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JOIN UCONN VAMP FOR LUNCH WITH THE DEAN OF STUDENTS

 **March 27, 2025**

 **12:00 PM - 1:30 PM**

 **Kyle Milliken Lounge
at the Hawley Armory**



**Dr. Fany DeJesus
Hannon**
Dean of Students

Lunch is on us! Dr. Hannon is looking for a chance to meet the military affiliated students on campus, talk to them, and find out more about them. Bring your questions and empty stomachs, we're having Gansett.

For More Information
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UConn
VETERANS & MILITARY
PROGRAMS

Do you have VA benefits questions? Meet with VA staff to ask about 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

VA



U.S. Department
of Veterans Affairs

RESOURCES

M2VA & VBA Visit

Tuesday, April 1st 10:30a.m. - 1:30p.m.
Hawley Armory Rm. 105 (Storrs)

Meet with staff from the VA and the M2VA (Military 2 Veterans Affairs) program. They'll be on hand to answer questions about disability claims and able to provide healthcare information.

EVENTS

Lunchtime Games Every Thursday

When & Where? Every Thursday at 10:00a.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

WELLBEING

Hawley Fitness Center Now Available!

WE ARE OPEN!

Monday - Friday 3pm to 5pm

Located in the basement of Hawley Armory

Available for:

- Veterans
- National Guard & Reserves
- ROTC
- Active Duty
- Veteran Dependents

This is made possible through the UConn SVA (Student Veterans of America)

EVENT

Eisenhower Series

April 4th at 4:00p.m. (Storrs)

ARMY WAR COLLEGE EISENHOWER SERIES

FRIDAY, APRIL 4TH

4:00PM – 7:00PM

SCHOOL OF BUSINESS RM 106

This 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. This is your chance to pose questions and have a thoughtful discussion with service members who have advanced experience and knowledge about different topics related to national security, leadership, and technology.

Transforming Military Leadership in Technology

Thank You for Your Contributions to National Security

Stronger Together: How YOU Can Improve Alliances

Fragile Links: Supply Chain Resiliency

Growing the Future: How Synthetic Biology will Change Your World



UNITED STATES ARMY
WAR COLLEGE
EISENHOWER SERIES COLLEGE PROGRAM



Lt Colonel Creezy Antoine
US Army
Communications



Colonel Philip Thomas
CA National Guard
Logistics



Lt Colonel Erik Sarson
WV National Guard
Special Forces

QUESTIONS?
Contact Nikki Eberly at UConn's Office of Veterans and Military Programs:
Veterans@uconn.edu

RESOURCES

Enrollment Verification

Did you know?

Most students using VA Benefits are required to verify their enrollment in classes with the VA. With some recent changes in this process, if students have questions about what method they can use, they can always verify their enrollment online through [AskVA](#) (this option is available for all beneficiaries). Students can also review this [chart](#), showing which methods they can use, based on the type of benefit they're using.

RESOURCES

UConn Law Veteran Pro Bono

Monday, March 10th at 5:30pm
Starr Reading Room (UConn Law)
Featuring speakers such as Donald Tutson, head of Pro Bono Services at the Connecticut Veterans Legal Center, this event is a great chance to support the veteran community while enjoying great food from Viron Rondo

More details are available on the [UConn Events Calendar: UConn Law's Veterans Pro Bono Night](#)

CONGRATULATIONS

Veteran of the Month

Xingchen Li

The Office of Veterans & Military Programs (VAMP) at UConn is pleased to recognize Xingchen Li as UConn's Veteran of the Month. Xingchen is a veteran who served for four years in the military helping soldiers and their families with eye conditions and diseases as an ophthalmic technician.

One of his most memorable experiences in the military was being stationed overseas at Camp Humphrey, South Korea. He was called to work in a small base, named Camp Casey, located in the northern part of South Korea. Fresh out of basic training he was put to work almost immediately. Everything was new; the culture, the people, and the social norms were untouched territories for him. However, everything worked out in the end. He earned five awards from that tour and he is proud for having done what a lot of people couldn't.

Xingchen Li's goal at UConn is to continue his education to become a healthcare provider similar to the doctor he worked for in the military. He likes the vibe of the students at UConn and he says, "They are honestly some of the most down-to-earth people I've met." He also really likes the Recreation Center and he goes there everyday - one of the habits he says he picked up over the years.

Xingchen Li shares that the military taught him to be more open-minded and to try new things in life. Either living in a foreign environment or doing something that's out of our comfort zone. He feels he must be able to adapt to that change and be mentally prepared to move every one to three years based on location. His advice to other students is "to remember that you are also human, so when your body tells you it is breaking down, you are allowed to seek the care that you need; I know it might be a bit taboo to say you are sick and miss out on work, but your health always comes first."



CALENDAR

Spring 2025

March 10

UConn Law School Pro Bono

March 16 - 23

Spring Break

March 27

Lunch with the Dean of Students

April 1

M2VA & VBA Visit (Storrs)

April 4

Eisenhower Series