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IMPORTANT

Veterans FYE Class

Last Chance: 1 Credit Course for Veterans & Military Affiliated Students Fall '23

Thursdays 11a.m. - 11:50a.m. or Thursdays 1:00-1:50p.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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EVENTS

Military Appreciation Game

SEPTEMBER 23

Join in the fun at the Military Appreciation Football Game, Saturday, September 23rd at the Pratt & Whitney Stadium. Great BBQ will be provided at the Tailgater starting at 12p.m. You can also volunteer to bring the flag to the field to kick off the game (see above). Everything is FREE (except the parking): FREE FOOD AND FREE FOOTBALL TICKETS!!

More details and registration will be made available by the first week of September on the homepage at www.veterans.uconn.edu

EVENTS

Stand Down 2023

When: Friday, September 22nd

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 2023 information page where you will find location information, list of services available, and transportation schedule.

EVENTS

Welcome Back Lunch

Wednesday, September 13th 12pm - 1:30pm

Hawley Armory, Kyle Milliken Lounge (Storrs)

FREE FOOD!! Join the staff in UConn's office of Veterans Affairs & Military Programs, along with members of the Veterans Advisory Council and to kick-off the year! This is a great opportunity to meet new folks or say hello to old friends. Come as you can in between classes, and enjoy a quick bite to eat.

We can't wait to see you there!!

OPPORTUNITIES

Vocational Rehabilitation Visit

Sept. 21, 2023

Alexander Fernandez will be doing a campus visit and will be available to meet with students at the below times and locations:

9am - noon in the Oasis, Student Union 224 (Storrs)

12:30pm - 3pm in Hawley, Kyle Milliken Lounge (Storrs)



SAVE THE DATE

Husky Run and Ruck

November 12, 2023

The Husky Run & Ruck offers a 10K run, 5K run/walk and untimed 1 mile that all start and end in the heart of UConn Storrs campus.

Taking place on Veterans Day weekend, the event will honor those who have served. More information is at

<https://www.hartfordmarathon.com/husky-run-ruck/>

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 Fairs

StorrsAllUniversityFair(Allmajors)

Tuesday, September 19, 11 a.m. – 3 p.m.,
Gampel Pavilion (Storrs)

StorrsSTEMFair(STEMMajors)

Wednesday, September 20, 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

Rhiannon Trunzo

The Office of Veterans Affairs & Military Programs (VAMP) at UConn is pleased to recognize Rhiannon Trunzo as UConn's Veteran of the Month. Rhiannon is a UConn student who is part of the VA Work Study team. In addition to being a UConn student, Rhiannon also serves in the National Guard. She originally enlisted as a flute player in the Rhode Island National Guard 88th Army Band in April 2021, then transferred to the 102d CT Army National Guard Band to come to UConn in September 2022. This past summer she went TDY to support the 323d Army Band at Fort Sam Houston, which was an incredible experience for Rhiannon, especially playing at the Armed Forces River Parade with IET soldiers in uniform singing their branch's songs as military barges floated by. She says she also "learned a great amount about leadership and camaraderie at the Basic Leader Course at Fort Indiantown Gap, which was a great step forward in my military career."



Rhiannon is a Psych Major/Neuroscience minor, and she has a long-term goal of getting a doctorate degree in clinical psychology and becoming a practicing clinical psychologist. At UConn, Rhiannon loves working in the office, participating in the weekly game day, and she especially loves the Dungeons and Dragons nights! Rhiannon says "There's also a lot of really valuable research opportunities, the Psychology department is top tier and I'm excited to learn as much as I can from hands-on experience."

Rhiannon shares "as a military student, being well connected with the VAMP office and Veteran Student Organization is really helpful and important. Taking the FYE course (which I'm looking forward to mentoring this semester) going to VSO events, and making sure your benefit process is going smoothly can ease a lot of academic and financial stress while finding a strong social support system."

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 2023

August 28th

1st Day of Classes

September 4th

Labor Day - No classes

September 11th

Last day to add/drop classes

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September 13th

Welcome Back Lunch

September 19th & 20th

Storrs Fall Career Fairs

September 21st

Visit from Voc. Rehab.

September 22nd

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September 23rd

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