



# The Husky Vet Gazette

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Veterans Oasis Now has an XBOX 1!

Thanks to the generosity of the non-profit [stack-up.org](http://stack-up.org) and the kind people at Facilities Operations & Building Services, the Oasis is home to a brand new Xbox 1.

Feel free to spend time between classes enjoying the Xbox by yourself, with other veterans, or online against the whole world!



The VSO is interested in finding or planning events with our new device, so if you have any ideas bring them to a meeting.

## VSO elections!

Due to the graduation of our former President and the stepping down of our Treasurer, the VSO will be holding elections early this year.

Current positions up for grabs are the Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer.

You can run for any position, however if the position is currently filled it will not go into effect until the Fall semester.

However, if you run for an empty position you will be taking over that position immediately.

**Elections will be open from February 8-10 through UConntact.**

If you are interested in nominating yourself or another for a position, email the Interim President, Ben Nobles, at [marion.nobles@uconn.edu](mailto:marion.nobles@uconn.edu).



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## Apply for additional Financial Aid - Complete the FAFSA!

You are probably eligible for additional Financial Aid, like Pell grants, even if you're using G.I. Bill Benefits or the State Tuition Waiver (i.e. Combat Veterans Tuition Waiver or National Guard Tuition Waiver). But, you will never know for sure, unless you complete the FAFSA application for next year (2017/2018).

**March 1, 2017** is the on time deadline for UConn students (undergraduate and graduate) to submit the FAFSA. The FAFSA is available online at <http://fafsa.ed.gov/> and be sure to use UConn's Federal School Code, 001417 (for all campuses).

Questions? Go to [UConn's Office of Financial Aid](#) or call them at 860-486-2819.

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### Part-time position open on-campus

Are you looking for a part-time job? The Office of Veterans Affairs & Military Programs is currently looking for a student, who is using G.I. Bill Benefits, to help out in the office. Specifically, we're looking for students who have some availability to work hours between 4:00p.m. and 8:00p.m., Monday, Wednesday, or Friday.

Contact Dan Kowalchik or Rob Passmore at **(860) 486-2442** if you're interested in this opportunity!

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### Scuba Certification Scholarships - \$500

Are you interested in becoming scuba certified? The [SECONN Dive Club](#) will award \$500 to individuals between 16 and 24 years of age to obtain their open water scuba certification. Applicants must submit an essay (maximum of one page) on why they would like to become scuba certified. Applicants should email their essay to [president@seconndivers.org](mailto:president@seconndivers.org) by **February 28, 2017**.



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### Veteran Student Life Award Application/Nomination Deadline: February 24th

UConn's Willis N. Hawley Service and Leadership Award will be available for applications beginning January 28th. The deadline for nominations/applications will be February 24th. \$1,000 will be given to a UConn student (from any campus - undergraduate or graduate). This award recognizes a student veteran who has made significant contributions to the University community through leadership and service during their tenure as a student. The recipient will have demonstrated a commitment to raising awareness and actively advocating for veteran's issues at the University.



More information is available online at <http://sla.uconn.edu/award-descriptions/> along with the online nomination form.

If you know someone you want to nominate, or you would like to nominate yourself, go in and make your nomination by **Feb. 24th!**

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# Thank you to our Colossal Colors Volunteers!

We at the Veteran Affairs and Military Programs office want to thank all of our Colossal Colors Volunteers for coming out to the Women's and Men's UConn Basketball games.

These events are a lot of fun for us, the volunteers, and the fans at the games. We expect to do many more in the future.

See you back on the court soon!



Women's Basketball at XL center 12/19



Men's Basketball at Gampel 1/28

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## Telling the Stories of Veterans - Gallery & Speakers

### Opening Reception - Dodd Research Center (Storrs, CT)

**4:00p.m. - 6:00p.m. Friday, February 10, 2017**

A Legacy of Veteran Expressions after War: Every Veteran's Life Tells a Story & Every Veteran Leaves a Legacy. The Opening Reception is for the Gallery of Portraits, "Legacies of Those Who now Fight for Peace" which will be on display Feb. 10th through March 14th in the Dodd Center.

### Speakers, Pulitzer Prize Winner - February 27, 2017

Pulitzer Prize-winner, David Wood, and Joe Brett will be coming to campus (Storrs) to speak with students about the experiences of those directly impacted by war. [David Wood](#) is a Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist who has covered war and conflict around the world. Joe Brett is Vice President for [Veterans Heritage Project](#) and he co-hosts an internet radio program, Front and Center USA.

More information to come about time and location!!

