

# The Husky Vet Gazette

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### **POW MIA Flag**

The POW/MIA flag will be raised on specific dates throughout the year on UConn. Each day that it is raised there will be a short ceremony at 9:00a.m. and another at 5:00p.m. when it is retired.



All are invited to attend the ceremonies on:

May 16th Armed Forces Day

May 25th Memorial Day

June 14th Flag Day

July 4th Independence Day

Sept. 18th National POW/MIA Recognition Day

Nov. 11th Veterans Day

The UConn Police Department will be the Honor Guard

## **Veterans Advisory Council**

The Veterans Advisory Council is comprised of students, faculty, and staff at UConn who are veterans, and who want to ensure a positive impact on the lives of fellow veterans at UConn. Any student veterans are welcome to attend the upcoming Veterans Advisory Council Meetings this Fall:

Wednesday, October 21<sup>st</sup>, 11:00a.m. to 12:00p.m. – Arjona 340

Friday, December 4<sup>th</sup>, 11:00a.m. to 12:00p.m. – Arjona 340

If you're interested in serving on the Veterans Advisory Council, please contact Nikki Cole at <a href="Nikki.cole@uconn.edu">Nikki.cole@uconn.edu</a>.

#### **SUPERFLAG - Instructions and Practice**



Superflag is happening on **September 26th** this year at Rentschler Field for the **UConn vs. Navy** football game. Those who have signed up to participate just need to know a few things:

- 1) Be at Rentschler field by 9:30a.m.! When you arrive you will receive your t-shirt, ticket, water, snacks, and flag holding assignment!
- 2) A bus will take students who don't have a car or those that don't want to pay for parking from UConn to the game and back. The bus will leave from the Student Union at 8:30a.m.
- 3) Please attend the practice on Friday, September 25th at 6:00p.m. if you can. Practice is on the CLAS Quad, "Founders Field" by the Wilbur Cross building and the flag poles.

# **Career Fairs in September!!**

#### Center for Career Development - 2015 Annual Fall Career Fair

When? On Tuesday, September 29th & Wednesday, September 30th, 11a.m. - 3p.m.

On Tuesday day there will be 137 employers offering opportunities in various career fields. On Wednesday there will be 124 employers looking hire specifically in STEM disciplines.

Where? Gampel Pavilion

Who? All students. Dress for success!

More information available at <a href="http://career.uconn.edu">http://career.uconn.edu</a>

#### **Reverse Career Fair**

The Veteran Student Organization (VSO) will be attending the Reverse Career Fair on September 29<sup>th</sup> from 2015 on your behalf!

Our executive officers are representing all UConn Veterans looking for employment or networking opportunities. Employers will be visiting tables manned by 22 different UConn student organizations, including the VSO, from 4:30 -6:00p.m.

Create a profile, upload a resume, and add it to the VSO resume book prior to the event at <a href="www.huskycareerlink.uconn.edu">www.huskycareerlink.uconn.edu</a>.

In addition, drop off any hard copy resumes, business cards, or other materials that you would like the VSO to share with potential employers on your behalf to Arjona Room 342A or email Samuel.Surowitz@uconn.edu.



### **Veteran Students Organization (VSO)**

The Veterans Student Organization (VSO) is a Tier II student organization of UConn undergraduate and graduate students that support veterans at the University. The VSO regularly hosts social events, holds care package drives, and works to ensure incoming veteran students are as welcome as possible. Active duty, family, and non-veterans are welcome as well! If you are interested in par-

ticipating or helping out with any of these activities, or have ideas of your own, please contact us.

#### **Upcoming Events:**

- Our next meeting will be on Thursday October 8th at 3:30p.m. in the Oasis. All are welcome!
- We will be planning our involvement in the Hartford Veterans Parade, an upcoming guest speaker, a field trip, and there will be dinner to follow!
- See the UCONNTACT Page for further info

Open Officer Position: Vice President of Business Development. Are you interested?

Please let us know if you have any event ideas that you would like the VSO to make happen!

Sean Seipel is the VSO VP of Veteran Outreach . If you're interested in getting involved with the VSO attend our meeting or contact him at <a href="mailto:Sean.Seipel@uconn.edu">Sean.Seipel@uconn.edu</a>.



# Technology Early Career Development Program BBQ

What: 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Barbeque – Sponsored by Cigna

When: Thursday, October 1, 2015 2:00p.m. – 6:00p.m.
Changed to Monday, October 5th, 2p.m.—6p.m.
(due to inclement weather)

Where: Student Union Terrace and South Side of Fairfield Way



The Technology Early Career Development Program will be hold-

ing their 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Cigna Executive Sponsored Barbeque at the University of Connecticut. Veterans are invited to join current TECDP associates, interns and Cigna Leadership including their Global Chief Information Officer for fitness activities, music, food, giveaways and free raffle drawings! They will also be holding tours of their innovation lab as well as demonstrations of technology currently being used at Cigna. Participants will have the opportunity to interact with the technology, gain additional chances to win raffle prizes and learn about their career opportunities.

For more info or to RSVP contact Daniel.Legere@cigna.com.

## Kappa Sigma Charity Flag Football



The A Greater Cause Foundation is a public charity recognized under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code established by Kappa Sigma Fraternity to support the charitable endeavors of the undergraduate chapters of the Fraternity.

When: October 10<sup>th</sup>. Registration at 1:30p.m. Kickoff at 2:15p.m.

