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# The Husky Vet Gazette

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**November 14<sup>th</sup>** - Veterans Advisory Council Meeting

**November 16<sup>th</sup>** – ‘Helping Heroes’ Health & Wellness Expo

**November 22<sup>nd</sup>-24<sup>th</sup>** – VSO trip to Portland

**December 3<sup>rd</sup>** – Free Brunch in Hawley

***Board Games & Veterans Social Night*** – Every Thursday at 3:30 join us for Board games in Hawley. Then at 6:00, go to the Veterans Social in the True Blue Tavern at the Nathan Hale Inn on campus. Join in the food, drinks and camaraderie!

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## Gilman-McCain Scholarship for Undergraduate Children of Active Duty Service Members

**CONTINUING TO  
ACCEPT APPLICATIONS!**

Award amount of \$5,000 to study abroad!



Learn more and apply at [gilmanscholarship.org](http://gilmanscholarship.org)

### Free Brunch

**Tuesday, Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup> – 9am to 11am**

**Hawley Main Lounge**

Join fellow student Veterans for a FREE Brunch before Final Exams!! Come and refuel and relax in-between classes and gear-up for Finals Week. Everyone in the UConn Veterans Community is welcome!

Snacks will also be available in the main lounge in Hawley Armory during Final Exams! Please be sure to stop by anytime between studying and taking exams during Finals Week!



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MILITARY PROGRAMS

## Gilman-McCain Scholarship

The Gilman-McCain Scholarship provides awards of \$5,000 for undergraduate child dependents of active-duty military who are in the process of applying to, or accepted for a study abroad or internship program.

Any interested students at UConn who may be eligible for this award should also contact the [Education Abroad office at UConn](#) for assistance with this scholarship application.

Application deadlines are rolling and more information can be found online at <https://www.gilmanscholarship.org/program/gilman-mccain-scholarships/>

## Helping Heroes Health and Wellness Expo

- November 16<sup>th</sup> from 10:00am – 2:00pm with Connecticut Public in Hartford.
- FREE event to inform Veterans, active duty, and their families about local health and wellness resources.
- Discover new ways to be and stay well. Learn about Yoga, Reiki, Meditation, CrossFit workouts, nutrition, CPR and more.
- Be sure to sign up for the wellness talks, demonstrations, and active sessions online, or by following the link [here](#).





# VETERANS HISTORY PROJECT

Stories are still needed! Veterans are encouraged to share:

- Personal Narratives (audio or video recording, written journals)
- Correspondence (Letters, postcards)
- Photos, drawings, or scrapbooks

All interviews are video-taped and sent to the Library of Congress. If you are willing to share your story, please contact Alyssa Kelleher at [alyssa.kelleher@uconn.edu](mailto:alyssa.kelleher@uconn.edu)

Visit: <https://veterans.uconn.edu/veterans-history-project-2/> for more information

## **Board Games in Hawley!**

**Thursdays at 3:30pm, Hawley Armory Room 105**

Come join us for Board Games every Thursday afternoon in Hawley Armory Room 105. These are not your everyday board games. Different games will be played each week with the rules explained for everyone by the Game Master!

Questions? Contact Jon Ramos (a.k.a. the Game Master) at [jonathan.ramos@uconn.edu](mailto:jonathan.ramos@uconn.edu)

## **VSO Thanksgiving**

UConn's Veteran Students Organization would like to host a Thanksgiving dinner in the Oasis for any veteran students or staff who will be staying local for the Holiday.

If you're interested, [\*fill out the online survey\*](#) for which date would work best for you (either Wednesday 11/27, Saturday 11/29, or Sunday 11/30).

## ***Follow VAMP on Social Media!***

Stay up to date with VAMP's involvement around the University by follow us on Instagram @uconn\_vamp, and on Facebook @UCONNVAMP

## **VSO Portland, ME Trip**

**November 22<sup>nd</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup>**

If you signed up for the VSO trip to sunny Portland, Maine, contact Lou Crisci ([louis.crisci@uconn.edu](mailto:louis.crisci@uconn.edu)) to be added to the trip's group-chat to coordinate. [\*Follow this link\*](#) to make sure you are on the list for the trip!

# UNCLE SAM WANTS YOU



*'Tis the Season!* The UConn Office of Veterans Affairs and Military Programs has initiated its 7<sup>th</sup> 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, particularly homeless Veterans and their families.

Create a team name and attach it to your donations if you want to compete for the trophy! Contact

[Camden.Craigie@UConn.edu](mailto:Camden.Craigie@UConn.edu) for more info.

The drive will run until **December 9<sup>th</sup>**. Any donations can be dropped off in the collection box (main lobby of Hawley Armory), or in **Hawley 100B**.

All donations are greatly appreciated and will go towards making a difference for those in need this winter.

Suggested Donations Include -

**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 preferred.

**Food:** Canned goods, ground coffee, condiments, peanut butter, jelly, powdered creamer, sauces, etc.



## **Veteran of the Month**

*Lou Crisci*

The Office of Veterans Affairs & Military Programs (VAMP) at UConn is pleased to honor Louis Crisci as our Veteran of the Month for November 2019. Louis is very involved in the Veteran Students Organization (VSO) is currently serving as the Vice President of the VSO while pursuing a degree in Engineering.

Louis started his career in the Navy Reserve on his 18<sup>th</sup> birthday, and he's been in the Reserve for a little over 5 years. He joined the Reserve as an Aircrewman and he's served 3 detachments (Note: each detachment is a 3-month rotation) to CENTCOM (Middle East), PACOM (Pacific), and CENTCOM (Middle East) again. Louis says being in the Navy Reserve, "is interesting because I've made the transition from military to civilian several times after coming off of long sets of orders." However, Louis shares the culture of a college campus is vastly different from the military, so having something like the Veteran Students Organization (VSO) at UConn helps to bridge the culture gap.

Louis shares what he likes most about UConn "is the range of experiences you can find on-campus . . . One weekend the Veterans will do a ruck and the next weekend there will be a sheep shearing course (which I still haven't had the pleasure of 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.