

# The Husky Vet Gazette

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#### LATE NIGHT SALUTES YOU!

When: Friday night, Sept 26th

#### Where: Student Union

#### Who: All UConn Students

The UConn VSO (Veterans Student Organization) and the Office of Veterans Affairs & Military Programs



are co-sponsoring a military-themed Late Night at the **Student Union on Friday night, September 26th**.

Fun military-themed activities will be held throughout the Student Union and it's open to all UConn students to participate.

**7:00p.m.** – Colonel Danny McKnight will 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 signing copies of his book afterwards.

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

**10:00p.m.** – The movie "Blackhawk Down" will be shown in the Student Union Theater.



#### Last call for Superflag Volunteers!

#### Get a Free Ticket and be on TV!

The window of opportunity to be a part of the Superflag ceremony is closing fast.

It's a flag the size of a football field, and if you volunteer, you won't have to wonder at its' majesty from afar you'll actually get to touch it.

And you'll get to be on TV doing something honorable and fun, which is a whole lot better than the time you saw your Uncle Jerry on COPs.

So when you're reserving your space at the tailgater, go ahead and let Doug know that you're feeling extra patriotic, and you'd like to help out.

It's better to volunteer than be voluntold, right? See you there!





September has been an exciting month for all student veterans who are interested in landing a good job after graduation.

This is all leading up to the No Barriers Career Fair, which you need to check out.

It's happening **Monday, September 22nd at noon in the Student Union Ballroom**, and will be packed with employers who value military service.

Stop by, grab a snack, and help shape your life after college by finding your dream job!

Early registration for this event is possible through **HuskyCareer-Link.** 

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## Second Career Workshop Held

Resumes polished, Sandwiches consumed

September 10th, 2014, in the Oasis—Eran Peterson, from the Career Development Center, was present to hold his second of three career building workshops. If you missed it, here's a recap:

Most importantly—the CDC recommends that you sign up for an appointment online. Each resume session lasts about twenty minutes, and you're guaranteed to walk away with a better resume. Invest some time in your future—it's worth skipping an episode of Futurama to potentially land an amazing job at Microsoft, right?

- Don't use a generic template for your resume—a little bit of creativity can go a long way. Just remember, you're not Picasso, so don't go nuts. (Unless you're applying for a job as an artist, in which case you should let your brush be your guide.)
- Most employers give each resume about thirty seconds of 'eye-time' before deciding where to file it—the 'interview' pile, and the trash can.



- You don't need to list your experience in reverse chronological order –instead, it's helpful to list the most relevant details to the position you are seeking.
- Federal resumes are entirely different and require a special format. Fortunately, Eran (aside from being a veteran) is also the CDC's resident expert on Federal Job Application Resumes.
- Additionally, the CDC offers practice interviews with a panel of experts.

Next week's workshop: September 17th (11a.m. in the Veterans Oasis, located in S.U. 224)

This next workshop will be centered around building a personal brand. The main focus will be on using LinkedIn, the world's largest professional network—but other forms of social media will be talked about, as well.

Bring your laptop, and by the end of the session you'll have a complete profile and be ready to start the next phase of your professional career.

And hey-if that's not enough, the FREE FOOD is pretty darn good too. Come check it out!





### **Historically Speaking**





John H. Pruitt was not a Marine to take lightly.

On October 3rd, 1918, Corporal Pruitt found himself in heavy combat as part of the battle of Blanc Mont Ridge in France.

Only three months previously, he had been wounded in a German gas attack that decimated his unit. He could have gone home to recover, but

apparently all the injury did was spur him on. Since then, his brave conduct during engagments (including Belleau Wood) had been noted by everyone he served with.

So when heavy machine gun fire started pouring in, Pruitt's next actions were par for the course.

He single handedly stormed the machine gun bunkers, killing the crews and claiming the weapons as his own. With that accomplished, he turned the machine guns against the Germans and 'persuaded' forty of them to surrender. He would later be awarded not one but two Medals of Honor for that act, but his day wasn't finished yet. Only a few hours later, Pruitt was hard at work sniping enemy infantry to make them think twice about advancing.

Realizing that mortal soldiers were no match for Pruitts' superior skill in combat, the Germans resorted to shelling his position with mortars, one of which struck a fatal blow.

Corporal Pruitt was also awarded the Croix de Guerre and the Croce di Guerra (the French and Italian equivialants of the MoH), along with two purple hearts, four silver stars, four bronze stars, and several other combat and victory medals.

He was laid to rest in Section 18 at Arlington National Cemetery.



The USS Pruitt



Opha May Johnson holds the distinct honor for being the first female Marine.

She enlisted on August 13th, 1918, one of 305 women who joined the Marine Corps reserve that day.

As part of the Reserve, Opha was responsible for clerical and secretarial duties, which would 'free a man to fight' overseas.

When she enlisted, Opha was given the category of "F" (for female) and the rank of private.

She worked as a clerk in the office of the Quartermaster General, and her work was

so impressive that by the end of the war she had attained the rank of Sergeant.

Her willingness to break through the gender barrier helped changed the face of the military forever. By the time WWII rolled around, there were 20,000 female Marines, and in 2011, the first ever female commander took charge of Parris Island.

The effects of her actions and women like her were instrumental in achieving woman's suffrage, which was finally passed in 1920 nearly a century after the idea had been introduced. The 19th Amendment was monumental because it finally enfranchised all American women, declaring that they were deserving of a full, not limited, sense of citizenship.



### **Registered Employers for the Career Fair**

The following employers have preregistered for the Veteran's No Barriers Career fair, which is being held in the Student Union Ballroom on September 22nd. See you there!





This editions picture is of the Student Union, home of the Oasis lounge and a whole bunch of others things that you probably already know about.

If not, head over and explore. It's the future site of our upcoming career fair, and you should probably know where that is.

(Hint: the ballroom is upstairs)

Got a neat picture? Send it to:

The Student Union

### **Veteran of the Month**



Logan and his son

September's Veteran of the Month is Logan Wagner, a UConn senior who served in the United States Navy for six years.

Logan first served onboard the USS *Ardent*, an *Avenger* class MCM home ported in Manama, Bahrain. From there, he was assigned to the security department at NAS Keflavik, and then to MOMAU One in Seal Beach, California.

He is on track to graduate in May, and he plans on teaching after grad school.

He is currently the editor of the Husky Vet Gazette, and also works at the Connecticut Transportation Institute.

He enjoys reading, playing guitar, and spending time with his son, who is part ninja, part superhero, and entirely awesome.









...how "The Jungle" got its name?

The eleven dormitories of North Campus were built in 1950 to accommodate the surge of students that came in the post-World War II years.

The nickname "The Jungle" came about "because they were over-crowded and noisy, originally housing male veterans going to school on the G.I. Bill," wrote Evan Hill in his unpublished history of the University.



...that every year Detachment 115 holds a New Student Orientation Program (NSOP)?

During this time, new cadets participate in a variety of activities to become familiar with the basics of AFROTC, the UConn campus, and student life. Most

importantly it provides an opportunity for students and their parents to get to know current cadets and cadre. During NSOP, cadets will learn vital knowledge that will start them on a great AFROTC journey.



## **Carry On with these employers**



Every company on this list is veteran friendly.

Don't be shy—send them an email with a brief cover letter and copy of your resume—they can't wait to hear from you!





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