



Husky Veterans



Graduation Cords for Veterans!

Graduation Cords (Red, White, and Blue in color) are available for student veterans who are graduating. These cords are available, **at no cost**, if you served in the military, and will be going through the May 2014 Commencement Ceremony.

Please stop in at Arjona 342 and pick-up your graduation cord (Monday – Friday, 8:30a.m. to 4:30p.m.).

These cords commemorate your successful completion of your degree program here at UConn, as a student veteran. If you have any questions about the graduation cords, please contact Nikki Cole at Nikki.cole@uconn.edu or call (860) 486-3802.



Hail and Farewell on May 1st!

Please come and join us for an end of year lunch social in Arjona 339 on Thursday, May 1st. This will be an opportunity to take a break from studying for finals in addition to saying farewell to our graduates! We will be congratulating our graduate assistants in the office, in addition to welcoming our new staff for next year, 2014-2015. the food will be potluck-style. We will have plenty of food, but you are welcome to bring a dish to share.

Who: All Students, Staff, and Faculty veterans

What: Lunch Social/Hail & Farewell

When: Thursday, may 1st 11am-2pm

Where: Arjona 339

Cost: Free! Please bring a dish if you desire but we will have plenty of food!

For more information or questions contact Nikki Cole at Nikki.Cole@UConn.edu or 860-486-3802.

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Upcoming Events:

- *Final Exam Rescheduling:* till April 25th
- *Fresh Check Day:* April 26th
- *May Social and Farewell:* May 1st
- *Final Exams:* May 5th–10th
- *Graduations!:* May 10th-11th

Food and drinks will be provided for graduates and their families in the Oasis!

Super Flag and Tailgater in the Fall

Our office, in coordination with SUBOG, Student Activities-Programs, and UConn Athletics, will be hosting the Super Flag at this year's UConn football home game against Temple on Saturday, September 27th. In the coming weeks we will start reaching out to past volunteers, staff, faculty, and current students to invite them to participate in the flag ceremony. Priority goes to members of the UConn community that have or are serving in the military as well as current students at any UConn campus.

Please volunteer to help with the flag! Our office will send out a Call for Volunteers in the coming weeks and we encourage all veterans to volunteer! Family members are welcome to volunteer also but must be age 5 or older. All volunteers receive a free ticket to the game.



In addition, our office will again be hosting a tailgater for UConn veterans and their families at this game. Sponsored by our office and the Alumni association, this official tailgate party will bring together past and present members of the UConn veteran community as we prepare to watch UConn demolish Temple! As space is limited, a call for RSVP's will go out this summer so please stay tuned to our newsletters!

Summer Internship Opportunities

If you, or someone you know, is majoring in Business, Actuarial Science, or other Mathematics-related field, please contact Nikki Cole at Nikki.cole@uconn.edu right away.

Our office has been receiving requests from companies in the area who are seeking student veterans, specifically in the above-mentioned majors, for paid summer internships.

There are many great summer internship opportunities available, but you will need to act right away.

Call for Applicants!

Our office is additionally looking to assist veterans seeking future careers, job placements, and internships in all majors! Our office routinely is contacted by companies looking to hire veterans or provide veterans, specifically, opportunities for training within their corporation.

We need YOU to come to us with your resume and transcript so we can work together to find you the best opportunity available.

Additionally, our staff has excellent experience at resume critiquing and development as it applies to translating military service to professional capabilities.

Come talk to [Nikki Cole](#) to learn more!

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 Tim Hidu as the April 'Veteran of the Month.' An Air Force veteran who served a combat tour in Iraq in 2004, Tim is currently pursuing an MBA in the Stamford Campus Part-Time MBA program. Through this program, Tim has been developing a new business which seeks to create new turf grass fertilizer from an organic seaweed base that has been shown to reduce water consumption by 30%.

An academic overachiever, off campus Tim runs a commercial greenhouse outside and is a Master Gardener! We are proud to recognize Tim as the Veteran of the Month!

If you would like to nominate a veteran at UConn for 'Veteran of the Month,' please contact [Nikki Cole](#).



Call for Participants-Art and the Veterans Experience

Call for Participants: “Art and the Veterans Experience: *Do You Love a Veteran?*”

Monday April 21

10AM-12PM

Dodd Center Room 162

Iraq War veterans Chantelle Bateman (USMC) and Aaron Hughes (ARNG) will lead a workshop for veterans, active duty service members, and military family members to create content for a special UConn issue of the zine *Do You Love a Veteran?* Both Chantelle and Aaron are activists and creative artists and will share their experiences in transforming their lives and ideas into creative expression.

Based on the successful Warrior Writers model, this workshop will allow participants to craft poetry, short stories, or visual art works for inclusion in a special edition of *Do You Love a Veteran?* to be published by UConn’s new Counter Proof Press.

Interested students, faculty, and staff should contact Glenn Mitoma at glenn.mitoma@uconn.edu or 860-486-5186.

Veterans Job Fair: Step up for Vets

Are you in the process of applying for internships or your first job after graduation? Look no further!

Wednesday, May 7th

10:00 AM—2:00 PM

Holiday Inn, Norwich



To qualify, individuals must have been a member of the Armed Forces, and have been honorably discharged after not less than 90 days of service or earlier if separated from service due to a documented service-connected disability.

If you have more questions about Step Up for Vets program, please contact Dave Kennedy at dkennedy.ctwbs@ct.gov or at (860) 786-6321.

Careers Expo for Wounded Warriors

The Boston Westin will play host to this years regional Career Expo for people with disabilities, veterans, and wounded warriors on April 29th. Job opportunities are geared towards college students, graduates, and professionals and is completely FREE!

Date: April 29th

Time: 10:00 AM-3:00 PM

Location: Westin Copley Place Hotel

10 Huntington Avenue

Boston, MA 02116

For more information and to register please visit: <http://www.eop.com/expo>. Additionally UConn may be able to provide transportation to this event! Please contact Katie Hudd at Student1611@ad.uconn.edu by 4/18/14 to learn more about getting there!

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Serving those who have served

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.

Find us online:
veterans.uconn.edu

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ROTC students line up in this mid-1920s photo of the interior of Hawley Armory. Built in 1914, the Armory was used for many campus and community activities.

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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 web-site, 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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