

# The Husky Vet Gazette

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## IMPORTANT

THE VETERANS AND MILITARY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE HOSTS A

### INFORMATIONAL PUBLIC HEARING

WEDNESDAY, NOV 8TH • 1 PM - 4PM  
LEGISLATIVE OFFICE BUILDING, COMMITTEE ROOM 2C

CONNECTICUT VETERANS, MILITARY PERSONNEL, ADVOCATES, AND THEIR LOVED ONES ARE INVITED TO SHARE ISSUES OR CONCERNS RELATED TO VETERANS AND MILITARY AFFAIRS IN OUR STATE

TO SIGN UP TO TESTIFY IN PERSON OR ONLINE REMOTELY, PLEASE USE THE QR CODE OR VISIT: [TINYURL.COM/YECZ3JXT](https://tinyurl.com/YECZ3JXT)



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SALUTE TO SERVICE



## 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/>

## 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.

**UConn**  
VETERANS AFFAIRS &  
MILITARY PROGRAMS

# VETERANS DAY CEREMONY

WITH GUEST SPEAKER DR. CARLITA COTTON

**ALL ARE WELCOME AND ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND**

**NOV 10** | **2023**

**FOUNDERS GREEN**  
(UNIVERSITY FLAGPOLES) | **11:00 AM**

**POST CEREMONY FESTIVITIES IN THE  
WILBUR CROSS NORTH READING ROOM**

**RAIN LOCATION: WILBUR CROSS NORTH READING ROOM**

For More Information Contact:  
[veterans@uconn.edu](mailto:veterans@uconn.edu)  
860-486-2442

## INTERNSHIP

# For Credit

UNIV 1991 Section 004 (1 credit - S/U)

In Person at Storrs Mondays 10:10am - 11am

Internship course, instructor consent required. Students will be required to interview 2 veterans for their internship, which will be submitted as part of the Veterans History Project. Open to all students. *Note: this course doesn't fill any general education or major requirements.*

**Questions?** Email [emily.i.lugo@uconn.edu](mailto:emily.i.lugo@uconn.edu)

## ACADEMIC

# Senior Year Experience Class

UNIV 4820 Section 001 (1 credit - S/U)

In Person at Storrs, Thursdays 11am - 11:50am

Senior Year Experience (SYE) - Provides an overview of the transition to life beyond the University with a focus on life skill awareness and development including financial literacy, career readiness, and reflection on the meaning and value of the undergraduate experience. Open to seniors with military affiliation (active duty military, reservists, retired military, veterans and ROTC). Instructor consent required.

**Interested?** Email [emily.i.lugo@uconn.edu](mailto:emily.i.lugo@uconn.edu)

## 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 & other general information

VBA (Veterans Benefits Administration) will be offering a claims clinic for students to discuss other benefits such as Compensation Services, Pension and Fiduciary Services, & Insurance Services.

## 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](mailto:jonathan.ramos@uconn.edu)

## CONGRATULATIONS

# Veteran of the Month

## Dr. Carlita Cotton

The Office of Veterans Affairs & Military Programs (VAMP) at UConn is pleased to recognize Dr. Carlita Cotton as UConn's Veteran of the Month. Dr. Cotton is a UConn Alum and will be the keynote speaker for the Veterans



Day Ceremony at UConn this month. Dr. Carlita Cotton is a native of Birmingham, Alabama. She holds a B.A. in Russian Language & Literature from the State University of New York at Albany, Master of Divinity in Pastoral Counseling & Theological Education from Howard University, and a PhD in Educational Psychology from the University of Connecticut.

Dr. Cotton served in the United States Air Force for 10 years, 16 days, and 8 hours. She enlisted in the Air Force on November 16, 1980, and honorably retired as a Technical Sergeant on November 30, 2000. During this time, she served in multiple locations, including overseas in the Persian Gulf and Cold War.

When it was time for career selections, Dr. Cotton was chosen to be a translator. A colleague told her that black people don't have the aptitude to learn Russian; she became a Russian translator. In addition to being a Linguist, Dr. Cotton has experience working as a Language Analyst and Supervisor, Joint Military Awards Director, Human Resources Intelligence Strategic Debriefing, and an Interrogator.

Her personal awards include the Air Force Achievement Medal, Joint Service Commendation Medal (2), Air Force Longevity Award (4), Air Force Training Award, Army Occupation Medal, National Defense Service Medal, CT Wartime Service Medal, and she is a class of 2021 CT Veterans Hall of Fame inductee.

In her civilian career, Dr. Cotton continues to educate and lead others as she did in the Air Force. She teaches Psychology as an Online Associate Professor at Post University, is a Lead Professor and Board of Trustee Member at Charter Oak State College, and as Clergy and Pastoral Counselor at New Roots AME & Stanley Chapel AME Zion churches. She also currently serves as a Town Councilor for Mansfield, CT.

If you know someone you'd like to nominate for Veteran of the Month please contact **Nikki Eberly** at [nikki.eberly@uconn.edu](mailto:nikki.eberly@uconn.edu) with the name of the person and reason for your nomination.

## CALENDAR

# Fall 2023

**November 7th**  
Post 9/11 Military2VA

**November 8th**  
Legislative Hearing for Veterans

**November 10th**  
Veterans Day Ceremony (Storrs)

**November 11th**  
Veterans Day

**November 12th**  
Husky Run & Ruck

**November 19th - 25th**  
Thanksgiving Recess

**December 8th**  
Last day of fall classes

**December 11th - 17th**  
Final examinations