



# The Husky Vet Gazette

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## Game Night for Veterans and Family



Thursday, 31 March

Time : 5:00-7:00pm

Student Union game room.



**FREE FOOD !!!!! FREE GAMES !!!!!**

Come on out and bring your family. Enjoy the taco bar for dinner. Or take advantage of the free tokens to help feed the competitive spirit.

## *Come join us for our **Warriors Welcome Brunch!***

This is an event for **all veterans** to come and get to know current veterans, active members and veteran advisors.

*When:* **March 23, 2016**

*Where:* **Hartford Campus, Room 126 Undergraduate Bldg.**

*Time:* **11:30am-1:00pm**

***Army, Navy, Air force, Marine Corps, Coast Guard***



For more information contact Troy Norman at [troy.norman@uconn.edu](mailto:troy.norman@uconn.edu) or visit us in Room 222.

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## March Veteran of the Month



**Scott Deranleau**

We are pleased to honor Scott Deranleau as the March 2016 Veteran of the Month for UConn. Scott is one of two VA work-study students who manage the Veterans Center at Avery Point. He ensures the quiet and social spaces on the second floor of the library run smoothly by monitoring who uses the spaces, ensuring the rooms are kept in good order, and keeping the coffee keeps flowing. Scott is always available and cheerful, even when feeling the weight of chemistry exams! Scott is a great asset to the Avery Point Campus and a reliable resource for our veteran and active military students.

Prior to attending UConn, Scott served 20 years in the Navy. He served as an instructor for Submarine Vertical Launch Systems, and then again for Electronics. Scott served on the USS Topeka, SSN 754, USS San Francisco SSN 711, USS Ohio SSGN 726, and the USS Pittsburgh SSN 720.

Currently, Scott is a BGS Major with minors in Political Science and Anthropology. Once he graduates, he plans to move to New Hampshire to work at the Seabrook Nuclear Power Plant. In addition to his studies, Scott is involved with the Veterans Association on-campus. Scott says what he most appreciates about UConn is that from the time he applied, everyone has answered his questions and helped him out as an individual person, "not just a number with the GI Bill." He says, "Every professor and staff member is of the highest quality you can get, and will go out of their way to make sure you succeed. The students are great too, exceeding all my expectations of what I thought a 'typical' college student was."

If you would like to nominate a student, faculty, or staff member for "Veteran of the Month," please contact Nikki Cole at [nikki.cole@uconn.edu](mailto:nikki.cole@uconn.edu) with the name of the person and the reasons for your nomination.

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## "What's your story? How do you want to be remembered? "

If you are interested in answering these questions, please join the oral history project *Beat Your Gums* by undergrad History major, Tara Lokke. While not a Veteran herself, Tara is extremely interested in getting to know you. Her project is not specifically aimed at war stories, but rather the stories that help define what has made you the person you are today from any point in your life. She is currently working on the pilot for the project, which will be exhibited in an online exhibit. If you are interested but hesitant and would like to see what the project will look like, please contact Tara anyway. Interviews will be recorded only for transcription. Participants will

choose the quiet and secluded meeting place and will have constant control of their information. If at any point, a participant no longer feels comfortable continuing, he or she is welcome to end the process. Tara's goal with her project is to get to know you, and record your stories for the public to get a better understanding of our Veterans as well as to give future generations something to keep of you long after you are gone.

Please contact Tara Lokke at [tara.lokke@uconn.edu](mailto:tara.lokke@uconn.edu) for more information or if you are interested in participating. This is your chance to have your individual story become a part of the history of our nation. Let's hear it.



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## Veteran Students Organization (VSO)

The Veteran Students Organization (VSO) will be meeting in the Veterans' Oasis, Room 224 in the Student Union at **4:00 p.m. Wednesday 30 March**. We'll discuss open executive positions, elections, and funding. Active duty, family, and non-veterans are welcome as well! If you are interested in participating or helping out with any of these activities, or have ideas of your own, please attend the meeting or contact us!

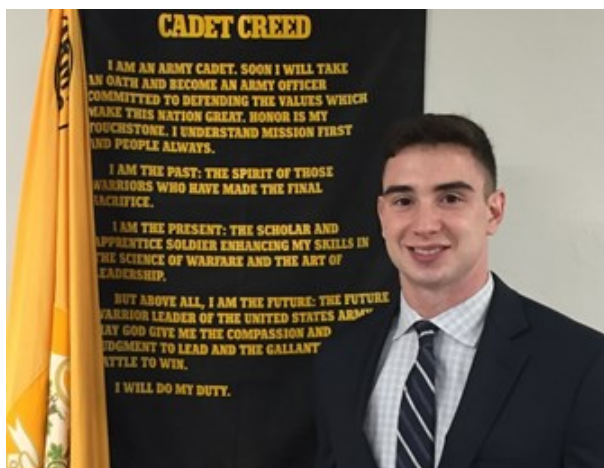
Please let us know if you have any event ideas that you would like the VSO to make happen!

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 [Sean.Seipel@uconn.edu](mailto:Sean.Seipel@uconn.edu).



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## Army ROTC Cadet of the Month - March 2016



Cadet Owen Rockwell grew up in Cheshire, Connecticut where he attended high school and participated in varsity athletics. His primary sport was football, but he also played lacrosse and ran track.

