American Military History Course

Our office will be instructing a one credit UNIV 1820 course on American Military History this Spring semester. The class will cover the fundamentals of the United States use of force from the Revolutionary War to the present.

The course is open to all freshmen and sophomores with a seat cap of 19 students! If you are interested in taking the class please contact Kevin.Evringham@UConn.edu immediately to secure a seat!

Course:        UNIV 1820.019 #25793 American Military History
Day/Time:      Wednesdays, 2:30—3:20 PM in Arjona 343
Instructors:  Kevin Evringham and Kristopher Perry

Lunch - Free for Student Veterans!

Come join us for free food the first week of classes in Arjona 339 (main study lounge). This is a good opportunity to visit with fellow veteran students. Members of the V.S.O. (Veterans Student Organization) will also be there to share information about upcoming events and activities they’re working to coordinate for spring semester. This is your chance to join in the discussion, or to join the V.S.O. if you’re interested in helping out! Andy Mallory, Navy CPO, Retired, VA Veterans Services Officer will also be there to answer questions about the spectrum of VA benefits.

When:  Friday, Jan. 24th 12:00p.m. to 1:30p.m.
Where:  Arjona 339 (main study lounge in the offices of Veterans Affairs & Military Programs)
What:  Free Food/information about the V.S.O. & Veterans Benefits
Who:  Open to all veteran students and their families

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Upcoming Events:

- Spring Semester begins: Jan 21st
- Lunch with the VSO: Jan 24th
- Housing Deadline (Fall 2014): Jan 24th
Changes to the CT Veterans Tuition

Our office is thrilled to announce that the University of Connecticut has extended the Veterans Tuition Waiver to include the Winter Intersession and all Summer Sessions! This extension of the waiver is for the full 100% cost of tuition; the same as the Spring and Fall semesters. The inclusion of the winter and summer sessions into the tuition waiver provide a significant increase in the available time eligible veterans can attend courses at UConn.

UConn supports its veterans! No other Connecticut university offers the tuition waiver at the 100% rate for the Winter or Summer sessions!

If you have questions on the waiver or your eligibility please stop by our benefits office in Arjona 340.

Veteran Housing Community

If you’re currently residing on-campus and wish to return to on-campus housing next year, don’t forget to submit your 2014-2015 On-Campus Housing Application by January 24th. For those students interested in living in the Veterans Community on-campus, please send an email by January 31st to Nikki Cole@uconn.edu with your full name, student ID number, and indicate the full name of the person you want as a roommate (assuming they will also be sending a mutual request).

The Veterans Community will be located in South Suites for 2014-2015. Questions? Send your questions, via email, to Nikki.cole@uconn.edu about this living option.

Veteran of the Month

There are over 700 student veterans attending the University of Connecticut and many are highly involved in supporting the community from veteran outreach in downtown Hartford to setting up study sessions for biology students on campus. Our office is committed to recognizing these students and have implemented a ‘Veteran of the Month’ to honor those students that go that extra step in support of their fellow veterans, students, or community members.

We are pleased to recognize Patrick Greenhalgh as January’s ‘Veteran of the Month.’ Patrick served in the Army as a Non-Commissioned Officer in the Intelligence Corps in support of operations in Afghanistan, Kuwait, and South Korea. As a current sophomore in Political Science, Patrick is looking towards a law degree so that he may become a United States Attorney! As a new work-study student in our benefits office, Patrick has swiftly become an expert at the myriad range of veterans benefits and worked all through winter break assisting veterans with their paperwork.

Thank you Patrick!

If you would like to nominate a student for ‘Veteran of the Month,’ please contact Nikki Cole.
Help us by completing the survey!

Our office is conducting two surveys: one for current students and one for faculty and staff. We hope to improve upon the University’s current services for the veteran and military population, as well as develop new programs. We need your help! Please complete the appropriate survey below:

**Student Veterans**: Please take a moment to fill out the Student Veteran Needs Assessment

https://uconn.co1.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_bKjJ0LaPrgPJTCd

**Faculty/Staff Veterans**: Please take a moment to fill out the Faculty/Staff Veterans Survey

https://uconn.co1.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_cu405Rj2QPvp19H

All collected information will be used by the Office of Veterans Affairs and Military Programs to better support veterans here at UConn. Thank you in advance for taking the time to help us fulfill our mission!

Benefits Processing

The Spring semester starts on January 21st and our office continues to receive Form D’s from students utilizing VA Chapter benefits. It is important to note that delays in submitting your Form D to our office can result in stipend delays at the start of the Spring semester.

As a reminder:

- No advisor signature is required
- Forms can be faxed/ emailed in
- Accuracy counts

Submit your Form D to our office in Arjona 340, through email at veterans@uconn.edu, or fax 860-486-5283.

We are Hiring!

The VA Work Study program is open to veterans and their dependents utilizing VA chapter benefits (i.e.: Post 9/11, Vocational Rehab, MGIB, etc) at the University who have a desire to work on veterans related topics. Our office is currently hiring these positions for the Spring 2014 semester.

We are specifically searching for eligible students that will work in our benefits office or who have MS Access database development knowledge.

If you are interested in applying or would like to learn more, please come talk to Dan Kowalchik or Kevin Evringham in Arjona.

We encourage all to apply!
The Office of Veterans Affairs and Military Programs is responsible for all benefits, events, support, and outreach for veterans at the University of Connecticut. Additionally, our office works closely with the two resident ROTC Departments on campus to support their mission of training and preparing top ranked students for leadership in the United States Army or Air Force. The University of Connecticut has a long history of support for its veterans and military members and our office seeks to build upon this.

If you or a member of the community are interested in assisting with any of our efforts, or have new ideas of your own, we encourage you to come forward and see how together we can make UConn the premier destination for veterans and service members in the United States.

Our Staff

Our staff is comprised of civilian and former service personal all focused on the mission of supporting our veteran and military population here at UConn. We encourage you to check out the website, veterans.uconn.edu, to learn more about all of our programs, services, and activities. Below is some of the basic contact information for our staff to provide you easy means of asking questions or clarifying points.

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