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Veterans FYE Class – Fall '19

Last Chance to sign up!!

1 Credit Course for Veterans and Military Affiliated Students

Tuesdays 12:55p.m. – 1:45p.m. in Hawley 204 (Storrs)

Tuesdays 10:10a.m. – 11:00a.m. in HTB 214 (Hartford)

Want to learn about campus resources and Veterans' benefits while interacting with a tight-knit community? Want to increase your rate of pursuit and improve your GPA? Want to learn from guest lecturers and eat free ice cream?

Contact Paul Hanlon at paul.hanlon@uconn.edu for a permission number to sign up!

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Welcome Lunch – FREE Food!!

Wednesday, September 4th

11a.m. to 2p.m.

Kyle Milliken Lounge, Hawley Rm.102 (Storrs)

Join the team in the Office of Veterans Affairs & Military Programs (VAMP) along with students in the Veteran Students Organization (VSO) to kick off the Fall Semester! Come as you can in-between classes.

We will also have a corn hole tournament!

Open to all students and guests.



Pizza with Vocational Rehabilitation

Counselors

Thursday, September 12th

11:30a.m. to 1:30p.m.

Student Union Veterans Oasis (Storrs)

Learn more about the Vocational Rehabilitation Program.

Come join us if you're currently using Voc. Rehab. Benefits (Chapter 31), 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 from Voc. Rehab. will be there to answer your questions!!

Have you submitted your FORM D??

If you are using the National Guard Tuition Waiver, the CT Veterans Tuition Waiver, or VA Educational Benefits, you need to complete the FORM D!! It's easy – just go to <http://veterans.uconn.edu/form-d/> and submit it online.

Questions? Go to the Office of Veterans Affairs & Military Programs located in Hawley 100B, email veterans@uconn.edu or call 860-486-2442.



5-Mile Memorial Run to Honor Kyle Milliken

Saturday, September 14, 2019 at 11:00a.m.

The Kyle Milliken Memorial Run is an annual 5 mile run held at the University of Connecticut (UConn) in Storrs 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 killed in action serving his country on May 5, 2017 in East Africa. Kyle was a highly decorated combat veteran with numerous awards and 10 deployments. 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 & Field program.

Registration for the run is available [online](#) or by searching “Kyle Milliken Memorial Run.”

Anyone in the Veterans Community who signs up for the run can get a free Dri-fit shirt from the Office of Veterans Affairs & Military Programs for signing up. Contact Nikki Eberly at Nikki.eberly@uconn.edu for your shirt. After the run, lunch will be provided for all participants in the Alumni Center.



Believe Run – Memorial Run for Officer Paul Buchanan

Sunday, September 29th in East Hartford, CT there will be a 5K run in Memory of Officer Paul Buchanan (also father to one of our Student Veterans at UConn).

Registration Information:

Online until 9/26/19 at

<http://believe208run2019.eventbrite.com>

In-Person Registration at 1831 Main Street in East Hartford. (On Race Day 7a.m. – 8:15a.m.)

Veteran of the Month: Ross Alexander

The Office of Veterans Affairs & Military Programs (VAMP) at UConn is pleased to honor Ross Alexander as our Veteran of the Month for July/August 2019. Ross has been in the CT Army National Guard for 17 Years; the majority of that time with the 1-102 Infantry Battalion, both as enlisted and as an Officer. In 2006-2007 Ross served in Afghanistan as an enlisted soldier, and then he joined the state Officer Candidate School program shortly after returning home. Ross still serves in the National Guard as a Company Commander within the 1-102 Infantry and he says he “doesn’t plan on getting out of the Army any time soon.”

Currently, Ross works at the University of Connecticut in the Army ROTC (Reserve Officers’ Training Corps) program as an Enrollment Officer. Through that role, Ross advises students about the opportunities and benefits of joining Army ROTC while attending college. Additionally, he assists current cadets (students in the ROTC program) with scholarship applications, career guidance, and helps provide the necessary tools required to commission as a United States Army Officer upon graduation.

Ross finds the most rewarding part of the job, “is being able to witness the growth and maturity of our cadets from the time they enter the program to the day they graduate and commission as Army Officers. It is great to see the cadets being rewarded for all of their hard work and determination that they have demonstrated within our program and within the community.”

Ross shares that he has always felt a tremendous amount of support from the University of Connecticut for the Army ROTC program and the cadets. Since first starting to work at UConn two years ago, Ross has met so many great faculty members, staff, and students within the UConn community. He knows there is always someone here within the school he can turn to for assistance when needed.

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 with the name of the person and reasons for your nomination.

Fall 2019 Upcoming Events

Sept. 4	Welcome Lunch, Hawley, 11-2pm
Sept. 12	Pizza with Voc. Rehab., Oasis, 11:30am
Sept. 14	Kyle Milliken 5-Mile Run
Sept. 19	Education Abroad, Oasis, 11-2pm
Sept. 24	Careers with TTI, Oasis, 10-11:30am
Nov. 1	Colossal Colors – UConn vs. Navy

