



# The Husky Vet Gazette

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## DON'T MISS PRIORITY REGISTRATION!!!!

The Office of Veterans Affairs and Military Programs (VAMP), in conjunction with the Office of the Registrar, have identified a need to allow specific veteran populations to have priority registration.

Starting with the Spring 2015 semester Ch. 33 Post 9/11 veterans with a **freshmen or sophomore** status at the start of the Fall 14 semester, and all Ch. 31 disabled veterans will be allowed to register early.

Registration opens on Monday, October 20. Please keep an eye on your appointment time, and address any holds on your account to ensure a successful and smooth registration.

The VAMP office will provide the names of the eligible veterans to the Registrar before registration begins. Please contact Dan Kowalchik at [daniel.kowalchik@uconn.edu](mailto:daniel.kowalchik@uconn.edu) if you have any questions about this process.

## RSVP by Oct. 10th - General Dempsey

On Wednesday, October 22 from 8-9:30am at Mohegan Sun, General Martin Dempsey will be the keynote speaker for the UConn Auriemma Leadership Conference. Given that this is a business conference, he will speak to how the military is training its members to be well rounded leaders.

This opportunity to hear Gen. Dempsey speak will be on a first-come, first-served basis. Please RSVP to Kris Perry at [kristopher.perry@uconn.edu](mailto:kristopher.perry@uconn.edu) by October 10th.

## Free Money!!!

Well, not really. You've already earned it by way of your military service. But as anyone who has ever tried to navigate the benefits pool will tell you, the tide can be treacherous. Fortunately, UConn will be hosting TWO experts this month to help you determine if you're eligible for even more of a thank you from your Uncle Sam.

Both of our guests will be in the Arjona Lounge until 1400 on their respective days.

Don Staub, from the Norwich Vets Center—October 14th. Don is an expert on veteran's benefits and resources. He's highly motivated to help YOU!

Andy Mallory, from the Hartford Regional office—October 28th. Andy specializes in educational and medical benefits.

You don't want to miss these guys...see you there!

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## Brian Turner poetry reading- Waterbury

Brian Turner is a soldier-turned-poet who had deployed to both Iraq and Bosnia. His latest book, *My life as a Foreign Country*, has just been released, and it chronicles his war time experience.

He has also published two other volumes of poetry and been featured in numerous poetry journals around the nation.

He will be reading selected poems during his visit to the Waterbury campus.

Tuesday, October 28, 1230-1400  
Room #113

# A Super Thanks for the Super Flaggers!

"I would like to personally extend my gratitude to all of the students, staff, faculty, veterans, active service members, friends, families and community contacts that made the 2014 Superflag Event a success. I would like to honorably mention the following persons and groups for their exceptional efforts in helping me plan and coordinate such a large event."

A Super Thank You for:

**John Seagrave**

*UConn Athletics Marketing*

His amazing organizational and leadership skills along with a fabulous staff team were absolutely invaluable.

**Jessica Gerum**

*UConn SUBOG/Student Activities*

Her organization of student transport, Superflag logistics, vendor coordination and of course funding were amazingly well done.

**Michael Morrill**

*UConn Community Outreach*

What an amazing guy!

He coordinated almost 90 volunteers through student community outreach! Need I say more? He also organized his group and integrated his team into the military appreciation game flawlessly to create an amazing day.

**Matthew Anderson**

*Student and Veteran RA*

Helped gather RA support on campus and put the word out through many student and staff channels to help advertise the event.

He also assisted with the military themed Late Night on campus.

**Combat Veteran Motorcycle Association**

Flawless execution, warm hearts, endless fun and generosity were brought by the large group of over 60 veterans.

They held an entire side of the flag this year and we hope to see them back for many more years to come!

**Veterans Affairs & Military Programs**

Last but not least, I would like to thank my co-workers and work-study students who were integral in supporting me these past couple of months and also helped directly support the event in many facets. Kris Perry, Nikki Cole, Dan Kowalchik, Justin Weisner, Chris Wildenhain, Joe Charette, Scott Pierce, and Dave Saunders.



Front and center: The man who made it happen, our very own Doug Pence. Thanks Doug!







# Historically Speaking



Why is Eddie Rickenbacker smiling in this picture? Maybe because he was just a jovial fellow – or maybe because his life was packed to the brim with the kind of action that only Hollywood can com-

pete with. Not content with 26 six confirmed aerial victories, he also was also a race car driver, a cartoonist, and went on to serve in World War II.

