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Spring Semester is coming soon, don't forget to fill out a <u>Form D</u>



Do you wanna be cool?

Do you want others to see how cool you are?

Do you want to display your coolness while surrounded by like coolness individuals?

If you answered **yes** to any of these questions then you should volunteer to march with the IAVA of Connecticut at the Hartford Veterans Parade.



On Sunday November 06, 2016 you can

march and show your awesomeness for the state to behold. You can register <u>here</u>. Or by going to the my.iava.org website.



Steve Kennedy (The host of the IAVA-CT) also wants to stress there will be an **afterparty**.

VA Work Study Positions Available

If you're a full-time or 3/4-time student in a college degree, vocational, or professional program, you can "earn while you learn" with a VA work-study allowance. You'll earn an hourly wage equal to the Federal minimum wage or your State minimum wage, whichever is greater with no tax. For details and eligibility regarding VA Work Study Program, please visit: <u>http://www.benefits.va.gov/gibill/workstudy.asp</u>

Hours currently available for VA Work-Study at the Arjona VAMP (Veterans Affairs & Military Prgms.) office include:

Monday 11am to 2pm - Tuesday 2:45 to 4:30pm

Wednesday 11:30 to 2pm - Friday 10:30 to 12pm and 5pm to 7pm.

There is also several shifts available at the Oasis (up to 25 hours a week).

For more information contact Rob Passmore at 860-486-2442 or by email Robert.Passmore@uconn.edu

UNCLE SAM WANTS YOU



Drop off items in the collection box or in Arjona 343 from Nov 14th to December 2nd!

The UConn Office of Veterans Affairs and Military Programs has initiated its 4th annual care package drive. Collected items will be donated to shelters which provide housing, training, job placement, and other services to the homeless and those in need with a focus on veterans. Create a team name and attach it to your donations if you want to compete for the *Ice Cream Sunday Bar!* Contact Samuel.Surowitz@UConn.edu for more info.

Recommended Collection Items

<u>General Hygiene Items</u>: Soap, shampoo, razor blades, shaving cream, feminine hygiene products, deodorant, etc

<u>Household Supplies</u>: cleaners, batteries, paper towels, plastic utensils, Ziploc bags, detergents, toilet paper, etc <u>New Clothing</u>: Winter Clothing, socks, hats jackets, sweats, underwear, undershirts, sizes M-XXXL preferred <u>Food</u>: Canned goods, coffee, non-perishables, condiments, peanut butter, jelly, powdered creamer, sauces, etc

Veteran Students Organization (VSO)

Join the VSO:

Meet other students in the UConn Veterans Community!! 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 participating or helping out with any of these activities, or have ideas of your own, please contact us.

The VSO is going to test out a new meeting schedule. It will consist of a Leadership meeting at 4:00pm on Friday, Oct 28. Followed by a member meeting on Wednesday, Nov 2nd at 11:00am. All meetings to be held in the Oasis.

Samuel Surowitz is the VSO President and Veterans Program Coordinator. If you're interested in getting involved with the VSO attend our meeting or contact him at samuel.surowitz@uconn.edu.



Quilts of Valor

Nominate a fellow veteran or service member for a quilt of valor (QOV) at <u>http://www.qovf.org/request-qov/</u> (Note: The nominator will be contacted to arrange a time and place for the award ceremony to occur).

Quilts of Valor (<u>www.qovf.org</u>) is a foundation established in 2003 by Catherine Roberts, formerly of Delaware. Her original hope was to be able to cover those wounded in Iraq and Afghanistan with a Quilt of Valor, but the scope of the organization has since expanded to include all veterans and service members touched by any war. Since 2003 over 146,000 Quilts of Valor have been made and presented; some through military treatment centers, others through personal contact. These quilts are our way to thank those who receive QOVs for their service and the sacrifice that they have made. We hope that in holding their quilt, each recipient will know that they are thanked and kept in the thoughts and prayers of all of us.

Stone Acres Therapeutic Riding Center Open House- November 11

Horses4Heroes Inc. is a non-profit organization that uses horses as teaching, therapy and motivational partners to engage, inspire, and empower military families and individuals served. Through its national network, the organization offers able-bodied, affordable recreational, instructional and health & wellness programs for all ages.

Stone Acres (a division of Newberry Farm) will be open for Veterans and their family's to experience Hippotherapy and Therapeutic horseback riding.

Newberry Farm is having their open house to show the public around their horse farm. The open house is 3-5pm on November 11th.

If interested you can visit their farm at : Farm. 16 Chowanec Road, Columbia, CT 06237 Or email them at ckcpony@gmail.com



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:

Thursday, November $3^{rd} - 11a.m.$ to noon - Arjona 340 Tuesday, December $6^{th} - 11a.m.$ to noon - Arjona 340

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

Veteran Senator Position in Undergraduate Student Government

Are you a Storrs Campus undergraduate and are interested in veterans' issues, government, or politics? Volunteer to serve as the Ex-Officio Senator representing student veterans in the UConn Undergraduate Student Government (USG)! The veteran student senator will attend weekly Senate meetings on Wednesday nights from 6:30 – 9:00 p.m. He or she must also serve for one hour per week on a Student Government committee, make themselves available to meet with their student veteran constituents as needed, and consult with the Veterans Advisory Council on student veteran concerns and issues. This brand new position was just created this semester and will greatly serve the UConn Veteran Community! This will look great on a job or graduate school application!

