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IMPORTANT

Graduation Cords

Graduating in May? Attending Commencement?

Graduation 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 Commencement Ceremony.

Please stop in the main office in Hawley 100B and pick-up your graduation cord. Or, if you're at a regional campus send an email to Nikki Eberly at nikki.eberly@uconn.edu with your name and mailing address and we'll mail one to you.

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

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UConn vs. UMass
MILITARY APPRECIATION
SOFTBALL GAME

Free tickets can be picked up at
 the UConn Hawley Armory
 (359 Mansfield Road Room 100B)

Tickets are limited; first come, first serve, so be
 sure to come by during our office hours to grab
 some for you, your family, and friends!

Wednesday April 5, 2023 6:00 PM	Storrs, CT Burrill Family Field at the Connecticut Softball Complex
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EVENTS

Softball Game

Wednesday, April 5th

Please see the information above for your tickets!

Questions? Email veterans@uconn.edu or call 860-486-2442



EVENTS

April Info Session

VA Connecticut Healthcare

When: Tuesday, April 4th

Time: 10a.m. to 12p.m.

Where: Student Union Oasis (Storrs)

The Post-9/11 Program Coordinator from the VA Connecticut Healthcare System, Christina Savage, will be making monthly visits to the Veterans Oasis at Storrs on Tuesday, April 4th. Christina can answer questions and offer support on:

- Healthcare enrollment/accessing services
- Reporting problems with coordinating healthcare service or the system overall
- Burn pit exposures/registry information
- Access to mental health care
- VA benefits and other general information

FUN

GameDay

Join the Fun!!

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

General Dynamics

Electric Boat

Internships & Co-ops

Tuesday, April 11th

Veterans Oasis, Student Union (Storrs)

10:00a.m. - 2:00p.m.

Virtual Option Available

Raymond 'Ray' Ryan, Military Program Manager/ Veteran Recruiter for Electric Boat will be able to share opportunities available to service members and veterans, and answer any questions about the company.

Ray will also be able to meet with students **VIRTUALLY**. Please contact him at rryan1@gdeb.com to set up a virtual appointment. This is a great opportunity for folks looking to enter in the career fields of engineering and manufacturing, although, there are many other career opportunities, including internship opportunities within the company. Hope to see you there!!

Vet Center Visit

Tuesday, April 18th 10a.m. - 2p.m.

Student Union Oasis (Storrs)

Matthew Green from the Vet Center is coming to UConn! The Vet Center offers confidential help for Veterans, service members, and their families at no cost in a non-medical setting. Their services include counseling for needs such as depression, post traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), and the psychological effects of military sexual trauma (MST). Matthew Green will be available to answer questions and offer support on the services that the Vet Center offers. He'll also be available to meet virtually! Please email him at matthew.green@va.gov to schedule a virtual appointment.

EVENTS

Fresh Check Day

April 22, 2023

Where? Student Union Lawn (Storrs)

Time? 1p.m. to 4p.m.

What? Join in the Fun!

- GAMES
- MUSIC
- ACTIVITIES
- FREE PRIZES
- FREE DAIRY BAR ICE CREAM
- BABY COWS!!

CONGRATULATIONS

Veteran of the Month

Alexander Kryzak

The Office of Veterans Affairs & Military Programs (VAMP) at UConn is pleased to recognize Alexander Kryzak as UConn's Veteran of the Month. He is currently a staff member in the VA Work Study program, and his supervisor, Rebekah Mizener shares, "he strives to go above and beyond to support his fellow military affiliated students and everyone around him to do better." In the office he greets everyone with a smile and does his best to help everyone out, asking for help when needed and learning from his inquiries. Alexander served in the U.S. Army as a Rifleman for nearly four years. He says, "my favorite memory is all the terrible airborne jumps with my buddies - goodbye knees!"



In addition to being a devoted father and Veteran, Alex is pursuing his B.A. in Psychological Science with the intention of applying to PsyD programs. Ultimately, he wants to be a clinical psychologist in the Connecticut VA Healthcare system. Every Wednesday night Alex can be found playing role playing games with other Veterans in Hawley Armory from 4p.m. to 7p.m., which is one of his favorite events to participate in at UConn. He says he also like the awesome support through the UConn community.

The one piece of advice Alex would like to give to other UConn students, "is to remember to laugh off the little things!"

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

Spring 2023

April 4th

VA Healthcare Info Session

April 5th

Mil. Appreciation Softball Game

April 11th

General Dynamics Visit

April 18th

Vet Center Visit

April 22nd

Fresh Check Day

April 28th

Last day of Spring classes

May 1 to May 6

Final Exams