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Upcoming Events

November 6th – Vets Rock at Mohegan Sun

November 4th – Veterans Advisory Council Meeting (1:30pm, WebEx)

November 11th – Veterans Day Ceremony (Virtual)

November 11th to 18th - Kyle Milliken Run

November 22nd to 29th – Thanksgiving Recess



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Veterans Day Ceremony

November 11th – Save the Date!!

The ceremony will be livestreamed this year. More details to come...

Kyle Milliken Run – Going Virtual!!

- 5-mile run in honor of Navy SEAL Kyle Milliken who was KIA serving his country on May 5, 2017.
- Begins on Veteran's Day, Nov. 11th and ends on Nov. 18th
- <u>Registration</u> is Free (donations are welcome).
- Run, Walk, Ruck, Crawl.... all are welcome to join in.

Like this event and share it with your friends on Facebook

Did You Know??

The GRE and GMAT are now being offered online, from the comfort of your own couch. More information is available at the <u>ETS site</u> for the GRE and at the <u>mba.com site</u> for the GMAT.

Vets Rock!

Mohegan Sun will be hosting its 6th annual event benefiting veterans, active duty military, and their families at its Expo Hall on November 6th from 12:00pm – 6:00pm.

The event will feature:

- Over 50 veteran services
 organizations
- A career fair presented by *Hiring Our Heroes*

Need a Suit? <u>Register today</u> to reserve your suit for Vets Rock or email <u>veterans@saveasuit.org</u> with your questions.



Free Tutoring

Study Edge is offering free access for Veterans through December 31, 2020. Along with a tutoring service, Study Edge also offers online study tools, exam prep videos and much more.

For more information visit: <u>StudyEdge.com</u>

To unlock your free access through December 31, 2020, email <u>veterans@studyedge.com</u> to set up a membership.



MILITARY PROGRAMS

Get Out Your Vote!!!

There's still time to REGISTER TO VOTE!

There are a few ways you can register to vote RIGHT NOW with <u>vot-er.org</u>. All of these methods will quickly direct you to register and, if interested, allow you to request a **mail in ballot** so you can safely vote from home.

- Simply click this link and it will bring you directly to <u>vot-er.org/votehealth/</u>
- Or, text VOTE HEALTH to 34444.

Know someone else that needs to register? Send them the link, have them text in, or have them scan the QR code below.



If you decide to register using any of these 3 methods, please, give some feedback by filling out this very short <u>Google Form</u>.

Free Lyft Rides to the Polls:

Student Veterans of America (SVA) has partnered with <u>Lvft</u> to provide free or discounted rides to the polls this election year. The code **VOTE2020SVA** has a value of \$15 and is valid through November 3, 2020 to ride to or from a polling location.

The code can only be claimed one time per Lyft user but can be applied to multiple rides until the \$15 value is reached. The credit cannot be applied to tips.

Please <u>contact the SVA</u> with any questions about this offer.



VSO Updates

<u>Weekly Bar Nights</u> - The VSO (Veteran Students Organization) is hosting weekly virtual bar nights at 6p.m. on Thursdays. Just register with the VSO at <u>uconntact.uconn.edu</u> to receive the link and sign-on information.

VSO Senate Position - The VSO now has a voting position in the undergraduate senate. We are looking for someone to be nominated for this role (self-nominations accepted). This is a great opportunity to advocate for the Veterans on campus. If you are interested or would like to nominate someone send an email to louis.crisci@uconn.edu.

Survey for UConn Veterans

UConn Student Veterans Survey is coming out soon.

We want your feedback – How are we doing supporting Veterans and Military-Affiliated students at UConn? UConn's Office of Veterans Affairs & Military Programs will be sending out this survey via email, social media, etc. later in the semester. Thank you in advance for your participation!!





Veteran of the Month

Jake Fowler

The office of Veterans Affairs & Military Programs (VAMP) at UConn is pleased to honor 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 that 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 is "to learn as much as they can about their benefits to make sure they are taking advantage of every opportunity provided to them. 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 would like to nominate a student, faculty, or staff member for "Veteran of the Month," please contact Nikki Eberly at <u>Nikki.eberly@uconn.edu</u> with the name of the person and reasons for your nomination.