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## Veterans Housing Community

*Come live with us!*

If you're currently living on-campus and wish to return to on-campus housing next year, don't forget to submit your 2017-2018 On-Campus Housing Application on time! For those students interested in living in the Veterans Community on-campus, please send an email by **February 24th** to [Nikki.cole@uconn.edu](mailto:Nikki.cole@uconn.edu) with your full name, student ID number (PeopleSoft), and indicate the full name of the person you want as a roommate (assuming they will also be sending a mutual request).

The Veterans Community will be located in South Suites for 2017-2018. Questions? Contact Nikki Cole at [Nikki.cole@uconn.edu](mailto:Nikki.cole@uconn.edu) about this living option.

# Job Search Resources for Student Veterans

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## 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.

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## ACP & UConn - Spring 2017 Mentorships Available

Start the Spring Semester with a professional career coach through ACP's Veteran Mentoring Program!

[American Corporate Partners](#) (ACP), helps veterans achieve career goals through a free national mentorship program and is a proud partner of the Student Veterans of America (SVA). Hundreds of student veterans have already taken advantage of these opportunities with great success — check out some of their stories on ACP's [website](#)!

### What ACP offers:

A one-on-one yearlong mentorship with a corporate professional in a career field of your interest. ACP Mentors come from one of 60+ companies like 21st Century Fox, Deloitte, GE, Intel, Johnson & Johnson, Lockheed Martin, USAA and [many others](#).

### What you can gain from an ACP Mentorship:

- Learn about career/internship opportunities
- Build a network of professionals
- Improve your resume and interview skills
- Translate your military experience into civilian terms
- Learn how to advance at your current job



To start your mentorship, visit [www.acp-usa.org/mentoring](http://www.acp-usa.org/mentoring) to apply today and note that you were referred by UCONN on your application and please indicate which campus. If you have questions, please email Avi Mayville at [amayville@acp-usa.org](mailto:amayville@acp-usa.org)

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## Full-time Jobs, Internships, & Co-op Positions

Recruiting Event Open to all U.S. Veterans worldwide  
with College & University level Education  
(Free for Veterans to register and participate)

Register at - <https://www.careereco.com/Fair/EventDetails?fairId=05boec06-326f-4cc6-a36c-a6cd00f8196a>

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# January/February Veteran of the Month

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The Office of Veterans Affairs and Military Programs at UConn is pleased to announce Alexander Teskey as UConn's Veterans of the Month for January/February 2017.

Alex served 6 years in the Navy as a submarine Nuclear Machinist's Mate. For the first two years, Alex was stationed in Charleston, SC for Naval Nuclear Power Training. Then, he was stationed at the Sub Base in Groton, CT on the USS Dallas (SSN-700) for the remainder of his time in the Navy. During that time, Alex and the rest of the crew on the USS Dallas were deployed two times to the Middle East and once to South America with dozens of shorter underways in between. After letting him drag her from California to South Carolina to Connecticut, Alex's wife Elly, and Alex finally decided to buy a home and settle down in Connecticut.

Alex has always known that he wanted to be an engineer, and the G.I. Bill has given him a fantastic opportunity to reach that goal to pursue a degree in Materials Science & Engineering. He's genuinely fascinated by how and why things work (or don't work). As a materials engineer, he'll have a much deeper understanding of the differences that make a successful design, or a spectacular failure. Outside of class, Alex is a member of the Veterans Student Organization and the treasurer of the UConn Skydiving Club. Alex was part of the UConn skydiving Team that won a gold medal at the [National Collegiate Parachuting Championships](#) in Arizona in December and January.

As a leader in a particularly small but dedicated student organization, Alex shares he's had the opportunity to talk with his counterparts at several respected universities about starting and maintaining their student organizations. Most universities encourage students to start and participate in student organizations to form well rounded young adults. Where UConn leads the pack is its extraordinary devotion to that goal. In his experience, UConn provides more staff, mentorship, funding and are just more accepting of small or niche student interests, and Alex believes this attitude helps produce better adults. For Alex, it's exciting to see such a large organization striving toward a genuinely positive outcome through everyday operations.

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 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?



Company	Point of Contact	Email Address
Access Health CT	Peter VanLoon	peter.vanloon@ct.gov
Aetna	Jill Klepacki	klepackij@aetna.com
AonHewitt Consulting Practice	Mike Walton	mike.walton@aonhewitt.com
Bank of America	Lisa McNulty	lisa.a.mculty@bankofamerica.com
Baystate Health	Dennis O'Brien	dennis.obrien@baystatehealth.org
Boehringer-Ingelheim	Jeff Bridges	jeffrey.bridges@boehringer-ingelheim.com
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