Eddie earned his Medal of Honor by single handedly (plane-dedly?) attacking a force of seven German biplanes. He knocked two out of the sky before the rest fled in terror. This happened during a routine, voluntary patrol, and Eddie would have been within his rights to fly back to headquarters and report the movement - but you don't earn seven Distinguished Service Crosses (yep, he did that too) by avoiding combat. His courage and daring can never be questioned, nor can his contributions to the worlds of aviation and motorsports.



Ellen La Motte was a WW1 Nurse who began her training in the tuberculosis wards of Baltimore before packing up and helping out overseas. She was assigned to a Belgian field hospital, making her one of the first Americans to 'serve' overseas—although not in an official capacity, she was there years before the US got involved. Her memoir, *The Backwash of War*, was initially suppressed by the US government for it's realistic portrayal of the cost of combat, and not republished until 1934. Her stunning prose still contains impact for the modern reader. "Let others write of the glory," she wrote. "I will write of the backwash."



# Army ROTC: Not afraid to get dirty



Some people would have a hard time walking ten miles.

And then there's UConn's Army ROTC, who did that distance on the double, through a vicious obstacle course designed to make Special Forces personnel put on their game faces.

This year, UConn boasts a hard core team of 16 outstanding men and women who took on the challenge, and made it though.

Well done, soldiers.

*Above: The sixteen members of the Uconn Army ROTC team after the completion of the 10.3 mile Tough Mudder in Westbrook, ME*



## Free Parental Counseling for Vets!!!

Are you a veteran who is also a parent? Are you having difficulty adjusting to school life while making sure that your parental obligations are fulfilled? Joe Freeman wants to help! He offers free parental education to all veterans attached to UConn. He has two offices: one right here in Storrs, and the other in Coventry. Joe is a private practice LCSW, and he'd like to make your transition as smooth as possible—no matter how long ago you separated from active duty. This is a great resource, so don't miss out!

Joe can be reached at: (860) 634-3405

## Late Night...



...was a blast! There was an obstacle course, a special screening of *Black Hawk Down*, and visits by several VIPs—Colonel Danny McKnight (*left*) and the team from Home Base! (*right*)

Thanks to everyone who came out! We'll see you next year!





# Career Fair

The 2014 “No Barriers” career fair was a rousing success, with recruiters from more than twenty major companies present. Several vets from other campuses and schools made the trip, which helped our community as a whole. We’d like to sincerely thank everyone who attended, for helping to make the event a success!



## Boots on the Ground



*Taken in front of the Family Studies Building, facing Koons Hall.*

*The leaves are just barely starting to change— but summer is gone, and winter is coming...*

# Veteran of the Month



October's Veteran of the Month is Ssgt. Cohn, who has been in the Air Force since 2003.

He's been deployed six times along with postings in North Carolina and Connecticut.

He's currently assigned to AFROTC, Aerospace Studies.

One of his favorite things about being at UConn is mentoring the cadets of ROTC Detachment 115.

Ssgt. Cohn relaxes by playing basketball and spending time with his wife & three daughters. His extended family lives in Queens, New York, which is the town from where he hails.



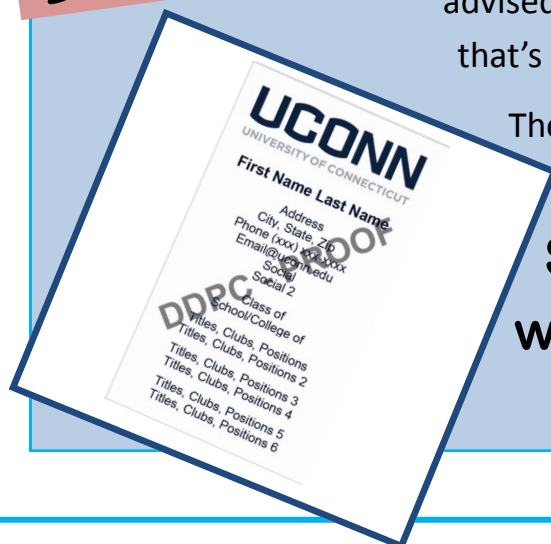
**DID YOU  
KNOW...**

...that it's possible to get a customized business card from the Design and Document Center?

The basic model runs \$12.90 per hundred, but students are advised to check with their school to see if there is funding—that's right, you might be able to get them for free! EPIC!

The design is double sided and sure to impress at career fairs, interviews, and other networking opportunities.

**Show them you mean business  
with a card that does the same.**





# Carry On with these employers

It's time to get to work. One of the greatest benefits of completing your college education is securing employment that will aid you for the rest of your life. Each of these companies is veteran friendly—so what are you waiting for?



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