes arise we will keep you informed

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## 5-Mile Memorial Run to Honor Kyle Milliken

**Who? Everyone!!**

**Where? Storrs Campus**

**When? Saturday, September 22nd**



The Kyle Milliken Memorial Run is an annual 5 mile run held at the University of Connecticut (UConn) in Storrs, CT on the UConn Track & Field "Bone Mill" training course. This run honors Navy Special Warfare Operator Senior Chief Petty Officer (SEAL) Kyle Jeffrey Milliken who was KIA serving his country on May 5, 2017 in East Africa. Kyle was a highly decorated combat veteran with numerous awards and 10 deployments. He was an amazing father, husband, son, brother, and friend, whose passion for life was contagious. His sharp wit and magnetic personality made lasting impressions on everyone he met. Kyle was highly competitive in all aspects of his life. He displayed incredible talent as a dedicated warrior, yet he stayed grounded through his faith, family, and teammates. Kyle's captivating presence and colorful storytelling regularly had an entire room in hysterics. He was the cornerstone of his family, friends, and team. In 1998, Kyle walked onto UConn's Track and Field program where he made every single one of his teammates a better runner, athlete, and person with his leadership, dedication, and unwavering commitment and drive--the very foundation for his success as a SEAL and in life.

This race supports The Kyle Milliken Memorial Fund which was created in Kyle's memory to raise funds towards providing scholarship and capital project support to the UConn Men's Track and Field program.

Registration for the run is available online:

<https://runsignup.com/Race/CT/StorrsMansfield/TheKyleMillikenMemorialRun>

### **DONATE TO THE KYLE MILLIKEN MEMORIAL FUND**

All donations to this run go directly to The Kyle Milliken Memorial Fund, established through the UConn Foundation. You can donate through this race registration page or by visiting: <https://UConn.givecorps.com/causes/9919-the-kyle-milliken-memorial-fund>. All donations of \$35 and more receive a free race t-shirt.\*

Thank you!



## Colossal Colors on September 29th!

Its Football time!!

We need the UConn Veteran community and their families to help display

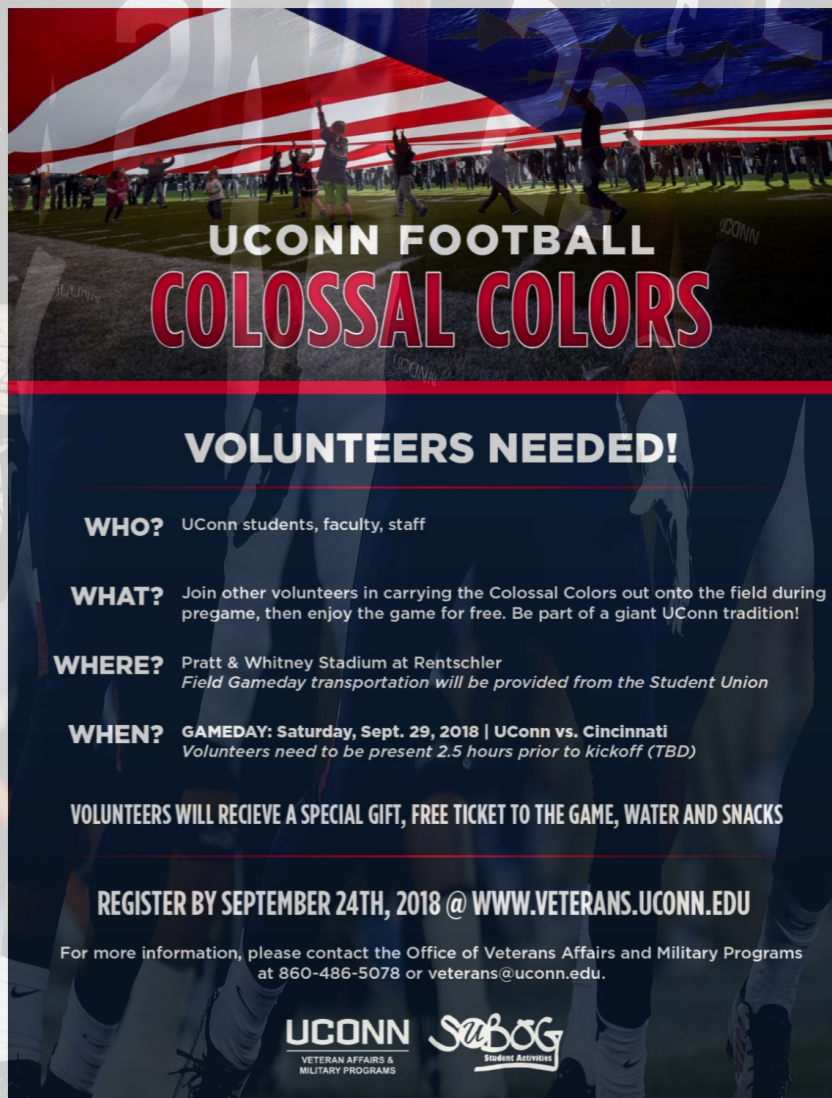
The US Colossal Colors during the National Anthem.

