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EVENT

Lunch with Veterans Advisory Council

~~April 16th~~ moved to April 23rd 12:00p.m.
Hawley Lounge (Storrs)

FREE FOOD!

Join members of the Veterans Advisory Council for some lunch in Hawley Armory (main lounge) on April **23rd**. It's a great way to meet some members of the UConn Community who fully support student Veterans on-campus, many of whom served in the military themselves. Come take a break from classes and join us for some great food and conversation!

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FUN

Fresh Check Day

Saturday, April 20th 1pm to 4pm
Student Union Lawn (Storrs)

Fresh Check Day is a mental health promotion and suicide prevention fair that consists of interactive expo booths, peer-to-peer messaging, support of multiple campus departments and groups, free food, entertainment, and giveaways.

Interested? [More details can be found online for Fresh Check Day 2024](#)

Not able to attend one at Storrs? There are several others at each campus:

Waterbury - Tuesday, April 2nd

Avery Point - Thursday, April 8th

Hartford - Thursday, April 18th

Stamford - Tuesday, April 9th

EVENTS

Eisenhower Series

When: Friday, April 4th

Time: 4:00 p.m.

Where: Konover Auditorium, Dodd Center (Storrs)

The panel discussion is open to EVERYONE!

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

RESOURCES

Graduation Cords

Are you graduating in May?

Graduation cords are available for student Veterans (also those in the Guard, Reserves, or on active duty) who are graduating. These cords are available at no cost, if you served/are serving in the military and will be going through the May Commencement Ceremony.

Please stop in the main office in Hawley 100B (Storrs) and pick-up your cord. Or, if you're at a different campus send an email to Nikki Eberly at nikki.eberly@uconn.edu with your name and mailing address so we can mail it to you.

RESOURCES

Vet Center Visit

Storrs Veterans Oasis (Student Union)

Tues., April 23rd noon to 3p.m.

Aaron Costa, the Veteran Outreach Program Specialist will be available to answer questions and offers support regarding the services the Vet Center offers. He will be available to answer questions and offer support on the services the Vet Center offers. He will also be available to meet virtually. Email Aaron at aaron.costa@va.gov

The Vet Center provides confidential services for Veterans, service members, and their families at no cost, which includes counseling for depression, PTSD, and the psychological effects of military sexual trauma (MST).

SCHOLARSHIP

Bonzagni & Thomas

Families Scholarship Fund

For 2024-2025 Academic year

Amount: \$1,500 - \$3,000 awards

Application Deadline: April 15th

Criteria:

- active military, veteran, first responder, or other public safety personnel or a child of the aforementioned
- graduating high school senior, adult learner, or graduate student
- reside in the greater Hartford region
- have demonstrated financial need

Instructions to Apply:

- Go to hfpg.org/scholarships
- On home page, select the type of college you'll attend
- Click on the link to access the Hartford Foundation portal
- Complete the eligibility question & scholarship application will be uploaded. Click "apply" to start an application.

FEEDBACK

Survey

We need to hear from you!

UConn's Office of Veterans & Military Programs wants to hear from UConn's military affiliated students (i.e. Veterans, Active Duty, Guard, Reserves, etc.). This will help us better understand your experiences on-campus and how we can better improve our efforts campus wide. The survey takes approximately 5-10 minutes to complete and participants can enter a drawing to win a \$25 Amazon gift card.

[Click here to take the survey.](#)

EVENTS

Memorial Luminaria

Cancer, Veteran & Mental Health

When? Monday, April 15th 7:30pm - 9:30pm

Where? South Campus Behind Snow Hall

Create a lantern for a loved one who passed or is still with us. Enjoy the immersive experience reflecting with friends and community members.

Questions? Contact Hall Director Kim Kleszczynski at kimberly.kleszczynski@uconn.edu

CONGRATULATIONS

Veteran of the Month

Jahmir Roy

UConn's Veterans and Military Programs is pleased to recognize Jahmir Roy as UConn's Veteran of the Month. Jahmir is currently an undergraduate student at UConn and assists fellow students in the main office of Hawley Armory via the VA Work Study program. He also recently shared his story with the State Legislature during their budget hearings in order to support UConn. Jahmir served 8 years in the Navy as an Electronics Technician Nuclear, which meant that he was responsible for the maintenance and operation of the Nuclear Reactor instrumentation and control equipment. The US Navy uses nuclear reactors to provide electrical power and propulsion for submarines and aircraft carriers. During that time, Jahmir shares his most memorable time was going to see the ball drop in NYC with his best friend: "we both wore our navy blue service dress uniforms and were escorted by NYPD to Times Square where we had front row seats to the countdown.



Jahmir's goals at UConn are to graduate with a degree in psychology and philosophy, and then pursue either a doctorate in psychology or go to law school, with the ultimate intent of helping children in bad situations. He says he enjoys being back in school and learning things in a formal setting, something that he's missed dearly since graduating high school.

Jahmir's advice to other students is: "Be sure to reach out to the VAMP (Veterans & Military Programs) team. There's a lot of great people with experience and knowledge that is invaluable for our community. Also don't be afraid to get the help you need to succeed, especially in the case of mental health. Too many of us suffer in silence and don't reach out until it's too late. We're all in this together, no one is alone."

CALENDAR

Spring 2024

April 4th

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April 15th

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April 23rd

Vet Center Visit

April 29 - May 4

Final Exams