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VSO Event – October 23rd

The Adventure Park (Ropes Course)

Interested in the Ropes Course at The Adventure Park on Saturday, October 23rd? This is a chance to meet and hang out with some fellow VSO (Veteran Students Organization) members.

Be sure to contact John Durham via email at john.durham@uconn.edu for more details and to indicate your interest.

Want more updates about the VSO and events? Go to <https://uconncontact.uconn.edu/organization/veteranstudentsorganization/roster>

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Internship Opportunity

Aspen is offering a Marketing Internship (2 Months, Full Time):

Specifically, they're looking to fill this internship role with ex-military/veterans in their Marketing Department. This is a paid opportunity to be considered for active fulltime employment upon completion of the internship. Here is the link to the Job

Ad: <https://veterans.uconn.edu/wp-content/uploads/sites/26/2021/10/Aspen-Internship.pdf>

Interested?

Send your interest and resume to Shreya Parekh at Shreya.parekh@aspen.co with subject heading, "Marketing Internship."



Homecoming Get-Together

Free Food, Drinks, and S'Mores!

When? 4-7p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 13th

Where? Fire Pit on the North Patio of the Student Union (Storrs)

UConn's Office of Veterans Affairs & Military Programs invites everyone to join our team and the VSO members (Veteran Students Organization) for some food, fun, and great conversation. And roast some marshmallows at the Fire Pit!

This is FREE and no registration is required.



Do You Need More Financial Assistance? Complete the FAFSA Application

Many students using Veterans Benefits don't realize they may qualify for additional financial assistance. To find out if you qualify, you need to fill out the FAFSA Application:

The Deadline at UConn is February 15th to submit this for next year (2022-2023)

The office of Financial Aid at UConn has detailed information online about the FAFSA Application: <https://financialaid.uconn.edu/fafsa-faqs/> And listen to the podcast with great information about the FAFSA Application: <https://financialaid.uconn.edu/wp-content/uploads/sites/2774/2021/10/03-FAFSA-Institutional-Aid-Application-093021.mp3>

You can also access it at financialaid.uconn.edu under "Resources" and "Money Talks – Financial Aid Podcasts"

Veterans Rally Point

Virtual 5K Your Way for Vets!

Walk Run Ruck Roll Stroll: Your Choice!

When? October 15-31st

Online Registration: \$30

Register at:

www.eastersealsevents.com/5K4Vets

Support CT Veterans:

Easterseals Veterans Rally Point Staff provides comprehensive services for Veterans to improve their quality of life including employment and financial counseling, peer to peer meet ups, case management, and more!



Air Force ROTC Food Drive

The Cadets in Air Force ROTC are coordinating a Food Drive to benefit the Holy Family Home & Shelter, Inc.

When? October 17th to November 13th

Where? Donation boxes will be available in Hawley Armory, the Student Union, and the Stop & Shop in Willimantic

VA Work Study

Need a little extra \$\$ while going to school?

If you are using VA Educational Benefits while attending UConn, you could be eligible for the VA Work Study program. If you're interested, please contact Ericka Washington at Ericka.Washington@uconn.edu

We're still looking for folks at these campuses:

Avery Point

UConn Law School

Hartford

Stamford

SVA Survey

Student Veterans of America is conducting a quick student veterans and military-connected students demographic web survey in an effort to add to the scarce data about student veterans. This survey is for anyone who has or is currently serving in the U.S. Military and their dependents.

Here is the link to the survey:

[**SVA 2021 Census Survey**](#)



Veteran of the Month: Ericka Washington

The Office of Veterans Affairs & Military Programs (VAMP) at UConn is pleased to recognize Ericka Washington as UConn's Veteran of the Month. Ericka recently joined the team at UConn's Office of Veterans Affairs and Military Programs as an Outreach Coordinator. She is working closely with the VA Work Study program in addition to being a main liaison with the staff and students at the regional campuses to ensure military-affiliated students have the resources and tools they need at all UConn campuses. Ericka shares, "I truly enjoy working with soldiers, veterans, and their families to maximize their benefits whether they are educational or retirement based."

Ericka recently retired from the Army National Guard where she served in various positions within Human Resources, with her last assignment as the Retirement Services Officer in which she assisted soldiers and their families with retirement and benefit planning. Currently, Ericka is pursuing a Master's Degree in Psychology with concentrations in Child and Adolescent Development

and Mental Health Counseling. Her goal is to open a wellness center offering different treatment and intervention methods for children and adolescents who have experienced trauma. Ericka wants her wellness center to offer mentorship, psychotherapy, cognitive behavioral therapy, rational emotive therapy, animal assisted therapy, reiki, and floatation therapy.

Ericka advises all military-affiliated students to ask for help when needed and she understands it can be difficult for current and former military members to ask for help in a time of need. Ericka explains, "There are so many resources that are not commonly known throughout our population of students and the resources available at UConn and within our office might surprise you. We are truly here to help each veteran achieve their educational goals."

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

Fall 2021 Upcoming Events

Oct. 1 st	'22-'23 FAFSA Application available
Oct. 13 th	4pm-7pm Homecoming Get-together
Oct. 23 rd	Veterans Rally Point Virtual 5K
Oct. 25 th	The Adventure Park with the VSO
Oct. 15-31	Veterans Rally Point Virtual 5K
Nov. 11 th	11a.m. – Veterans Day Ceremony
Nov. 21 - 27	Thanksgiving Recess

