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FUN

Halloween Party

UConn's Veterans & Military Programs



Live Music, Food, Family Friendly Activities, Costume Contest, and More! Event is BYOB.

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EVENT

Veterans Day Ceremony

When: Friday, November 10th

Time: 11:00a.m.

Where: Founders Green (Storrs)

Rain location - Wilbur Cross North Reading Rm.

The Annual Veterans Day Ceremony will be held on the Founders Green by the Ultimate Sacrifice Memorial. This is open for everyone in the UConn and surrounding communities to attend. Refreshments will be in the Wilbur Cross North Reading Room Following the ceremony.

FUN

Game Day

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

EVENTS

Husky Run & Ruck

NOVEMBER 12

The Husky Run & Ruck offers a 10K "Bonemill" Run, 5K Run, 1 mile fun run/walk, and a Kid's Run that all start and end in the heart of the UConn Storrs campus with Ruck Divisions! Taking place on Veterans Day weekend, this event will honor those who have served.

Participants may contribute additional donations to the UConn Veterans Activities & Support Fund and the Kyle Milliken Scholarship. This will be a fun event with Post Race Food and Drinks for participants and a BEER Garden!

For more details and registration:

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

Employer Visits

October

October 19th - The Hartford will be in the Veterans Oasis (Student Union 224 - Storrs).

October 24th - CIGNA will be in Hawley Armory Rm. 105 (Storrs) 11a.m. to 2p.m.

More details to come via email to applicable majors!!

RESOURCES

Vet Center Visit

Veterans Oasis (Storrs) - October 26th 12pm-3pm

Meet with Aaron Costa from the Vet Center and learn about their counseling services for Veterans and their families.

RESOURCES

Post 9/11 Military2VA Visit

November 7th, 10am-12pm - Veterans Oasis (Storrs)

Answering questions and offering support on:

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

HARTFORD

Visits in Hartford

The Hartford Visit:

Veterans Oasis HTB 207

October 17th

The Hartford will be in the Veterans Oasis (Hartford Times Building Rm. 207). More details to come in an upcoming email to applicable majors.

VR&E Visit:

Veterans Oasis HTB 207

October 26th 9am-3pm

Alexander Fernandez from the **Veteran Readiness and Employment Program** will be available to meet with students in the Oasis in Hartford October 26th.

ROTC

Fire&EMS Visit

The Army ROTC cadets had a special guest in early September. Members of the UConn Fire and EMS teams came to Hall Building on Tuesday, September 5 and visited the MISI 252 class. The cadets were taught lifesaving first aid and stop the bleed techniques along with other lessons that will aid them in their future careers in the Army. We are grateful for the assistance that UConn Fire and EMS teams for taking time out of their days to provide this training to the Army ROTC Cadets.



CONGRATULATIONS

Veteran of the Month

John Albanese

The Office of Veterans Affairs & Military Programs (VAMP) at UConn is pleased to recognize John Albanese as UConn's Veteran of the Month. John is a UConn Alum (he received his MBA in 2006) and is currently at Voya. In his free time he's been raising and training a puppy, Cooper, for America's Vet Dogs, who will go to a Veteran in need of a service dog. John was honored on the field at the UConn Military Appreciation Game in September (pictured with Cooper and Jonathan). John served in the military, enlisting in the Marine Corps and going off to boot camp a week after graduating high school. He served in the military for 5 years. One of his first and most memorable deployments as a marine was to Washington, DC where he was selected for a prestigious assignment with the Presidential Honor Guard at the "Oldest Post of the Corps," Marine Barracks, 8th & I. While there he was assigned to various details attended by the President and various Heads of State at the White House, Pentagon, Arlington National Cemetery, and other locations throughout the U.S. He has also served with a Weapons Platoon out of Camp Pendleton and deployed to the Western Pacific. He was also recalled to active duty with a Casualty Replacement Battalion and trained for deployment overseas in support of Operation Desert Storm, but the ground war ended after six weeks and they were no longer needed. So, he returned to civilian life.

Still seeking the camaraderie experienced in the military but without the deployments, John shifted to a career in law enforcement for a twenty-year period with the Connecticut State Police. Throughout his law enforcement career, he pursued higher education, earning an MBA from the University of Connecticut. Upon leaving law enforcement, John started working with USAA, an organization known for hiring and serving the military community. Several years later in 2015, he was hired at Voya where he continues to oversee the Corporate Security and Investigations team.

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

October 19th

The Hartford Visit

October 21st

Halloween Party

October 23rd

Spring/Winter Registration begins

October 24th

CIGNA Visit

October 26th

Vet Center

November 7th

Post 9/11 Military2VA

November 10th

Veterans Day Ceremony (Storrs)

November 11th

Veterans Day

November 12th

Husky Run & Ruck