



# The Husky Vet Gazette

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**Another successful FYE class comes to an end.**

Veterans supporting Veterans

Quick recap

The First Year Experience (FYE) class is run by and for Veterans and Military Affiliated students. This class is designed to equip Veteran students with the foundational knowledge and network needed to be successful while attending college.

**HELP US HELP YOU:**

**COMPLETE YOUR FORM D**

The same time you go online to register for classes or change classes get in the habit of completing your **Form D**

Please go to <https://veterans.uconn.edu/>

**FILL OUT YOUR FORM D:** Claims are filled in order received

*This is how we know your status and how to apply your educational benefits and without it the VA will not be notified .*

# UNCLE SAM WANTS YOU



**To donate to those in need  
this holiday season!**



**Drop off items in the collection box or in Hawley 102  
from Nov 12<sup>th</sup> to December 7<sup>th</sup>!**

The UConn Office of Veterans Affairs and Military Programs has initiated its 6th 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 trophy!

Contact [Samuel.Surowitz@UConn.edu](mailto:Samuel.Surowitz@UConn.edu) for more info.

## 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 preferred

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

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**Advancing your education often requires you to take costly national tests.**

Students can be reimbursed all required (mandatory) fees charged for national admission tests and national tests for college credit.

The following is a sample of the tests are approved for reimbursement:

SAT (Scholastic Assessment Test)

LSAT (Law School Admission Test)

GRE (Graduate Record Exam)

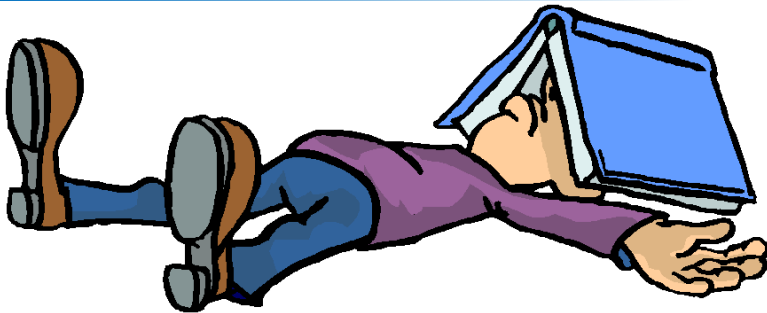
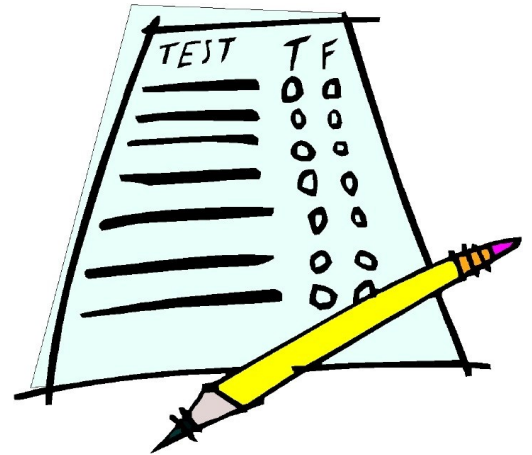
GMAT (Graduate Management Admission Test)

AP (Advanced Placement Exam)

CLEP (College-Level Examination Program)

ACT (American College Testing Program)

And many more, please visit <http://inquiry.vba.va.gov/weamspub/buildSearchNE.do> to see if a test is covered, eligibility requirements and what the VA will cover.



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**Break Time**

Come take a break during the week final week : help yourself to some delicious (and free) food and spend some time catching up with friends.

All Students, staff and faculty in the UConn veterans community are welcome to join us!

**Both Monday, December 10th & Tuesday, December 11th from  
11:00Am to 2:00 Pm**

**Hawley Armory Kyle Milliken lounge**





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# Veteran of the Month: November 2018

## Benjamin Buchanan

The Office of Veterans Affairs & Military Programs at UConn is pleased to honor Benjamin Buchanan as our Veteran of the Month for November 2018.

Benjamin Buchanan served two years in the Navy, mostly on the USS Wasp (LHD-1) as a firefighter, or as the picture shows, a member of "Crash."

While attending UConn, Benjamin is also currently serving as a mentor for the section of First Year Experience (FYE) Class that is specifically for student Veterans at UConn. As a FYE mentor Ben is able to share his own experiences as a student and give tips and guidance to fellow student Veterans. When Ben got out of the Navy he knew he wanted to do something that would allow him to help others. He felt that studying Computer Science could allow him to create something he could share worldwide. His own transition to UConn was tough. Being older than many of the other students, and even some of the TA's or professors on-campus, Ben felt a little out of place. On top of that, Ben found the material in college was a lot tougher to learn than the typical Navy "memorize and regurgitate" tests. Once he started going to the Veterans Oasis regularly and participated in some of the events, Ben learned that he could find the same camaraderie from the Service at UConn.



Ben shares that what he enjoys most about UConn is the ability to make the experience his own and having the support on-campus he needs. He hated being bound by countless rules when he served in the Navy. Thus, Ben really appreciates having the freedom at UConn to make his experience his own. Ben says the support he gets from UConn comes in two ways: The resources in the Office of Veterans Affairs & Military Programs (VAMP) and the support from other Veterans at UConn. The staff in VAMP gave Ben the information about Chapter 31 VA Benefits, in addition to providing space for studying and relaxing. VAMP also helped Ben learn about other VA Benefits, not related to the educational benefits. Most importantly, Ben shares the support from other Veterans is simply amazing. "I found that often times other vets have gone through the same classes I am, or have similar life situations . . . The openness and willingness to help is something very rare."

If you would like to nominate a student, faculty, or staff member for "Veteran of the Month," please contact Nikki Eberly at [Nikki.eberly@uconn.edu](mailto:Nikki.eberly@uconn.edu) with the name of the person and reasons for your nomination.

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# Open Study Lounges Before Finals

**Dec 8-9, 8am to 8pm.**

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

Veteran Affairs and Military Programs are opening up the Study Lounges in **Hawley Armory (Rm. 102 & 105)** for students to study over the weekend before Finals.

The space is available on a first come first serve basis.

**Good Luck on Finals!**



## 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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