



Husky Veterans



Welcome Back Veterans!

Classes resume on August 25th, but summer isn't over yet. Check out the new "Upcoming Community Events" section for some last minute excitement. There's still time to have fun before school starts! See you soon!

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 Doug Pence at student2448@ad.uconn.edu for the permission number to register.

Back to School Mixer @ the Oasis

When and Where: August 22nd 1p.m. - 4p.m. at the Veteran's Oasis in the Student Union, Rm. 224. Grab some friends and family and head out to our back to school mixer! It'll be a great chance to catch up with old friends or make new ones.

Military Appreciation Game - 9/27



Join us on **Saturday, September 27th** at **Rentschler Field** to watch the Huskies square off against Temple University for the 2014 Military Appreciation Game! The game will be broadcast live. **Want to be on TV?** Volunteer to join the **Superflag** (the football-field sized flag) at the start of the game. You'll also get free admission if you volunteer! Please contact Doug Pence (student2448@ad.uconn.edu) for more information.

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Upcoming Events:

- Veterans Orientation - August 21st
- Welcome Back Mixer—August 22nd
- 1st Day of Fall classes - August 25th
- Labor Day (no classes) - September 1st
- Class Add/Drop Deadline - September 8th
- Military Appreciation Late Night—September 26th
- Superflag game vs. Temple—September 27th



New tuition benefit headed our way

From Capitol Hill—If your last duty station wasn't in Connecticut, you might have been faced with the additional burden of paying out-of-state tuition rates when you started at UConn. Thousands of vets across the country have faced the same issue, but that's about to change. As part of the 2014 Veterans Access to Care legislation passed this summer, any veteran or dependent who uses Chapter 33 Post-9/11 GI Bill or Chapter 30 Montgomery GI Bill benefits within three years of their discharge will be given in-state tuition rates at the University of Connecticut. PLEASE NOTE, this portion of the law will take effect July 1, 2015, and will be applied for the Fall 2015 term. Have questions? Give us a call or stop by to see us in Arjona.

Focus on Veteran Employment

“No Barriers” Veterans Career Fair

**Monday, September 22nd, 12p.m. to 2:30p.m.
Student Union Ballroom**

Everyone knows that the next step after graduation can be the most daunting. It's not easy to find employment in today's job market. Fear not – as a veteran, you have a special edge. We're pleased to announce that the “No Barriers” career fair is coming to UConn this fall – and you don't want to miss it! **The Student Union ballroom will be filled with employers who value military service**, and who are specifically looking for veterans to join their ranks. Refreshments will be served, so stop by, grab a snack – and gainful employment with companies that appreciate your service.

Early registration for this event is possible through [HuskyCareer-Link](#).

Career Workshops in September

Worried that you're not ready to meet potential employers? The Career Development Center has your back. Eran Peterson will be hosting a series of workshops designed to help veterans prepare for the event. Stop by the **Oasis (Student Union, Rm. 224) at 11:00a.m. on every Wednesday** leading up to the Veterans Career Fair. **FREE LUNCH** will be provided to all participants in the workshops.

Scheduled workshops include:

September 3rd – Translating Military Service to Civilian Skills

September 10th – Resume review

September 17th – Building a personal brand



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; co-sponsoring 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 President Catherine Jones Catherine.jones@uconn.edu with your questions.



New Design and Content coming to the Veteran's Newsletter—make your voice heard!

The Veteran's Newsletter is undergoing some major changes this semester—and we want you to be a part of it. Send suggestions or submissions to logan.wagner@uconn.edu in any of the following areas:

Veteran's Voice—We're looking for veterans to submit opinion pieces on a wide variety of subjects, from their time in the service to life on campus. Very short fiction or poetry is also welcome!

Club Spotlight—Do you participate in any extra curricular clubs? Tell us about your experiences!

Community Events—For off campus activities that offer military discounts or special perks for veterans.

Vets on Campus—Reader submitted pictures of veterans on campus...be creative, not crazy...and get famous! Or infamous. Whatever.

Veteran of the Month—We need your nominations for Veteran of the Month!

Uconn Welcomes a Very Special Guest Speaker:

Colonel Danny McKnight, USA, ret.