Then watch UConn vs. Cincinnati

Volunteers are also Invited to a tailgate hosted by The Office of Veteran Affairs and Military Programs

Anyone @ **ANY** campus can sign up

Sign up at [veterans.uconn.edu](http://veterans.uconn.edu) and click on this flyer on our homepage and sign up

The flyer features a background image of a large American flag being carried by a group of people on a football field. The text is overlaid on this image. At the top, it says 'UConn Football Colossal Colors' in large, bold letters. Below that, it says 'VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!'. Then, it lists details: WHO? UConn students, faculty, staff; WHAT? Join other volunteers in carrying the Colossal Colors out onto the field during pregame, then enjoy the game for free. Be part of a giant UConn tradition!; WHERE? Pratt & Whitney Stadium at Rentschler, Field Gameday transportation will be provided from the Student Union; WHEN? GAMEDAY: Saturday, Sept. 29, 2018 | UConn vs. Cincinnati, Volunteers need to be present 2.5 hours prior to kickoff (TBD). It also mentions that volunteers will receive a special gift, free ticket to the game, water and snacks. At the bottom, it says 'REGISTER BY SEPTEMBER 24TH, 2018 @ WWW.VETERANS.UCONN.EDU' and provides contact information for the Office of Veteran Affairs and Military Programs. Logos for UConn and SABOG are at the bottom.

**UConn Football  
COLOSSAL COLORS**

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For more information, please contact the Office of Veteran Affairs and Military Programs at 860-486-5078 or [veterans@uconn.edu](mailto:veterans@uconn.edu).

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# Veteran of the Month: September 2018

## Annette Montoya

The Office of Veterans Affairs & Military Programs at UConn is pleased to honor Annette Montoya as our Veteran of the Month for September 2018. Annette Montoya is currently at the Avery Point campus. She served in the United States military for over ten years. She joined the Army right out of high school and, after basic training and advanced individual training, she attended the Defense Language Institute in Monterey, California. Annette was stationed in Panama and at Kelly AFB in Texas as a SIGINT Spanish Linguist/Voice Intercept Operator. After her initial four years of active duty, Annette served in the Massachusetts National Guard while she attended the University of Massachusetts, obtaining her BA in Political Science. Later, after receiving her MA from the Monterey Institute of International Studies in International Policy, Annette served in the Army Reserves. In 1996, during the Bosnian conflict, she was deployed to Europe in support of Operation Joint Endeavor.

In 1998 Annette received a direct commission as a Naval Intelligence Officer and transferred into the Navy Reserves. As a result of September 11, 2001, she was called to active duty in support of Operation Noble Eagle and Enduring Freedom, and served in the Kingdom of Bahrain. Annette resigned her commission in 2002 upon learning that she was to become a mother. In between deployments, Annette served as a federal law enforcement officer and retired after 26 years of service.

While it was her love of horticulture that brought Annette to UConn to study Sustainable Agriculture, and later Landscape Architecture, she soon became inspired by the idea of designing landscapes for children. Annette sought and received an individualized major, Landscape Design for Cognitive Development, and is now pursuing the third prong of her studies in cognitive and developmental psychology. Last spring Annette received an IDEA grant from UConn to design and build a children's cognitive garden at Avery Point, the campus that she has most recently been attending.



If you would like to nominate a student, faculty, or staff member for “Veteran of the Month,” please contact Nikki Eberly at [Nikki.eberly@uconn.edu](mailto:Nikki.eberly@uconn.edu) with the name of the person and reasons for your nomination.

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# What's happening around UConn

## The rest of the story

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### VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION COUNSELORS HEADED TO HARTFORD CAMPUS

Learn more about Vocational Rehabilitation on

**Tuesday 25th Sept 12:30am –2:00pm**

Come join us if you're currently using Voc. Rehab. Benefits (Chapter31), or if you're using any VA Benefits! This is also a good way to find out more about what Voc. Rehab. has to offer and whether you're eligible.

Counselors and someone from the VAMP office will be in the Hartford Oasis ready to answer your questions and assist you in meeting your educational goals !

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### Avery Point Campus has a Veteran led Cognitive garden project underway



Last spring one of UConn's veteran students Annette Montoya (September Veteran of the Month) received an IDEA grant from UConn to design and build a children's cognitive garden at Avery Point, the campus that she has most recently been attending. Annette is taking not only a multidisciplinary, but also a collaborative approach to designing the garden and hopes to get a lot of community

involvement. The garden will benefit all but the focus will be on children ages 2-7 during the "window" that is crucial for cognitive development. While the Avery Point garden will serve as a model, her goal is to create sensory landscapes in local communities where children have greater access to them. She is a member of EcoHusky and Avery point has a newly forming garden club at Avery Point.

*Any Volunteers that are interested in helping Annette can contact [paul.hanlon@uconn.edu](mailto:paul.hanlon@uconn.edu)*



# Job Search Resources for Student Veterans

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## Fall 2018 Career Fairs . . . .

All University Fair

STEM Fair

**Tuesday, September 25, 2018**

**Wednesday, September 26, 2017**

**11am - 3pm**

**Gampel Pavilion**

For ALL students. Start now, even if you plan to graduate in May 2019 because employers start their search processes now to hire May 2018 graduates.

Questions? [Contact career.fair@UConn.edu](mailto:career.fair@UConn.edu)



## Lockheed Martin coming to campus

**Where: Student Union Ballroom**

**When : Thursday, September 27, 2018 10:00 A.M to 2: 00 PM**

Lockheed Martin is looking for college students and graduates ready to start their careers in meaningful ways. The Lockheed Martin event will consist of:

Helicopter Fly-in and static display (behind Student Union) ....A flight simulator to test your skills on...Tech talks...Manufacturing displays and much more

## 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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