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Veterans Day Ceremony

Friday, Nov. 11th - 11:20a.m. Great Lawn, by the Ultimate Sacrifice Memorial

On November 11th, Veterans Day, UConn Storrs and the Veteran Affairs and Military Programs office will be hosting a Veterans Day Ceremony on the **Great Lawn**.

The Ceremony will commence at **11:20 am**, with Col. Francis Evon as the keynote speaker. Col. Evon is currently serving as an Assistant Adjunct General of the CT National Guard.

This event is held in honor of all UConn Alumni who have given their lives in Combat Operations abroad. Join us in solidarity as we remember those Military Members who came before us.



The event is to be followed by a Reception in Wilbur Cross North Reading Room (This is also the rain location).

Complete and Submit your FORM D!

Fall Semester is wrapping up and spring semester is starting soon.

If you are coming back for another exciting semester you need to fill out a Form D in order to get your tuition paid (as well as receive your BAH).

You can find the link here: <u>http://veterans.uconn.edu/benefits/forms/</u> If you have any questions or concerns bring them to the VA&MP office located in Arjona Rm. 345,

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

VETS ROCK 2016

Friday, November 11th Mohegan Sun

Hiring our Heroes Career Fair: 10a.m. to 6p.m. (Salon B & C)

Save-A-Suit - Professional Attire: 10a.m. to 6p.m. (Salon D)

VSO Expo: 10a.m. to 6p.m. (Salon A)

Vets Rock Concert: Dropkick Murphys, Godsmack, & Madison Rising 6p.m. to 11p.m. (Arena)



For more information, go to <u>http://vetsrock.info/</u>

Paint The Rock!!

Come join the Veterans FYE class on Wednesday, November 9th at 11:00a.m. to Paint the Rock next to the North Garage.



The Base coat will be applied at 9am, then by 11am (assuming it is dry) we will start the design.

Looking for participation especially from Students with great design ideas, and the ability to paint them.

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



November Veteran of the Month

The Office of Veterans Affairs and Military Programs at UConn is pleased to announce Gregory de Gruchy as UConn's Veterans of the Month for November 2016.

Gregory served 4 years in the U.S. Marine Corps. He enlisted in 2007 and was assigned as an Aviation Ordnance Technician at Camp Pendleton. From 2008-2009, Gregory deployed to Iraq as a technician and logistics supervisor. When he re-deployed in 2010, he was a Workcenter Supervisor in Afghanistan. Between his tours, Gregory became certified as a Marine Corps Martial Arts Instructor and he enjoyed teaching whenever he had the opportunity.

In 2014, Gregory graduated Summa Cum Laude from UConn in Allied Health Sciences. He spent the following year doing research in the Department of Kinesiology and taking classes within the Doctorate of Physical Therapy Program before he started Medical School at UCHC in 2015. Currently, Gregory serves as the Policy Chair for the American Medical Association (AMA) Chap-

ter at UConn SoM. He helped author, and is currently leading an effort to pass a policy to get the AMA to include sexual orientation and gender identity in its demographics collection of members.

Gregory shares that what he's most enjoyed about UConn, "is the great mentorship and insight I have been able to receive from professors and graduate students throughout my education."

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