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LUNCH BREAK!

Free Food & Good Company

Take a break from studying for Final Exams and join us at the Baked Potato Bar! Everyone in the UConn Veterans Community should bring their appetite.

We'll also have members of the Military and Veteran Support coalition there as guests, joining us for lunch. Many of them are employers in the area who are interested in hiring student Vets.

Friday, December 8th
12-2 PM
Rome Ballroom
(located above South Dining Hall in Storrs)



Reminder - Submit your Form D for Next Semester

If you are joining UConn for another exciting Semester, then you need to fill out your Form D to get Educational Benefits. This form MUST be filled out EVERY semester.

If you are using VA Educational Benefits or the State of CT Tuition Waiver, you need to complete the FORM D!!! It's easy - just go to:

<http://veterans.uconn.edu/benefits/forms/> and submit it online.

Questions?? Go to the Office of Veterans Affairs & Military Programs in Arjona Rm. 345, email veterans@uconn.edu or call 860-486-2442.



Earthtones Vocal Ensemble Presents

"Voices of the Vietnam War: Music and Memories"

Saturday, Dec 2nd at 3:00PM

Von der Mehden Recital Hall (Storrs campus)

This is a **free** event commemorating the 50th Anniversary of the Tet Offensive (of the Vietnam War) with military narratives and songs by the Animals, The Rolling Stones, and more!

Fill out your FAFSA!

Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) is your gateway to grants and loans from the government for your education. Even if you already receive benefits from the VA you may still be eligible for grants from the federal government. However, you must fill out a FAFSA to receive them.

To apply for maximum available benefits for the 2018-19 academic year, you must fill out your FAFSA by February 15th!

Potential for thousands of dollars to be awarded. Go to <https://fafsa.ed.gov/index.htm>

Open Study Lounges Before Finals

Dec 9-10, 8 am to 8 pm.

Need some space to study but can't do it at home??

Veteran Affairs and Military Programs are opening up the Study Lounges in **Arjona (Rm. 339 to 343)** for students to study over the weekend before Finals.

The space is available on a first come first serve basis. Good Luck on Finals!



Job Search Resources for Student Veterans

Paid Internship - U.S. Department of Commerce

The Middletown U.S. Department of Commerce Export Assistance Center has a Trade Assistant (**Contractor Position 1099**) to offer military/veteran (Post-9/11) undergraduate or graduate students considering careers in business. Trade Assistants conduct a host of duties that range from responding to telephone inquiries concerning international trade to international market research. The value of this position is centered on the research that the student will perform for the Middletown office staff. Trade Assistants will research manufacturing and service companies to determine the extent of their international activities, assist companies in locating foreign agents and distributors for their products and services, pursue foreign sales leads provided by commercial officers and attend congressional events.

Contractors are paid by the CT Economic Resource Center and assigned to the Middletown, Connecticut U.S. Department of Commerce Export Assistance Center.

The selected Trade Assistant will be paid approximately \$16 per hour, 20-35 hour week.

No benefits. This contractor position will begin with a three month contract and may be extended based on availability of funding.

Must meet the following criteria:

- Applicants must be enrolled in at least one class at an accredited college or university
- Applicants must be U.S. Citizens
- Applicants must be accustomed to working in a team environment
- Applicants must be able to follow orders and take direction well
- Applicants must be Post-9/11 Veteran

Please forward all resumes to Anthony.Sargis@trade.gov.

Questions? Contact: Anthony Sargis at 860-638-6954



ACP (American Corporate Partners) Mentors

Women's Veteran Mentoring Program

American Corporate Partners (ACP) is a nationwide, nonprofit organization that proudly assists America's veterans in their transition from the military to finding their next career.

ACP started the WVMP in 2016 as a means to assist and develop female veteran professionals as they plan for their career or business.

Since 2008, ACP has assisted more than 10,000 veterans, and our veteran mentoring program is open to all post-9/11 veterans. **Get started today @ acp-usa.org/mentoring**



DONATION DRIVE



Let us help those who need help.

Drop off items in the collection box or in Arjona 343 from Nov. 13th to Dec 8th!

The UConn Office of Veterans Affairs and Military Programs has initiated its 5th 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 against other teams. The winner will receive a plaque commemorating their contributions! Contact samuel.surowitz@uconn.edu or peter.harrington@UConn.edu for more info or call 860-486-5078!

Recommended Collection Items

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

Household Supplies: cleaners, batteries, paper towels, plastic utensils, Ziploc bags, detergents, toilet paper, etc

New Clothing: Winter Clothing, socks, hats jackets, sweats, underwear, undershirts, sizes M-XXXL

Food: Canned goods, coffee, non-perishables, condiments, peanut butter, jelly, powdered creamer, sauces, etc

Veteran of the Month: December/January 2017

Marion Nobles

The Office of Veterans Affairs & Military Programs at UConn is pleased to honor Marion Nobles as our Veteran of the Month for December/January 2017. Marion “Ben” Nobles served in the United States Air Force for 6 years as a Tactical Air Controller. Although Ben Nobles would have been able to serve his country to the maximum extent possible if he were stationed in cool places like Germany or Italy, the Air Force decided to station him in Kansas with the 10 Air support operation squadron. Ben Nobles active day job was walking through the woods and making A-10s go “buuuuuurt.” Ben had a single deployment to Bagdad, Iraq in 2011 to support the Big Red One for Operation Iraqi Freedom. Unfortunately nothing cool enough worth talking about happened. Awards include an Army Accommodation Medal, Airman of the Group, and winner of 2010 10th ASOS Chili cook-off.



Ben Nobles came to UConn for the nationally renowned business school and to be near his girlfriend (now spouse) Christine. Ben originally started at the Hartford Campus, then transferred after his acceptance into the Business school. After arriving at Storrs, Ben became actively involved in the Veteran community at UConn, far surpassing Sam Surrowitz in both looks and works done. Serving as President of the Veteran Student Organization and Program Marketer for UConn’s Office of Veterans Affairs and Military Programs, Ben worked hard to contribute to the growing Veteran community. Ben says “my greatest accomplishment was getting the 1st annual Veterans Ball off the ground. Although I think most people had pretty low expectations for it, I like to think I far surpassed it. It was a lot of fun.” Truly UConn will not be the same after he graduates this month.



Ben Nobles was born in South Carolina (although he doesn't like sharing that), and was the oldest of 4. He grew up in the Appalachian mountains of North Carolina and became interested in the military after High School JROTC classes. He is a volunteer firefighter when he is not at campus, and will be moving to Charlotte, North Carolina after his graduation to be closer to family.

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 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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