When & Where: September 26th at 7:00p.m. in the Student Union Theater

Col. Danny McKnight was the Commanding Officer for the 3rd Ranger Battalion—famous for their heroic actions during the Battle of Mogadishu, later depicted in the film “Black Hawk Down”.

He will be speaking about his experiences both on and off the front lines, as well as signing copies of his newest book.

Col. McKnight currently works for the Department of Homeland Security and travels the nation as a motivational speaker. His specialties are Leadership, Homeland Security, and Training.

His appearance is part of Military Late Night—see the article on page 4!



Upcoming Community Events

Veterans Appreciation Day @ Quassy Amusement & Waterpark! Sunday, August 24th 1100-2000

Get a 50% discount on admission to Quassy Park—which includes a buffet ticket, water park access and a ride all day pass!

Veterans \$13 Family Members \$25 2132 Middlebury Road, Middlebury CT 06762

The **World Percheron Congress** is looking for veterans who want to ride their War Wagon as part of the opening ceremonies from **October 7th to the 11th**. Each night showcases a different branch of the service, and all participants will be announced to the crowd.

Tuesday—Coast Guard Wednesday—Air Force Thursday—Navy Friday—Marine Corps Saturday—Army

Where? The event is taking place at the Eastern States Exposition in Massachusetts.

For more information: please contact Kim Davenport 845-325-3014 or Tory Macdonald 860-214-1330

Military-themed Late Night - Sept. 26th

The UConn VSO (Veterans Student Organization) and the Office of Veterans Affairs & Military Programs are co-sponsoring a military-themed Late Night with the Student Union this semester. Fun military-themed activities will be held throughout the Student Union and is open to all UConn students to participate. Activities will include:

7:00p.m. – Colonel Danny McKnight to speak in the Student Union Theater (he was on combat duty in Mogadishu, Somalia in 1993 – basis for the book & movie “Blackhawk Down”). He will be selling his book afterwards.

9:00p.m. – various activities throughout the Student Union for students to participate in (i.e. obstacle course, photo booth, etc.).

10:30p.m. – The movie “Blackhawk Down” will be shown in the Student Union Theater.

Come and join in the fun!!



Did you know...

...that veterans with a service connected disability are entitled to free admission to many of Connecticut's beautiful state parks?

The pass allows for free parking at all day use facilities, and free admission to the following attractions:

Gillette Castle

Dinosaur Park

Fort Trumbull State Park

Passes must be obtained in person at an authorized State Park office. Proof of residency and service connected disability are required.

Call 860-424-3200 for more information



Above: The entrance to Gillette Castle

Below: Fish Pier, part of Fort Trumbull



Employers - Support Veterans



Below is a list of employers who actively hire veterans and support the veterans who are their current employees. Many of these companies will be present at the Veterans Career Fair on September 22nd in the Student Union Ballroom.

Company	Point of Contact	Email Address
Access Health CT	Peter VanLoon	peter.vanloon@ct.gov
Aetna	Jill Klepacki	klepackij@aetna.com
AonHewitt Consulting Practice	Mike Walton	mike.walton@aonhewitt.com
Bank of America	Lisa McNulty	lisa.a.mcnulty@bankofamerica.com
Baystate Health	Dennis O'Brien	dennis.obrien@baystatehealth.org
Boehringer-Ingelheim	Jeff Bridges	jeffrey.bridges@boehringer-ingelheim.com
Bravo Delta Consulting	Dawn McDaniel	dawn@bravodeltaconsulting.com
Cigna	Jim Wiggs	jimmie.wiggs@cigna.com
CT Public Broadcasting Network	Michael Komrosky	mkomrosky@cpbn.org
Disney/ESPN	Kevin Preston	kevin.preston@espn.com
EMC	Lou Candiello	lou.candiello@emc.com
Enterprise Holdings	Carrie Smith	carrie.l.smith@ehi.com
GE	Joe Beal	joseph.beal@ge.com
Johnson & Johnson	Derek Dalmalin	ddalmoli@its.jnj.com
Marymont	Steve Dumont	sdumont@marymont.com
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Travelers	Casey Neff	ceff@travelers.com
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