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IMPORTANT

Veterans FYE Class

Last Chance: 1 Credit Course for Veterans & Military Affiliated Students Fall '22

Mondays & Tuesdays 2:00 - 2:50p.m. on Storrs campus.

Want to learn about campus resources and Veterans' benefits while interacting with a tight-knit community? Want to increase your rate of pursuit and improve your GPA? Want to learn from guest lecturers and eat free ice cream?

Contact Alyssa Kelleher at alyssa.kelleher@uconn.edu for a permission number to sign up!

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Stand Down 2022

When: Friday, September 23rd

Time: 8am - 2pm

Where: Veterans Affairs (all locations)

CT Veterans, Active Duty, National Guard and Reservists and immediate family members are welcome. No pre-registration is required.

Go to <https://portal.ct.gov/dva/pages/veterans-standdown> to connect with the STAND DOWN 2022 information page where you will find location information, list of services available, and transportation schedule.

REMINDER

Enrollment Verification

Students using Post -9/11 GI Bill® benefits are required to verify their enrollment at the end of each moth. Failure to verify for two consecutive months will impact Monthly Housing Allowance and/or kicker payments.

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) is encouraging students to sign up for text message verification:

www.benefits.va.gov/gibill/isaksonroe/verification_of_enrollment.asp

IMPORTANT RESOURCE

Suicide Prevention Month SEPTEMBER

September is Suicide Prevention Month and there are many resources available.

Save the Veterans Crisis Line Contact - call, text, or chat!!

Need some tips?

Check out the online resources at:

<https://www.veteranscrisisline.net/signs-of-crisis/>

OPPORTUNITIES

Careers with Collins

Internships & Co-ops

Hear from **Brianna Stimson**, a Campus Manager from Collins Aerospace, and a UConn Alum/Navy Veteran.

Internships and Co-ops offer an invaluable way for you to gain hands-on experience in your potential field before graduating. It's a great way to try different avenues and get your foot in the door with a potential employer.

At **Collins Aerospace**, we aim to do the bulk of our recruiting in the Fall. This means that we post these **internship and co-op** opportunities in early September, recruit at Fall Career Fairs, and fill a large portion of our roles before the end of Fall semester. By researching these opportunities early on, you will have more options and increase your chances of receiving an offer.

Here at Collins, we offer the following sessions:

- Spring/Summer Co-op: January - August
- Summer/Fall Co-op: May - December
- Summer Internship: May - August

*All initial sessions are intended to be full-time, 35-40 hours a week, Monday - Friday. Co-ops are 7 months in length, internships are 3 months.

More information about Collins Early Careers can be found **here** and more information on our military program can be found **here**.

FUN

Game Day

Board Games are back!!!

When? Every Thursday at 3:00p.m. in Hawley Armory (Storrs)

These are not your everyday board games and it's open for anyone interested in joining the fun. Different games will be played each week with the rules explained by the Game Master!

Questions? Contact Jon Ramos (a.k.a. the Game Master) at:

jonathan.ramos@uconn.edu

EVENTS

Fall Career Fair

Storrs All University Fair (All majors)

Tuesday, September 20, 11 a.m. – 3 p.m.,
Gampel Pavilion (Storrs)

Storrs STEM Fair (STEM Majors)

Wednesday, September 21, 11 a.m. – 3 p.m.,
Gampel Pavilion (Storrs)

Go to the Center for Career Development for more information and to activate your Handshake account: <https://career.uconn.edu/resources/career-fairs/>

Over 100 employers will be on campus recruiting UConn students for full-time positions upon graduation along with internship and co-op opportunities at both Career Fairs. The fairs are open to undergraduate, graduate, and doctoral students on **ALL** campuses, and student from all majors are encouraged to attend **BOTH** Fairs.

CONGRATULATIONS

Veteran of the Month

Derek Mockalis

The Office of Veterans Affairs & Military Programs (VAMP) at UConn is pleased to recognize Derek Mockalis as UConn's Veteran of the Month. Derek is a UConn student who is part of the VA Work Study team in addition to serving on the E-Board of the Veteran Students Organization (VSO). Derek has been serving in the CT Air National Guard for 3 years, with the 103rd Airlift Wing, as an Aerospace Propulsion Mechanic. The 103rd works primarily with the C-130 Hercules, which is a medium size, four engine turboprop aircraft. Derek's job primarily consists of diagnostics, overhaul and general maintenance on the C-130 engines and its related subsystems. One of his most memorable experiences was helping the unit usher in a Mission Design Series (MDS) of C-130 to the base. Previously, the 103rd had H1 model C-130's, so the upgrade to the MDS H3, were newer model C-130's which have more modern systems, providing more accurate and accessible data. In the process of changing over to the new models, the 103rd had to prepare the older H1 aircraft for departure, and then when the new H3 models arrived they had to completely re-learn some of the C-130's newly updated systems. Derek shares it was a great learning experience and one of his most memorable times with the unit thus far.



At UConn, Derek is working towards a Bachelor's degree in Mechanical Engineering. One of his favorite things about being a UConn student is the freedom and flexibility of being at Storrs. There are a lot of different places and activities to do on campus or around the area. Derek encourages other military-affiliated UConn students to take advantage of all the programs available on-campus. "Whether it's VSO sponsored events or even a club activity, make your time here memorable, be proactive and even try something new."

We always welcome nominations for Veteran of the Month. If you know someone you'd like to nominate (including a student, staff, or faculty member) please contact **Nikki Eberly** at nikki.eberly@uconn.edu with the name of the person and reason for your nomination.

CALENDAR

Fall 2022

August 29th

1st Day of Classes

September 5th

Labor Day - No classes

September 12th

Last day to add/drop classes

September 20th

Storrs All University Career Fair

September 21st

Storrs STEM Career Fair

September 23rd

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