Currently, a sophomore at the University of Connecticut, Rockwell is pursuing a Management and Engineering for Manufacturing (MEM) degree.

Although Rockwell enjoys engineering and business, he's also interested in international studies. So much so, he's taking online graduate courses from Harvard University in international security and hopes to obtain a graduate certificate.

Cadet Rockwell says "I joined Army ROTC looking for a challenge and hoping for an opportunity to become an Army officer. My branch of choice would

be infantry, but I am also interested in military intelligence and other combat arms branches." He hopes to use the skills and knowledge learned in ROTC to pursue a successful career.

In addition to ROTC, Rockwell is the vice president of the Nathan Hale Club, which provides training and support to military groups on campus and facilitates events to support veterans and military ideals.

According to Master Sergeant Jason White, Senior Military Science Instructor, "Cadet Rockwell works hard for what he wants. He is not only always seeking self-improvement but strives to pass that on to his peers. He will be a great addition to the Army."



### Cadets Conduct Army Physical Fitness Test

by CDT Calvin Knecht, A-CO  
NH BN PAO

Storrs, CT - Cadets of Alpha Company, Nathan Hale Battalion in the University of Connecticut Army ROTC program conducted an Army Physical Fitness Test in the early morning hours of Wednesday, February 24.

The APFT consists of three events: two minutes of push-ups, two minutes of sit-ups, and a two mile run. The test is scored out of three hun-

dred points, with each category worth one hundred points. Cadets work out frequently in order to be best prepared for the test, as they count towards the accessions process if they wish to become an Active Duty Army Officer. Cadets take the APFT every month to assess their physical fitness and the areas that they need to work on in order to improve their APFT score.

# Benefits Corner

## Veterans Affairs Benefits and Study Abroad

This UConn Education Abroad scholarship is available to UConn students committed to study abroad programs who have served or continue to serve in our Armed Forces and are registered with UConn Veteran's Affairs and Military Programs. Veterans will be automatically awarded \$2,500 in scholarship support if they commit to a semester-long study abroad program and \$1,000 if committed to a summer program. There is no application for this scholarship; students just need to indicate their veteran status on their study abroad application. This scholarship can be applied to the costs of any type of UConn-approved study abroad program and can cover Program Fees, Study Abroad Fees, tuition, and other study abroad-related costs as long as they are billed through UConn.

For more information please visit:

<http://abroad.uconn.edu/resources/veterans-affairs-benefits-and-uconn-education-abroad-programs/>

## Scholarships with upcoming deadlines

**The American Legion Legacy Scholarship** – <http://www.legion.org/scholarships/legacy>

Deadline = April 15

Those eligible to apply for the scholarship shall be the child/children or legally adopted child/children or a child of a spouse by a prior marriage or dependent child as defined by the United States Armed Services of active duty United States military and National Guard, and military reservists who were federalized and die on active duty on or after September 11, 2001. The applicant must be a high school senior or high school graduate to apply for the scholarship. Scholarship is for undergraduate study at an accredited institution of higher education within the United States. Go to the website listed above, for the application.

**AMVETS** – <http://amvetsnsf.org/scholarships.html>

Deadline = April 15 (for all scholarships)

AMVETS annually awards scholarships to veterans/active military, their sons, daughters or grand-children. A son, daughter or grandchild of a deceased veteran is also eligible. Awarded on the basis of academic excellence and financial need, the scholarships go to deserving high school seniors, high school JROTC students and veterans pursuing a higher education.

# Job Search Resources for Student Veterans

## Career Counselor On-Campus for Student Veterans

**Eran Peterson** is a designated career counselor on-campus for student veterans. Being a veteran himself, Eran has many years of experience assisting veterans with marketing their combined military experience with their educational experience to employers (i.e. resumes, cover letters, interviewing, etc.).

Call Eran at (860) 486-5939 or email him at [Eran.Peterson@uconn.edu](mailto:Eran.Peterson@uconn.edu) to schedule some time with him.

## Veterans Resume Book

UConn's Center for Career Development have dedicated a place to upload your résumé which employers will have access to. A "résumé book" allows companies to find candidates without the hassle of posting jobs and sorting through hundreds of résumés.

Here is how you are going to find it: Log on to [HuskyCareerLink](#) and upload your résumé. Then click on Documents/Opt-in Books. Scroll down and you will see the Veterans résumé book! It's very easy.



The final career fair of the year is almost here! Join us for the

### 2016 Spring Career Fair

March 30th  
11AM - 3PM  
Gampel Pavilion

Open to all UConn undergraduate and graduate students.

To see a list of what companies will be in attendance go to :  
<http://career.uconn.edu/career-fairs/2016-spring-career-fair/>

## Your Chance to talk to a Professional, who happens to be a Veteran

Open to all UConn Veterans: Lioul Haile from [Synchrony Financial](#) will be holding a Q&A session at the Veterans Student Center about the transition from student and military life to professional opportunities. You will also be able to initiate contacts for informal mentoring and networking opportunities as you look forward to your graduation.

When: March 30th, 2016 @ 12:30PM EST  
Where: Oasis, Student Union 2<sup>nd</sup> floor (Storrs)

Questions? Contact Lioul Haile at [lioul.haile@synchronyfinancial.com](mailto:lioul.haile@synchronyfinancial.com)

# 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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