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Congratulations Graduates!!

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 Armory 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 and we'll mail one to you.

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**SATURDAY
APRIL 26TH
1PM - 4PM
STUDENT UNION
LAWN**

a mental health check-in



- interactive booths
- baby cows
- pet therapy
- stress management
- free food
- prizes
- games
- crafts, and more!



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STUDENT HEALTH AND WELLNESS

FUN

Fresh Check Day

Saturday, April 26th 1pm - 4pm

Student Union Lawn

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.



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

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

Women's Basketball Victory Parade

Saturday, April 13th

11a.m. Parade and 11:30a.m. Rally

To celebrate UConn Women's Basketball Team for their twelfth national NCAA title after an 82-59 victory over South Carolina, the State of Connecticut and the City of Hartford are hosting a victory parade and rally in downtown Hartford on Sunday, April 13th (*Note: this was moved from Saturday, due to rainy weather*).

The parade will begin at 11:00a.m. and will step off at the State Capitol Building at the intersection of Trinity Street and Elm Street. From there, it will proceed north on Trinity Street, go through the Soldiers and Sailors Memorial Arch, turn right (east) onto Jewell Street, turn left (north) onto Trumbull Street, and end at the intersection of Asylum Street and Trumbull Street.

The rally will begin at approximately 11:30a.m. and will be held outside of the main entrance of the XL Center on Trumbull Street, where the players, coaches, and other guests will be invited to give speeches.

[View the 2025 UConn Victory Parade Route & Rally Map](#)



UConn Storrs Campus Visit

Thursday, April 17th | 10am-12pm
OASIS Lounge in the Student Union

Meet with Aaron Costa, Veteran Outreach Program Specialist, who can offer support on the services that the Vet Center offers.

RESOURCES

How Are You Doing?

The Veterans Self-Check

Assessment is a free, confidential online tool to help you find out if stress and depression are affecting you and what you can do about it. This short online quiz (about 10 minutes) is made possible by the VA and the Veterans Crisis Line.

CONGRATULATIONS

Veteran of the Month

**John Munro &
Andrew J. McCotter**

The Office of Veterans & Military Programs (VAMP) at UConn is pleased to recognize two students as UConn's Veteran of the Month. John Munro and Andrew J. McCotter both received the Willis N. Hawley Service and Leadership Award for their efforts to support fellow student Veterans at UConn. Congratulations!!

Born in Tampa, Florida in 1997, John Munro (top picture) graduated Hillsborough High School #3 out of his class of 269. John enlisted and served in the Navy from 2015 - 2021 as a Nuclear Electrician's Mate and served on the USS South Dakota from 2018-2021. Upon separation from the Navy, he got accepted into UConn. He is now in his 3rd year and is working towards a dual degree in Physics, Applied Mathematics, and minors in Computer Science and Astrophysics. John is member of the VA Work Study team, working out of the main office in Hawley Armory and he frequently assists fellow students, whether he's on the clock or not. In addition to his strong work ethic, John is an active member of the UConn SVA (Student Veterans of America) and is always on hand to help out wherever he can.

Andrew McCotter (2nd picture) is a native of New Hartford, CT. After earning his degree, he joined the United States Marine Corps and currently serves in the Reserves as a Platoon Commander with the 4th Assault Amphibious Battalion in Jacksonville, Florida.

Andrew is a first-year student at UConn Law, aspiring to pursue a career in federal criminal law after graduation. At UConn Law, he re-established the Veterans & Armed Forces Legal Outreach Society (VALOR) and serves as its president. He is also an active member of the Moot Court Board and the Mock Trial Team.



CALENDAR

Spring 2025

April 13
Women's Basketball Parade

April 17
Vet Center Visit

April 26
Fresh Check Day

May 2
Last day of spring classes

May 5 - 10
Final exams

May 10
Air Force ROTC Commissioning

May 12
Army ROTC Commissioning