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Husky Run & Ruck
NOVEMBER 12

The Husky Run & Ruck offers a 10K "Bonemill" Run, 5K Run, 1 mile fun run/walk, and a Kid's Run that all start and end in the heart of the UConn Storrs campus with Ruck Divisions! Taking place on Veterans Day weekend, this event will honor those who have served. Participants may contribute additional donations to the UConn Veterans Activities & Support Fund and the Kyle Milliken Scholarship. This will be a fun event with Post Race Food and Drinks for participants and a BEER Garden!
For more details and registration: https://www.hartfordmarathon.com/husky-run-ruck/

EVENT

Veterans Day Ceremony

When: Friday, November 10th
Time: 11:00 a.m.
Where: Founders Green (Storrs)
Rain location - Wilbur Cross North Reading Rm.

The Annual Veterans Day Ceremony will be held on the Founders Green by the Ultimate Sacrifice Memorial. This is open for everyone in the UConn and surrounding communities to attend. Refreshments will be in the Wilbur Cross North Reading Room following the ceremony.
**INTERNSHIP**

**For Credit**

UNIV 1991 Section 004 (1 credit - S/U)

In Person at Storrs Mondays 10:10am - 11am

Internship course, instructor consent required. Students will be required to interview 2 veterans for their internship, which will be submitted as part of the Veterans History Project. Open to all students. *Note: this course doesn’t fill any general education or major requirements.*

Questions? Email emily.i.lugo@uconn.edu

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**ACADEMIC**

**Senior Year Experience Class**

UNIV 4820 Section 001 (1 credit - S/U)

In Person at Storrs, Thursdays 11am - 11:50am

Senior Year Experience (SYE) - Provides an overview of the transition to life beyond the University with a focus on life skill awareness and development including financial literacy, career readiness, and reflection on the meaning and value of the undergraduate experience. Open to seniors with military affiliation (active duty military, reservists, retired military, veterans and ROTC). Instructor consent required.

Interested? Email emily.i.lugo@uconn.edu

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**RESOURCES**

**Post 9/11 Military2VA Visit**

November 7th, 10am-12pm

Veterans Oasis (Storrs)

Answering questions and offering 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 & other general information

VBA (Veterans Benefits Administration) will be offering a claims clinic for students to discuss other benefits such as Compensation Services, Pension and Fiduciary Services, & Insurance Services.

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**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
CONGRATULATIONS

Veteran of the Month

Dr. Carlita Cotton

The Office of Veterans Affairs & Military Programs (VAMP) at UConn is pleased to recognize Dr. Carlita Cotton as UConn’s Veteran of the Month. Dr. Cotton is a UConn Alum and will be the keynote speaker for the Veterans Day Ceremony at UConn this month. Dr. Carlita Cotton is a native of Birmingham, Alabama. She holds a B.A. in Russian Language & Literature from the State University of New York at Albany, Master of Divinity in Pastoral Counseling & Theological Education from Howard University, and a PhD in Educational Psychology from the University of Connecticut.

Dr. Cotton served in the United States Air Force for 10 years, 16 days, and 8 hours. She enlisted in the Air Force on November 16, 1980, and honorably retired as a Technical Sergeant on November 30, 2000. During this time, she served in multiple locations, including overseas in the Persian Gulf and Cold War.

When it was time for career selections, Dr. Cotton was chosen to be a translator. A colleague told her that black people don’t have the aptitude to learn Russian; she became a Russian translator. In addition to being a Linguist, Dr. Cotton has experience working as a Language Analyst and Supervisor, Joint Military Awards Director, Human Resources Intelligence Strategic Debrief, and an Interrogator.

Her personal awards include the Air Force Achievement Medal, Joint Service Commendation Medal (2), Air Force Longevity Award (4), Air Force Training Award, Army Occupation Medal, National Defense Service Medal, CT Wartime Service Medal, and she is a class of 2021 CT Veterans Hall of Fame inductee.

In her civilian career, Dr. Cotton continues to educate and lead others as she did in the Air Force. She teaches Psychology as an Online Associate Professor at Post University, is a Lead Professor and Board of Trustee Member at Charter Oak State College, and as Clergy and Pastoral Counselor at New Roots AME & Stanley Chapel AME Zion churches. She also currently serves as a Town Councilor for Mansfield, CT.

If you know someone you’d like to nominate for Veteran of the Month please contact Nikki Eberly at nikki.eberly@uconn.edu with the name of the person and reason for your nomination.

CALENDAR

Fall 2023

November 7th
Post 9/11 Military2VA

November 8th
Legislative Hearing for Veterans

November 10th
Veterans Day Ceremony (Storrs)

November 11th
Veterans Day

November 12th
Husky Run & Ruck

November 19th - 25th
Thanksgiving Recess

December 8th
Last day of fall classes

December 11th - 17th
Final examinations