Where: Turf behind the Rec Center

Who: Veterans and their friends!

The Gentleman of the Kappa Sigma Fraternity are very excited to announce the return of their Military Heroes Bowl for the Fall 2015 semester! They would like to invite UConn Veterans to

participate. This philanthropy event is a 7v7 flag football tournament, with all benefits proceeding their Military Heroes Campaign.

Each team will consist of 7-9 members and there will be a \$5 entry fee per player. The rules will be simple, 7v7 flag football, as well as an optional two substitutes. There will be one lineman, a quarterback, a running back and four wide receivers. There will be separate Men's and Women's brackets, both of which will be single elimination. Feel free to make your own team or to join the VSO team.

If making your own team please email Kappa Sigma's Philanthropy Director <a href="Logan.Bement@uconn.edu">Logan.Bement@uconn.edu</a> with your team and tentative roster.

If you wish to join the VSO team please email <a href="mailto:Ryan.Wenzel@uconn.edu">Ryan.Wenzel@uconn.edu</a> from your university email with your name, gender, and position.



#### **CT Veterans Parade**

When? Sunday, November 8th, 12:30p.m.

Where? Downtown Hartford

**Why?** Honoring Veterans!



Join the UConn **Veteran Students Organization** (VSO) for the annual Hartford Veterans parade on November 8<sup>th</sup>. This event is NOT a state run event but rather a community committee coordinated by the Connecticut Veterans Fund, a 501(c)3 Organization. Over 3,000 veterans are expected to march. The parade steps off at 12:30 p.m. at the intersection of Buckingham and Washington Streets, near the State Capitol, Travel north on Trinity Street through the Soldiers and Sailors Memorial Arch, onto Ford Street, turn right on Pearl Street, right onto Main Street where it passes a reviewing stand across from the Wadsworth Atheneum, and right onto Capitol Ave, where it ends. Total distance: 1.3 miles.

Find out more at <a href="http://ctveteransparade.org/">http://ctveteransparade.org/</a>

Please RSVP to <u>Samuel.Surowitz@uconn.edu</u> by October 17<sup>th</sup> if you would like to attend.





# **UConn Ceremony**

#### Wednesday, November 11th at 11:20a.m.

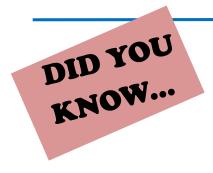
Please join us at The Ultimate Sacrifice Memorial on The Great Lawn in front of Wilbur Cross on Veteran's Day. This annual ceremony gives thanks to veterans for their service and sacrifice. The ceremony will also honor members of the military that have died during times of war and involves a color guard, a placing of the wreath by student veterans, and respectful comments by guest speakers. The entire community is welcome to attend. A reception will follow the ceremony with light refreshments in the Wilbur Cross North Reading Room.

## **Vets Rock at Mohegan Sun**

Vets Rock 2015! All day Veterans Day, November 11th!

All veterans are invited to come for the FREE Job Fair and Veterans Services EXPO at Mohegan Sun. Free events include a resume workshop, professional attire fitting, career fair, yoga, art therapy, veteran art show, and much more. Stay for the show honoring veterans with Trace Adkins, Dropkick Murphys, and Madison Rising – hosted by Tony Orlando! Tickets for the concert are available at <a href="https://www.MoheganSun.com/vets-rock">www.MoheganSun.com/vets-rock</a>!





#### CHAPTER 31 VOC. REHAB. Students!!

**CH 31 Parking** 

Transportation/Parking Services has a new process for a Veteran student on Voc-Rehab to process his or her parking fee. Rather than pay ahead or on the website and be reimbursed by VA later, a form is available at the benefits office in Arjona 345. Email the office at <a href="weterans@uconn.edu">weterans@uconn.edu</a> or come in person to pick up the form, complete it, and submit it to Parking Services.

# Going to Disney World?

The Shades of Green Resort is an Armed Forces Recreation Center Resort located on Walt Disney World property near Orlando Florida. Disneyworld also offers direct discounts for active duty military and drilling reservists.

Eligibility Requirements are: Those who served in the military for less than 20 years and received an honorable discharge are invited to stay at Shades of Green during the months of January and September only. A DD-214 is required at check-in as proof of your honorable discharge. Standard rooms start at \$123. Suites start at \$250.

http://www.militarydisneytips.com/Shades-of-Green/Non-Retired-Veterans.html



#### **Ticket Club Discounts**



<u>TicketClub.com</u> is a live event ticketing website where premier members gain access to an inventory of wholesale tickets to thousands of events with no service fees.

They are currently offering free premier membership to UConn Military and Veterans with the promo code UCONNVETS1. Premier members pay only the base price of the tickets. If you'd like to sign up, go to <a href="https://secure.ticketclub.com/">https://secure.ticketclub.com/</a> and create a free membership. Once you sign in you can "redeem a pre-paid membership voucher" under the "My Membership Tab".

For additional info contact Rebecca.Small@ticketclub.com

### **Veteran of the Month**

Each month UConn's Veterans Affairs and Military Programs office has the privilege of honoring one of our many veteran students, faculty, or staff with the honorary title of "Veteran of the Month"!

If you would like to nominate a veteran at UConn for "Veteran of the Month" for October, please contact Nikki Cole at <a href="mailto:nikki.cole@uconn.edu">nikki.cole@uconn.edu</a> with the individual's name and reasons for the nomination.



# 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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