

# The Husky Vet Gazette

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*Eisenhower Series Panelists at the Dodd Center, February 2023*

## REMINDER

### Using Benefits Fall '23?

#### Form D

Registration for Fall 2024 Classes has begun. That means any students who plan to use VA Educational Benefits or the State of CT Veterans or National Guard Tuition Waiver needs to complete the **Form D**. Please be sure to fill out the **Form D** upon registering for classes in order to avoid having late fees or holds placed on your student account.

## EVENTS

### Save these Dates

(More details coming)

**March 22nd** - VR & E Visit (Alex Fernandez)

**March 28th** - Dept. of Labor Visit (Paul Hanlon)

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## EVENTS

# VA CT Healthcare Visits

**MARCH 7th and APRIL 4th**

**Student Union Veterans OASIS (Storrs)**

The Post-9/11 Veteran Program Coordinator from the VA Connecticut Healthcare System, Christina Savage, will be making monthly visits to the Veterans OASIS at the Storrs campus. Christina can answer questions and offer support on:

- Healthcare enrollment/accessing services
- Reporting problems with coordinating healthcare services or the system overall
- Burn pit exposures/registry information
- Access to mental health care
- VA benefits and other general information

March Info Session: Tuesday, March 7, 2023  
Student Union Veterans OASIS (Storrs)  
10:00am to 12:00pm

April Info Session: Tuesday, April 4, 2023  
Student Union Veterans OASIS (Storrs)  
10:00am to 12:00pm

For more information, please visit **Post-9/11 Transition and Case Management Home (va.gov)**

FUN

# Roleplaying Group

**Hawley Armory (Storrs)**  
**Wednesdays 4pm to 7pm**

I will be starting a **table top roleplaying** group (no experience necessary). We will be running the *Curse of Stradh* campaign, using the Savage Worlds system. This is a **Gothic horror** adventure, which will consist of facing off against werewolves, vampires, ghouls, cultists, and other nefarious creatures. It will take place during the **Victorian Era**, which was approximately between the years 1820 and 1914. I have pre-made the characters based on classic archetypes of the time, including the Big Game Hunter, the Mentalist, the Steamboat Gambler, and more. While you will begin as a pre-created character this system offers a ton of flexibility to shape the character as you see fit as you progress through the game. **There is no experience necessary or materials to buy.** I am looking for no more than 9 players, who can meet regularly in the Hawley Armory, Wednesday afternoons from 4:00pm until 7:00pm. For further information please contact me at **christian.piscopo@uconn.edu** or just show up at **Hawley Armory on Wednesday between 4:00pm and 7:00pm.**

## EVENT

# Vet Center Visit

**TUESDAY, MARCH 21st 9a.m. - 3p.m.**  
**Student Union Veterans OASIS (Storrs)**

Matthew Green, the Veteran Outreach Program Specialist, will be available to answer questions and offer support on the services that the Vet Center offers, which includes confidential help for Veterans, service members, and their families at no cost in a non-medical setting for depression, post traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), and the psychological effects of military sexual trauma (MST).

He will also be available to meet virtually! Please email Matthew at **Matthew.Green@va.gov** to meet virtually during his campus visit or any other time that works with your schedule!

## OPPORTUNITIES

# Pfizer

## Summer Growth Experience

Pfizer is interested in sponsoring summer students this year who are in any science-related degree (i.e. Chemistry, Biology, Physics, Math, Engineering, etc.). Interested? Go to **Pfizer Summer Growth Experience | Pfizer**

## FUN

# Game Day

**Join the Fun!!**

**When?** Every Thursday at 3:00p.m. in Hawley Armory (Storrs)

These are not your everyday board games and it's open for anyone interested in joining the fun. Different games will be played each week with the rules explained by the Game Master!

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



## RESOURCES

# NEW - VA Services

Starting Jan. 17, Veterans in suicidal crisis can go to ANY VA or non-VA health care facility for FREE emergency health care.

**For more information go to:**  
**va.gov**

## CONGRATULATIONS

# Veteran of the Month

## Shane Forzano

The Office of Veterans Affairs & Military Programs (VAMP) at UConn is pleased to recognize Shane Forzano as UConn's Veteran of the Month. Shane is currently a staff member in the VA Work Study program, assisting fellow military-connected students with their questions and concerns in the VAMP office. He served as an infantryman (11B) in the Army National Guard with C Company, 1-102nd Infantry. He was in for 6 years and says one of his most memorable experiences was during his deployment to Kenya 2021-2022. "Training the Kenyan Army and operating in that part of the world was definitely an experience I'm grateful for and one that gave me a better perspective of the world."



Shane will be graduating the end of this semester. While at UConn, his goal was to intern at a big bank and land a full time offer post graduation. Both of which he accomplished - last summer he completed an internship and he will be starting work at Bank of America in July in their corporate banking sector. Shane shares that he's enjoyed everything about UConn: "It's a great school. It's a great balance between academic programs and extracurriculars. I loved playing rugby my freshman and sophomore year, and I loved going to UConn basketball games for free!"

Shane has a couple of pieces of advice for other military-affiliated students at UConn: The first one is to "get involved!" He says "college can be as great as you make it. The military definitely gets in the way and can make it difficult to relate to other students. Play a sport, join a club, rush Greek life, go to a game. Enjoy your time here because you earned it." The second piece of advice is to "think about your next step after graduation. Prepare for your career while you're still in school. Get letters of recommendation from your professors. Build your resume. Internships are usually the pathway to a good job after school so around sophomore/junior year start applying."

## CALENDAR

# Spring 2023

**March 7th**

VA CT Healthcare Visit

**March 12th - 18th**

Spring Recess

**February 3rd**

Eisenhower Series

**March 21st**

Vet Center Visit

**March 22nd**

VR & E Visit

**March 28th**

CT Dept. of Labor Visit

**April 4th**

VA CT Healthcare Visit