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## *Fall Virtual Career Fairs*

**September 21<sup>st</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup>, 12p.m. to 4p.m.**

The UConn Center for Career Development has been planning new ways to help you prepare for your job search and connect with employers virtually. This fall they have partnered with Handshake to hold their career fairs in a virtual format. The virtual fairs are open to UConn Undergraduate, Graduate, and Post Doc students enrolled at any UConn campus. Recent Alumni are also invited to attend.

**Questions?** Go to

<https://career.uconn.edu/resources/career-fairs/>

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## Free Stuff

### **Cloth Face Masks for Veterans:**

**Do you need a face mask?** Come on over to the main office in Hawley 100B and our team can give you a couple of re-usable cloth facemasks, made possible by a staff member on-campus who made them by hand. Not able to come to our main office? Contact Nikki Eberly at [Nikki.eberly@uconn.edu](mailto:Nikki.eberly@uconn.edu) and we can send one out to you!

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### **Tote Bags with Free Art Supplies for Veterans:**

Are you a Veteran or do you know a Veteran who might enjoy receiving a tote bag filled with art supplies? Complete this form

<https://veterans.uconn.edu/form-for-totebags-word/>

and email it to

[Galleries@WORKSPACEmanchester.com](mailto:Galleries@WORKSPACEmanchester.com) by

September 26, 2020.

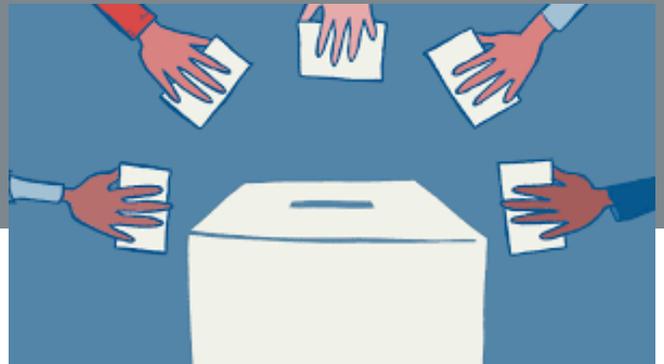
## VSO Elections

**The Veteran Students Organization needs your vote!**

**Deadline: Monday, September 14<sup>th</sup> at noon**

With the spring semester cut short we were never able to hold elections for the officer positions that opened because so many graduated last spring. All voting will be online (sent out via email). Register today with the VSO at [uconncontact.uconn.edu](http://uconncontact.uconn.edu)

Questions? Contact Louis Crisci at [louis.crisci@uconn.edu](mailto:louis.crisci@uconn.edu)



## Fall Office Hours & Veterans Lounges

Fall Office Hours for UConn's Veterans Affairs & Military Programs is:

**8:30a.m. to 4:00p.m. Monday through Friday – Hawley 100B (Storrs)**

We also have online availability Tuesday mornings and Thursday afternoons for Web Video Meetings. Please see our website <https://veterans.uconn.edu> for more details regarding the Web Video Meetings and for any further updates as plans may change during the semester.

Veterans Lounges will continue to remain open, at reduced capacity. We ask that all students adhere to the University's guidance regarding masks, physical distancing, and hand-washing, etc.

**August 13<sup>th</sup>, our office hosted a virtual Welcome/Orientation session for new students. If you could not participate, the recording of that session is available online at**

[https://kaltura.uconn.edu/media/UConn+VAMP+Orientation+%26+Welcome+8\\_13\\_2020/1\\_pt7s3dz4](https://kaltura.uconn.edu/media/UConn+VAMP+Orientation+%26+Welcome+8_13_2020/1_pt7s3dz4)

## Veterans Advisory Council Meeting

Wednesday, September 23, 2020  
11:00a.m. – 12:00p.m.  
Virtual, via WebEx

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, or would like to attend the meeting please contact Nikki Eberly at [Nikki.eberly@uconn.edu](mailto:Nikki.eberly@uconn.edu)*

## Coming Soon – Student Feedback Surveys

Our office will be implementing surveys of our military-affiliated student, faculty, and staff population at UConn this year. Adam Murphy, the newest member of our team, will be leading this effort for our office. He has previous experience with creating and implementing assessments, including field work he's done in Indonesia. You may see communications coming out in the near future, as Adam seeks participation in the needs specific to our community. These surveys will help our office determine how we can improve our serves and outreach to our military-affiliated population at UConn. It is our goal to begin implementation of these surveys at the start of spring semester. Please feel free to contact Adam Murphy at [adam.murphy@uconn.edu](mailto:adam.murphy@uconn.edu) if you have any questions or would like to share input, regarding these assessments.

## Suicide Prevention Month

September is Suicide Prevention Month and there are many resources available.

Need some tips? Go to [https://www.veteranscrisisline.net/support/bethere?utm\\_source=bethereforveterans.com](https://www.veteranscrisisline.net/support/bethere?utm_source=bethereforveterans.com)

Save the Veterans Crisis Line Contact – call, text, or chat!!



## Stand Down 2020

September 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> (Virtual)

Registration for Stand Down 2020 is now open for CT Veterans:

<https://portal.ct.gov/DVA/Pages/Veterans-Stand-Down>

September 22<sup>nd</sup> is the registration deadline. Online registration will be required to attend virtual program and benefits sessions and to attend a regional site.

## **Veteran of the Month: Jake Fowler**

The Office of Veterans Affairs & Military Programs (VAMP) at UConn is pleased to recognize Jake Fowler as UConn's Veteran of the Month. Jake currently serves in the Connecticut Air National Guard while attending the University of Connecticut. He also works part-time in UConn's Office of Veterans Affairs and Military Programs, assisting students with their educational benefits.

In April, Jake's Air National Guard squadron was tasked with helping supply people and power production equipment to a drive-thru COVID testing site in New Haven. Alongside the Army National Guard and CVS Health they processed appointments, collected patient information and tested for COVID. Jake was directly involved in asking patients for their information, filling out their patient sheet, to avoid cross contamination. On average there were 500 to 600 tests conducted every day. Jake says one of his most memorable experiences was when the mayor of New Haven came to the site to receive testing.

Jake shares that what he enjoys most about being a student at UConn is the community. He says, "Between the clubs/organizations as well as the campus events, there is always something to do. Although this has slowed down a lot due to COVID, the school has made a great effort to accommodate social gatherings while following health guidelines."

Advice Jake would give other military-affiliated students would be "to learn as much as you can about your benefits to make sure you are taking advantage of every opportunity provided to you. Additionally, I would recommend getting yourself involved in the Veterans Community here on campus."

We always welcome nominations for Veteran of the Month. If you know someone you'd like to nominate (including a student, staff or faculty member) 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.

### **Fall 2020 Upcoming Events**

Sept. 14	Deadline to vote in VSO Election
Sept. 21-25	Fall Virtual Career Fairs
Sept. 23	Veterans Advisory Council Meeting
Sept. 24 & 25	Stand Down
Sept. 26	Deadline for Free Art Supplies
Nov. 4	Veterans Advisory Council Meeting
Nov. 11	Veterans Day

