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Join us in Celebrating
VETERANS DAY

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 11TH
11:00AM | FOUNDERS GREEN

RAIN LOCATION: WILBUR CROSS NORTH READING ROOM
WITH GUEST SPEAKER MARC CASTELLUCCI

POST CEREMONY FESTIVITIES IN THE
WILBUR CROSS NORTH READING ROOM

**ALL ARE WELCOME AND
ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND**

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Husky Run & Ruck

November 10th - Storrs

Through UConn's Office of Veterans and Military Programs proceeds will provide scholarships for military and veteran students as well as benefit the Kyle Milliken Fund. Kyle Milliken [story](#). The rolling courses explore campus and the rural Mansfield-Storrs area, with 10K runners tackling the infamous Bonemill loop. The challenging Bonemill course has long been a proving ground for runners and athletes at UConn. We encourage participants to run or ruck "Bonemill" in honor of Kyle Milliken, Navy SEAL and UConn track and field athlete who was killed in action.

Registration fees depend on the course participants sign up for, along with the option to make an additional donation.

Interested? [Register online through the Hartford Marathon Foundation](#)

EVENTS

Lunchtime Games

Every Thursday

When & Where? Every Thursday at 12:00p.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

SCHOLARSHIP

Hawley Award

Apply or nominate someone!

UConn's Student Life Awards are now open for students to apply and/or nominate others for. One of these awards is the Willis N. Hawley Service and Leadership Award. This award is given to a military or veteran student who has made significant contributions to the UConn community.

Interested? Detailed information can be found on [UConn's Student Life Awards website](#).

VA VISITS

M2VA & VA Visits

Do you have VA healthcare or benefits questions? Meet with VA staff to ask about healthcare enrollment, services and resources available, claim questions, file a claim, and more.

When: The 1st Tuesday of the month from 10:30am-1:30pm. First come first serve.
Where: Hawley Armory



RESOURCES

Vet Center Visit

November 12th - Storrs

Tuesday, November 12th 10:00a.m. - noon
Aaron Costa from the Vet Center will be at the Storrs campus at the Veterans Oasis in the Student Union.

The Vet Center offers confidential counseling services for Veterans, service members, and their families at no cost.

Questions? Email Aaron Costa at aaron.cost@va.gov

DONATE

Annual Veterans Donation Drive

More information to come...

UConn’s Office of Veterans and Military Programs will again be hosting it’s 11th Annual Donation Drive for Veterans! Collected items will be donated to shelters which provide housing, training, job placement, and other services to the homeless and those in need with a focus on veterans.

More information will be coming out soon via the weekly email from Emily Lugo!

CONGRATULATIONS

Veteran of the Month

Genesis Latorre-Valentin

The Office of Veterans & Military Programs (VAMP) at UConn is pleased to recognize Genesis Latorre-Valentin as UConn's Veteran of the Month. Genesis is currently a student at the UConn Hartford campus and a member of the CT National Guard while pursuing a Bachelors degree in Communication. She is also the recipient of the Kyle Milliken Scholarship.



Genesis has been serving in the CT Army National Guard as a Human Resources Sergeant for the Junior Enlisted Council (JEC).

The JEC was formed in June 2023 and represents all junior enlisted personnel (E-1 to E-6). They talk about any issues that affect their experience in the Guard, both in their jobs and personal lives. In her role with JEC, she strives to connect with the military community with the planning and organization of welfare and morale-related projects for enlisted personnel.

Her main goal as a student at UConn is to get her college degree while balancing her personal life and professional career. She advises other military and veteran students: "while having the college experience is tough, it's of course super rewarding... But don't forget to take some time to relax and enjoy life outside of college. Whether it's hanging out with friends and family or just taking a break at a coffee shop, don't take the little things in your life for granted. As cheesy as it sounds, you don't know what you have until it's gone."

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 2024

November 5

Post 9/11 Military2VA & VBA

November 10

Husky Run & Ruck

November 11

Veterans Day

November 12

Vet Center Visit

November 10

Husky Run & Ruck

November 24 - 30

Thanksgiving Recess

December 9 - 15

Final Exams