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## *Important GI Bill® Update!*

### **New Monthly Enrollment Verification Requirement**

Beginning December 17, 2021, students using Post-9/11 GI Bill® benefits will be required to verify their enrollment at the end of each month. Failure to verify for two consecutive months will impact Monthly Housing Allowance and/or kicker payments.

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) is encouraging students to sign up for text message verification. There is nothing you need to do at this time. The VA will be providing more information on next steps.

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## Veterans Day Ceremony

**When?** Thursday, November 11<sup>th</sup> at 11:00a.m.

**Where?** Founders Green (Storrs) by the Ultimate Sacrifice Memorial  
(Rain Location: Wilbur Cross North Reading Room)

Please join us for the annual Veterans Day Ceremony at UConn to honor and celebrate all who served, and who continue to serve, our country. This event is free and open to everyone in the community.



## Kyle Milliken Virtual Run

5-mile run in honor of Navy SEAL Kyle Milliken who was KIA serving his country on May 5, 2017.

**When? Begins on Veterans Day, Nov. 11<sup>th</sup> and ends on Nov. 18<sup>th</sup>.**

**Where? Anywhere – it's virtual**

Registration is Free (donations are welcome). Register at: [The 2021 Kyle Milliken Memorial Virtual Run \(runsignup.com\)](https://www.runsignup.com)



## Leading with Character in Uncharted Waters featuring Admiral Sandra Stosz, Vice Admiral United States Coast Guard (retired)

**When?** Wednesday, November 10, 2021 5:00p.m. to 7:00p.m.

**Where?** UConn Graduate Business Learning Center, Observation Deck, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
100 Constitution Plaza; Hartford, CT [Directions](#)

Admiral (Ret.) Sandy Stosz's distinguished career in the US Coast Guard includes being the first woman to command an ice breaker on the Great Lakes and to lead a US armed forces service academy. During her time in the Coast Guard, She spent 12 years at sea, commanded two ships, and led Coast Guard organizations during times of crisis and complexity. Please join us to hear about Sandy's hard-earned leadership lessons from a career spent breaking ice and breaking the glass ceiling.

**RSVP below, space is limited:**

[Reserve Your Spot Today](#)

## **AFROTC 5K Run and Food Drive**

Join this 5K sponsored by Air Force ROTC to benefit Holy Family Home & Shelter in Willimantic

**When?** November 14<sup>th</sup> at 12:00p.m.

**Where?** Begins at the Student Union and will loop around campus

**Register at:**

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1W6t0jFfoppFfVPiMedUcldMMaPobUVFz92mALjyv14E/edit>

Participants must complete a waiver, to be completed at check-in or via the link above. Any minors must have a guardian with them to run, and a photo ID is required for all participants.

A small donation of food or a \$3.00 donation is being collected which will go to the Holy Family Home and Shelter in Willimantic.

### **Food Drive:**

A food drive is also happening from now until November 13<sup>th</sup> to benefit the shelter. Food and other items can be dropped off to donation boxes at the Student Union, Hawley Armory, or the Stop & Shop in Willimantic.

## **Board Games are Back!**

Every Wednesday

Starting at 3:00p.m.

**Hawley Armory Rm. 105 (Storrs)**

We're resuming Board Games every Wednesday afternoon for anyone interested in joining. 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)



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: John Durham**

The Office of Veterans Affairs & Military Programs (VAMP) at UConn is pleased to recognize John Durham as UConn's Veteran of the Month. John is a UConn student who is part of the VA Work Study team in addition to taking on the VP of Communications role for the Veterans Student Organization (VSO) this year.

John is currently serving in the CT Army National Guard as an E-5 Team Leader in the 643<sup>rd</sup> Military Police Company out of Westbrook. He's been in the Guard for almost five years and in 2019 deployed to Guantanamo Bay to serve as a 31E Corrections Officer under JTF Operation Enduring Freedom. One of his most memorable experiences was volunteering while deployed for the Navy Hospital with the American Red Cross helping the corpsmen with day-to-day hospital operations. In addition to this, he was also able to be a Vacation Bible School leader and give back to a community of kids far away from home in a new place.

At UConn, John is working towards a dual degree in Political Science and Music with a minor in Crime and Justice. He also plans to begin graduate coursework through UConn's MPA fast-track program. John shares, "the best thing about being a student is that you are in a constant state of learning new information and meeting new people."

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 2021 Upcoming Events**

Nov. 10 <sup>th</sup>	Admiral (Ret.) Sandra Stosz
Nov. 11 <sup>th</sup>	11a.m. – Veterans Day Ceremony
Nov. 11 <sup>th</sup> – 18 <sup>th</sup>	Kyle Milliken Virtual Run
Nov. 14 <sup>th</sup>	AFROTC 5K Run
Nov. 21 <sup>st</sup> – 27 <sup>th</sup>	Thanksgiving Recess
Dec. 10 <sup>th</sup>	Last day of fall classes
Dec. 13 <sup>th</sup> – 19 <sup>th</sup>	Final exams

