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## Save the Date: April 14

5pm - 10pm at the Nathan Hale Inn

Something Awesome is Coming!

Start getting your Suits and  
Dresses Ready!

Sneak Peak to come at the next  
VSO Meeting

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## Veterans Base Camp Health and Wellness Day

**April 8th: 8:30a.m. to 4:30p.m.**

**Chaplin, CT**

Join Veterans Base Camp for its first annual Rally Point, a day of wellness and resources for Service Members, First Responders and their guests. On April 8th, they will have a full day of activity options including massage, reiki, yoga, crafts & painting, hiking, biking, wall-climbing, self-defense, as well as resource vendors to provide information on Service Member and First Responder organizations and resources available. For any questions or concerns regarding the day, please email [info@veteransbasecamp.org](mailto:info@veteransbasecamp.org). The event is free and space is limited so register today!

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/veterans-base-camp-rally-point-a-wellness-resource-day-tickets-32576923455>

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## Free Aromatherapy for Veterans

**March 31st from 1pm-2pm in the Oasis**

UConn's Health Education office will be conducting a program in the Student Union Oasis. This program is called Aromatherapy Oils! This program is made for individuals to learn the benefits of different aromas such as lavender, peppermint and orange while creating your own aromatherapy oil!



Take this time to wind down from academics and socialize in the Oasis and enjoy some free oils that you can take home and use! Questions? Please don't hesitate to contact Brittany Davis at [brittany.davis@uconn.edu](mailto:brittany.davis@uconn.edu).

Hope to see you there!!!

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## Military-Themed Late Night and Game Night

The Office of Veterans Affairs & Military Programs is working in conjunction with Student Activities to host a military-themed Late Night on **March 24**. UConn Late Night provides UConn students with free, fun, exciting quality entertainment on Friday and Saturday nights in the Student Union.

On the same night, from 6:30p.m. to 8:30p.m. Doug Bernstein's Game room (located on the Ground Floor of the Student Union) will be free for all Veterans and family members. A **FREE TACO BAR** will be available to Veterans and family members starting at 6:30 in the Veterans Oasis (S.U. Rm. 224).



The VSO is looking for volunteers to staff a Table during the late Night from 9 - 1 overnight. These hours are flexible and low key, and involve showing off military gear to students and handing out pieces of MRE's. If interested, just show up for the late night and bring any military gear (minus weapons and magazines) that you want to show off.

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# Run As One on April 1st

Come join with Team Rubicon, Team Red, White, Blue, IAVA, Student Veterans Association and Wounded Warriors in a 2 or 3.4 mile walk, run, jog, or ruck with your fellow Veterans as we honor veteran Clay Hunt and form closer bonds within the community.

Run As One is held in honor of Marine veteran Clay Hunt, an original member of Team Rubicon, Mission Continues Fellow, Wounded Warrior Project Alum, and avid sportsman, who took his own life after battling PTSD and depression. Clay was an active participant in many veteran organizations and the event serves as a celebration of the networks that empower, unite, and enrich the lives of veterans. It is a symbol of leadership, action, and collaboration across the veteran landscape globally and within our local communities.

You can donate funds, however they are much more interested in bodies and participants. You can visit there registration page here: <https://www.crowdrise.com/ct-bolton/fundraiser/robjohnson8>



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## Surviving Sexual Assault: Men Speak Out

### March 27, at 1 pm in Student Union Rm #304

VAWPP (Violence Against Women Prevention Program), Veteran Affairs and Military Programs along with the Veteran Student Organization will be hosting the MAVEN foundation to talk about Male Sexual assault survivors in the Military.



The Forum will include former Army service member and current UConn student, Michael Bidwell, and Navy Veteran Bob Hunter, who will boldly share their stories and discuss the effects of military sexual trauma.

Everyone is invited to attend.



# Job Search Resources for Student Veterans

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## Final Spring Career Fair

The Final Career Fair for the semester is almost here. It's not too late to find a job, internship, or co-op! The Spring Career Fair is the final, University-wide career fair happening this year. Network with over 100 employers looking to hire UConn students for full-time jobs, summer and fall internships, and co-ops.



For a full list of employers attending the fair, a map of the event, and valuable preparation material, download the UConn Career Fair Plus app (search for UConn Career Fair Plus on the App Store and Google Play Store).

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## CT State Library Job for Veterans

The Connecticut State Library is looking to hire college students and veterans to work at our Remembering World War One Digitization Day events. This project holds community events centered around helping Connecticut residents remember and document the WWI veterans in their own families. They do this by interviewing family members and scanning or photographing the photos, letters and other keepsakes they bring them. These stories and images are then made available online for use by family, students, teachers and anyone with an interest in WWI.

This is an opportunity to get students involved in the commemoration of World War One while giving them some hands-on skills. They are looking for Veterans to do these interviews because it gives extra meaning to the families they work with. Their knowledge of military lingo, documents and history provides an insight that is invaluable.

The positions are on a per event basis and compensation is \$15/hr. This funding is made available through a grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities.

More information about the project can be found at <http://ctinworldwar1.org/digitization-days/>

**Interested?** If you are interested in applying for a position at one or more events please email a cover letter and resume or C.V. to Christine Pittsley at [christine.pittsley@ct.gov](mailto:christine.pittsley@ct.gov) Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis.



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# March Veteran of the Month

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The Office of Veterans Affairs and Military Programs at UConn is pleased to announce Nathan Baxter as UConn's Veteran of the Month for March 2017.

Nathan Baxter served 4.5 years in the Army as light and mechanized Infantryman with 3 years of Connecticut National Guard service. Throughout his time in active duty he was stationed at Fort Carson, Colorado Springs, Colorado under 4<sup>th</sup> ID 1-66 AR. During his active duty service, he was deployed twice; once in Kandahar, Afghanistan for 1 year followed by another deployment for 4 months in Kuwait. Not wishing to continue his service on active duty Nathan got out in 2014 with his ETS aligning with the date he learned of his acceptance to UConn at the Avery Point Campus. During the ETS process Nathan joined 1-102 HHC of New Haven CT to continue his service. Under this new leadership he has gone to both WLC (Warrior leadership course) and Mountain Warfare School, from which he graduated on the commandants list with a score of 993/1000.

Nathan is pursuing a degree in Political Science with intent to one day impede political corruption. He did not always think about attending college, but with the opportunity through the G.I. Bill and through learning more about himself on active duty, he realized pursuing a college degree was possible. In his adult life he has always taken challenges head on with the zeal of a door-to-door salesman, he never quits and always achieves his goals. At UConn Nathan is a member of the VSO and was a member of GSA at Avery Point. On top of his membership in the VSO Nathan is also the newly appointed ex-officio Senator that represents the Oasis and UConn's Veteran population, a position that was created in UConn's Student Government legislation last semester.

Within this position he aims to ensure veteran opinions are heard in speech, rather than just in writing or not heard altogether. On top of that, in this position he wishes to serve the student body. Nathan says, "when in service we serve the people and continue to do so even when not in service." Nathan's patriotism to the betterment of the people never dwindles. The same applies to Nathan's focus on improving veteran affairs on campus.

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?



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