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IMPORTANT

Veterans Donation Drive

Thank you!

The 9th Annual Donation Drive to collect donations to go to homeless veterans was a huge success! All donations were distributed to Homes for the Brave and South Park Inn. The School of Nursing's "Nursing our Veterans" won the competition, with "Budd's Bandits" following close behind. We also want to give a special thank you to the groups and individuals who did not want to partake in the competition, but donated to the cause - you are all truly appreciated.

Looking forward to the 10th annual drive in November/December 2023!!

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VSO Happenings

Join in the fun with the Veteran Students Organization

Every Thursday night, join the VSO for fun and connection at a different establishment every week for food and beverages.

Sign up on the **VSO UConn** page to stay informed about what is going on, and/or learn how to get involved with the VSO. They're now in the process of planning additional events this spring semester, so stay tuned....

GENERAL AWARENESS

Blasting at South Campus

As the South Campus Residence Hall Project is now underway, along Gilbert Road, there are areas where rock must be removed by blasting. Three whistles mean 5 minutes until the blast; two whistles mean 1 minute to blast; and one whistle means all clear to blast. Anyone in buildings near the construction zone may hear low rumbles from the rock blasting.

These blasting events will continue during periods of short duration through the month of January. Any additional unforeseen rock discovered may lengthen the timeframe for blasting and updates will be sent via Daily Digest.



COL Steinar Dahl
Norwegian Armed
Forces



LTC Nate Minott
U.S. Army Air
Defense



LTC Chris Powers
National Guard
Military Police

EVENTS

Eisenhower Series

FEBRUARY 3RD - 4p.m. to 6:30p.m.
Konover Auditorium, Dodd (Storrs)

The Eisenhower Series panelists travel across the U.S., engaging students, faculty, staff and the community in a candid exchange regarding a variety of issues. This is your chance to pose questions and have a thoughtful discussion with service members who have advanced experience and knowledge about different topics related to national security, leadership, and technology.

Questions??

Contact Emily Lugo in UConn's Office of Veterans Affairs & Military Programs: veterans@uconn.edu

Travelers

Want to learn more about career opportunities at Travelers? Feb. 23rd, professionals from Travelers will be available to speak with students about these opportunities and to give some helpful hints and tips on how to apply. Stay and join us for games starting at 3p.m.!

Veterans Housing

Interested in living in the Veterans Community on-campus for Fall 2023 - Spring 2024?? Please email by to **nikki.eberly@uconn.edu** by **February 28th** with your full name, student ID number (PeopleSoft), and indicate any roommate requests.

Game Day

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

FREE LINKEDIN

LinkedIn offers a FREE one-year Premium Career subscription to every eligible Veteran. The subscription includes access to over 16,000 LinkedIn Learning courses.

To learn more go to the VA website about this **great resource from LinkedIn.**

CONGRATULATIONS

Veterans of the Month

Ryan Hinton & Jessika Gossett

The Office of Veterans Affairs & Military Programs (VAMP) at UConn is pleased to recognize Ryan Hinton & Jessika Gossett as UConn's Veterans of the Month.

Both of them are new staff members who are establishing and running the first Veterans Upward Bound Program in Connecticut. This program (hosted at UConn) will serve Veterans throughout the state who are first-generation, low-income, or otherwise "at risk", guiding and supporting them throughout the process of applying to and attending college (any college).



Ryan Hinton, the Director of the Veterans Upward Bound Program, enlisted in the Army and reported to Basic Training three days after graduating from Saint Mary's University of Minnesota. After completing his initial enlistment, Ryan left active duty and joined the Army Reserves to pivot towards a career in education. While in the Reserves, Ryan Completed two Masters Degree programs in Education at the University of Notre Dame and worked as a teacher and then as a high school principal. Eventually, Ryan transferred out of the Reserves and into the CT Army National Guard where he served as the State Master Religious Affairs Noncommissioned Officer. In addition to his Chaplain Corps assignment, he volunteered to serve as the Education Services Officer for the CT Army National Guard, while that soldier was out on deployment. He retired after 22 years of combined service in December 2022. Ryan looks forward to serving our Veterans Community in succeeding in their educational aspirations.

Jessika Gossett is serving as the Academic Coordinator for Veterans Upward Bound. She is a U.S. Marine who served eight years as an Intelligence Specialist. She holds a Bachelor's in Political Science and Psychology and is pursuing her master's degree in Organizational Psychology with the University of Hartford. As a first-generation college student, Jessika understands the unique challenges that face veterans and first-generation college students. Before coming on board with Veterans Upward Bound, Jessika served veterans and their families by volunteering with different Veteran Service Officers. Jessika is excited to be on the UConn team and remains dedicated to ensuring all veterans get the most out of their benefits.

CALENDAR

Spring 2023

January 16th

Martin Luther King Holiday

January 17th

1st Day of Classes

January 30th

Last day to add/drop classes

February 3rd

Eisenhower Series

February 23rd

Travelers Visit

February 28th

Veterans Housing Deadline