If you're interested in serving in this position this semester or next semester, contact <u>Samuel.Surowitz@uconn.edu</u> for more information!

Patriot Race - November 12th

Saturday, November 12, 2016



9:45a.m. Opening Ceremony 10:00a.m. Race Start Patriots Park (172 Lake Street, Coventry, CT)

The Connecticut Veterans Day Patriot Race is a fun event to recognize and honor our brave men and women who have served. All veterans and their families know about sacrifice and patriotism; and we encourage others to join us in celebrating and supporting them on Saturday, November 12, 2016. This 4-mile race will begin and end at Patriots Park in Coventry, CT, near the Connecticut Vietnam Memorial and the Captain Nathan Hale monument.

Sign up online at: <u>http://www.ctveteransdayrace.com/</u>

Early Registration Fee: \$25

After Oct. 15th Fee: \$30

October Veteran of the Month



The Office of Veterans Affairs and Military Programs at UConn is pleased to announce Stacey Mobley as UConn's Veteran of the Month for October 2016.

Stacey Mobley served 6.5 years in the Army. The first three years he was an enlisted soldier, specifically as a combat medic assigned to Giessen, West Germany, and then to a community hospital in Alabama during Desert Storm. Later, Stacey re-entered the Army for three more years, as a medical officer, after completing his B.S. in Nutritional Biochemistry and then a Ph.D. in Nutritional Sciences from The Ohio State University (OSU). During his time as a medical officer, he served at the Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington, D.C., where he provided clinical nutrition to wounded soldiers of Operations Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom. At Walter Reed, Stacey Mobley established the first nutritional sciences research laboratory at a major U.S. Army hospital to study nutritional requirements of wounded service members in

addition to finding effective treatments to combat obesity in the military. His military decorations include a Meritorious Service Medal, Army Good Conduct Medal, 3 Army Commendation Medals, 2 Army Achievement Medals, a National Defense Service Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Oversees Service Medal, and the Expert Field Medical Badge.

Stacey indicates his transition from the military to his current work was seamless because serving as a combat medic and clinical nutritionist allowed him to translate the concepts to medicine to nutritional sciences. For example, he relates nutrition principles to heart diseases, inborn errors of metabolism, critical care, etc. in addition to the knowledge that he's used from military service to his current job. He will even share with his students important concepts related to learning, self-discipline, and teamwork he picked up from his military experience. For example, in the Army having a "battle buddy" is important to take care of each other and to accomplish the mission. In his classes, Stacey encourages students to have a "study buddy" to help each other succeed in the classroom which may include sharing notes, quizzing each other, and sharing other educational resources. He also encourages students to study abroad because his own time being stationed in Germany allowed him to experience other cultures which gave him a lot of self-enrichment.

Stacey Mobley is currently a lecturer at UConn in the Department of Nutritional Sciences. He loves teaching. He says, "I enjoy interacting with students, and seeing them get excited about learning."

If you would like to nominate a student, faculty, or staff member for "Veteran of the Month," please contact Nikki Cole at <u>Nikki.cole@uconn.edu</u> with the name of the person and the reasons for your nomination.



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 to schedule some time with him.

Training Program for Engineering Students (with International Travel!)

This is a rare opportunity for you to leverage your classwork in engineering and manufacturing experience to become an Applications Engineer with a manufacturer of engineered aerospace products within a two year period. Following a formal Applications Engineering training program, you will travel the U.S. and Europe 25% of the time, assessing customer requirements for products, evaluating designs, making technical presentations, using 3D modeling for design feasibility and performance, and strengthening relationships with customers. Their customers include a long list of Fortune 500 corporations in the aerospace industry. The atmosphere is unstructured and freewheeling, allowing plenty of opportunities for career advancement. Because this is a dynamic, rapidly changing company, serious opportunities for career growth abound. The corporation has acquired over 20 companies in as many years. This new training program will include exposure to manufacturing methods, one year in design engineering, one year in applications engineering, travel to a number of corporate manufacturing sites, materials research, seminars on team building, and on making presentations, and more. The salary ranges between \$55,000 for light experience to \$60,000—maybe a little more. Benefits in-

clude Aetna Choice POS II Medical, Met Life Dental, vision care, tuition aid and company-matched 401 (k).

Absolutely requires all of these: Five or more years of work or military experience outside of academia, some college engineering coursework completed and a willingness to shift to part time classes, "roots in Connecticut," a people-oriented personality, strong mechanical aptitude, an interest in travel, and the drive to build a long term career in engineering.



For more information, contact Kent Kirkland at (203) 729-7000 or kirkland@kirklandsearch.com

Lilly Sales Internship (open to all majors):

This 10-week paid internship (Summer 2017) gives students a "hand-on" experience selling Pharmaceuticals. All interns are assigned a territory and will sell one of Lilly's products. All interns are provided a company car and an iPad as part of the internship.

Requirements:

- Expected graduation between Dec. 2017 & Aug. 2018
- Must be 21 years of age by June 1, 2017
- Must have a valid driver's license

How to Apply:

- Go to https://www.lilly.com/careers/student-opportunities/student-job-search.aspx
- Scroll down to "Search Openings" and enter the ID #28804 in the "Req ID" field.



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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