

# THE HUSKY VET GAZETTE

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## GRADUATION CORDS

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**G**raduation cords are available for student Veterans who are graduating. These cords are available, at no cost, if you served in the military, and will be going through the May 2019 Commencement Ceremony.

Please stop in the main office in Hawley 100B and pick-up your graduation cord.

These cords commemorate your successful completion of your degree program here at UConn, as a student Veteran.

For those student Veterans at the regional campuses, please go to the main point of contact for your campus: <https://veterans.uconn.edu/regional-campuses/>

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# VETERAN OF THE MONTH

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**T**he Office of Veterans Affairs & Military Programs (VAMP) at UConn is pleased to honor Jack Clausen as our Veteran of the Month for April 2019. Jack is a Vietnam-era Veteran who was in Field Artillery for the Army. Dr. Clausen began his 29-year career at UConn in 1990, serving as a professor of Natural Resources and the Environment at UConn.

Since Fall 2014, Jack Clausen has served as the Chair of the Veterans Advisory Council at UConn, providing guidance, input, and assistance to ensure support for Veterans' success and well-being at UConn. He has worked hand-in-hand with the staff in the Office of Veterans Affairs & Military programs, faculty and staff across campus, and community organizations outside of UConn to help integrate high levels of support for Veterans at UConn. Above all, he has always worked diligently to

help students, staff and faculty with challenging issues.

Aside from his commitment to Veterans at UConn, Jack has always been very dedicated to his teaching and research in the area of water resources. In 2013 Jack received the USDA Teaching Award for the Northeast Region at the annual meeting of the Association of Public and Land Grant Universities (APLU). He also wrote a textbook, *Introduction to Water Resources*, because, as he shared, "greater integration of water quantity and water quality is required to solve many of the real-world water resources problems." He has served on many University committees during this time at UConn, providing the support and guidance so needed throughout the campus community. He has served in many leadership roles including Interim Director

for the Environmental Research Institute and Interim Department Head of the Department of Natural Resources Management and Engineering. Alyssa Kelleher, Director of VAMP, shares, "Dr. Clausen is always willing to push for what is right and willing to work for the betterment of the University without regard to his personal interests."

Recently, Jack announced his upcoming retirement from UConn. We want to thank him for his service, especially for Veterans at the University of Connecticut. He will be missed among the members of the Veterans Community at UConn.

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.



## UConn RECEIVES MAJOR R&D CONTRACT FROM AIR FORCE

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**T**he University of Connecticut has secured a four-year, \$5.4 million contract with the Air Force Research Laboratory (AFRL) to provide next generation manufacturing solutions for the aerospace sector. This project will allow the U.S. Air Force to fully take advantage of new manufacturing technologies and maintain a position of strength in international defense. This is the first phase of a larger contract, which is expected to grow significantly in the next year.

"UConn is uniquely positioned to support major research and training initiatives for aerospace materials development, thanks to our world-class research capabilities and existing ties with major aerospace corporations," said UConn President Susan Herbst. "On behalf of UConn, I am very excited that our institution is

supporting our nation's defense capabilities through this important collaboration."

The award was first announced publicly last week by U.S. Sens. Chris Murphy and Richard Blumenthal and U.S. Rep. Joe Courtney.

"Connecticut is home to the best universities and manufacturers in the world, so we are thrilled to announce that UConn is receiving this grant from the Air Force Research Lab," the members of Congress said in a joint press release. "This critical funding will be used for new aerospace research and developments that will go towards developing advanced materials and manufacturing processes for the Air Force."

The project, titled "Simulation-Based Uncertainty Quantification of Manufacturing Technologies," will help the U.S. Air Force develop more efficient manufacturing

processes.

To manufacture the complicated parts used to build an aircraft, OEMs (original equipment manufacturers) start with relatively inexpensive raw materials. These then go through several steps to be shaped and formed into a very expensive component for use in the aerospace sector. At each step in the manufacturing process, there is the potential for uncertainties about the quality of the parts, which could lead to the part being scrapped.

The UConn-AFRL collaboration seeks to understand each and every step of the manufacturing process to eliminate failures in specialized aerospace parts. Better understanding the manufacturing process will lead to reduced costs, improved component and system quality, and enhanced industrial capability.





# BAH INCREASE - POST 9/11

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Your Monthly Housing Allowance (MHA) is generally the same as the military Basic Allowance for Housing (BAH) for an E-5 with dependents. Your MHA is calculated based on the zip code of the campus where the student physically attends the majority of classes, rather than the location of the institution of higher learning where the student is enrolled. This applied to the first enrollment in an educational program on

or after August 1, 2019. MHA rate increases based on BAH increases are effective August 1 (the beginning date of the academic year).

There are some exceptions, as is life. Those attending a foreign school will receive an MHA rate of \$1,789.

Schools in U.S. territories will net you MHA of E-5 with dependents OHA rate for your school.

Training that is exclusively online - \$894.50.

Attending classes 1/2 time or less and active duty trainee or transferee spouse of servicemember will receive no payment.

For more information on the Post 9/11 GI bill, it's benefits and what you may or may not be entitled to, check out <https://www.benefits.va.gov/GIBILL>.

As always, feel free to ask VAMP any questions you may have in regards to your benefits and visit [veterans.uconn.edu](https://veterans.uconn.edu)!



## Final Exam



# FINALS WEEK THINGS TO KEEP IN MIND

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### MILLIKEN LOUNGE

The Kyle Milliken Lounge (Main Lounge in Hawley Armory) will be open during the day on Saturday, May 4th and Sunday, May 5th for anyone who needs a quiet place to study for Final Exams.

### FINALS SNACK ATTACK

During Finals Week, there will be snacks and food for lunch available for anyone in the Veterans Community to have in-

between Final Exams. Fixings for Sandwiches, with snack foods will be available in the Kyle Milliken Lounge in Hawley Armory. We will also have some snacks available in the Oasis (Student Union) during that week. Please come in and help yourself to some sustenance while studying/taking a break for Finals.

Everyone knows that people get better grades on their final exams with a full belly - it's science!

### TIPS AND TRICKS

#### Step 1

Log off of Facebook/Twitter. Yes it is hard. Even harder if you don't know what log off means.

#### Step 2

Understand the final! Ask questions | Brainstorm | Create a Rough Draft.

#### Step 3

Execute your vision. Utilize your tools and DESTROY!



# AROUND the REGION



Veterans Affairs and Military Programs pose with Jonathan the Husky and their award following the UConn Spirit Awards ceremony held at Centennial Alumni House on March 28, 2019. (Peter Morenus/UConn Photo)

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