



Husky Veterans



Veterans Orientation - Mandatory

All new incoming freshmen and transfer student veterans are required, and any other interested student veterans are welcome, to attend the Veterans Orientation on Thursday, August 21st, prior to the start of Fall classes. **Free lunch** will be provided during this session, and no cost will be charged to students attending this session. Topics will include: important dates/deadlines at UConn; campus and local resources; introduction to support staff; with time for any individual questions.

Date: Thursday, August 21st

Time: 12:30p.m. to 3:00p.m.

Location: Arjona 339 (main lounge) - Veterans Affairs & Military Programs

 **MARK YOUR CALENDARS!**



Veterans FYE Class

The Veterans FYE (First Year Experience) Class is being offered this Fall 2014 at the main Storrs campus. This class is open to new incoming freshmen, sophomore, and transfer students who previously served in the military. The FYE class is designed to provide an open forum for discussion about college transitional issues and concerns; in addition to promoting greater self-awareness and personal growth. Students who take this class will have the ability to make informed decisions paving the way for a richer and fuller college experience.

The Veterans FYE class will be on Tuesdays, 11:00a.m. to 11:50a.m. in Arjona. The instructor for this class will be Doug Pence, a current graduate student at UConn who previously served in the Navy. Doug works in the Office of Veterans Affairs & Military Programs at UConn. Additionally, Craig Alejos, a current student veteran, and Secretary for the UConn VSO, will be serving as the mentor for this class.

Please contact Nikki Cole at (860) 486-3802 or Nikki.cole@uconn.edu for the permission number to register for this class.



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Upcoming Events:

- *Form D (due for BAH) - August 1st*
- *Veterans Orientation - August 21st*
- *1st Day of Fall classes - August 25th*
- *Labor Day (no classes) - September 1st*
- *Class Add/Drop Deadline - September 8th*

Form D - Due August 1st

Are you using G.I. Bill benefits to pay for classes Fall 2014? Don't forget to complete and submit the Form D to the Office of Veterans Affairs & Military Programs. **August 1st** is the deadline to submit the Form D to ensure on-time payments of the Basic Allowance for Housing (BAH). Form D's submitted after August 1st could result in delayed BAH payments.

The Form D can be found online at <http://veterans.uconn.edu/> under Benefits > Forms > Form D. Hardcopies of the Form D are also available in Arjona 340.

If you have questions about the Form D please stop by our benefits office in Arjona 340 or contact us at veterans@uconn.edu (email) or at (860) 486-2442.



Veterans Community

The Veterans Community in on-campus housing is dedicated to helping veterans navigate the complexities of the college experience and making a successful transition from military life to civilian life in a supportive environment. This community is located within South Suites, with 4 students assigned to each suite (2 students in each bedroom of the suite). Within the community, veterans can participate in programs and events that allow for peer learning and connection with other veterans within the residence hall.

For more information about the Veterans Community, please contact Nikki Cole in the Office of Veterans Affairs & Military Programs at (860) 486-3802 or Nikki.cole@uconn.edu via email. Space is limited, and *eligible student veterans will be placed in the Veterans Community on a first-come, first-served basis.

*Note: Student veterans must otherwise be eligible to live on-campus for 2014-2015 (i.e. on-time housing application & on-time housing deposit).



Veterans Student Organization - Get Involved!

The Veterans Student Organization (VSO) is actively looking for members and students to become more involved! The current membership is planning upcoming events for the upcoming year such as bringing a guest speaker to campus; hosting a Veteran/Military themed Late Night at the Student Union; in addition to many other socials and outings throughout the year. Your help and suggestions are needed to plan events for the year and beyond!

If you're interested in finding ways to be involved with the VSO this upcoming year, please contact Nikki Cole at Nikki.cole@uconn.edu with your questions.

