

# The Husky Vet Gazette

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Winners of the 2023 Veterans Donation Drive - University Business Services

## REMINDER

# Using Benefits Fall '24?

## Form D

Registration for Fall 2024 Classes has begun. That means any students who plan to use VA Educational Benefits or the State of CT Veterans or National Guard Tuition Waiver needs to complete the Form D. Please be sure to fill out the Form D upon registering for classes in order to avoid having late fees or holds placed on your student account.

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## OPPORTUNITIES

# Career Fair

## Spring 2024

Are you looking for job, internship, and co-op opportunities for Summer 2024 and beyond? Don't miss the Storrs Spring Career Fair! Over 100 employers are recruiting from a wide variety of industries and careers. Students from all majors and all campuses are encouraged to attend the fair and see the possibilities?

Interested? [RSVP to the fair](#)

Note: If you have not done so, be sure to [activate your Handshake account](#) and complete your profile to put yourself in the best position to be seen by employers recruiting UConn talent.

[Click here to view attending employers and register.](#)

## 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

# Campus Visits

## Waterbury, Avery Point, & Stamford

The UConn VAMP (Veterans & Military Programs) Team will be visiting Waterbury, Avery Point, and Stamford to answer questions about benefits and to provide any support you may need. Please stop by the Veterans Lounge to chat and maybe grab a cup of coffee! Below are the dates/times at each campus:

**Waterbury OASIS - Tuesday, March 19th**  
Rm. 109, Main Building 10a.m. to 1p.m.

**Stamford OASIS - Thursday, March 28th**  
Rm. 141, Main Building 10a.m. to 1p.m.

**Avery Point OASIS - Tuesday, April 2nd**  
2nd Floor, Library 10a.m. to 1p.m.

## RESOURCES

# Vet Center Visit

**Storrs Veterans Oasis (Student Union)**

**March 26th 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](mailto: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).

## FUN

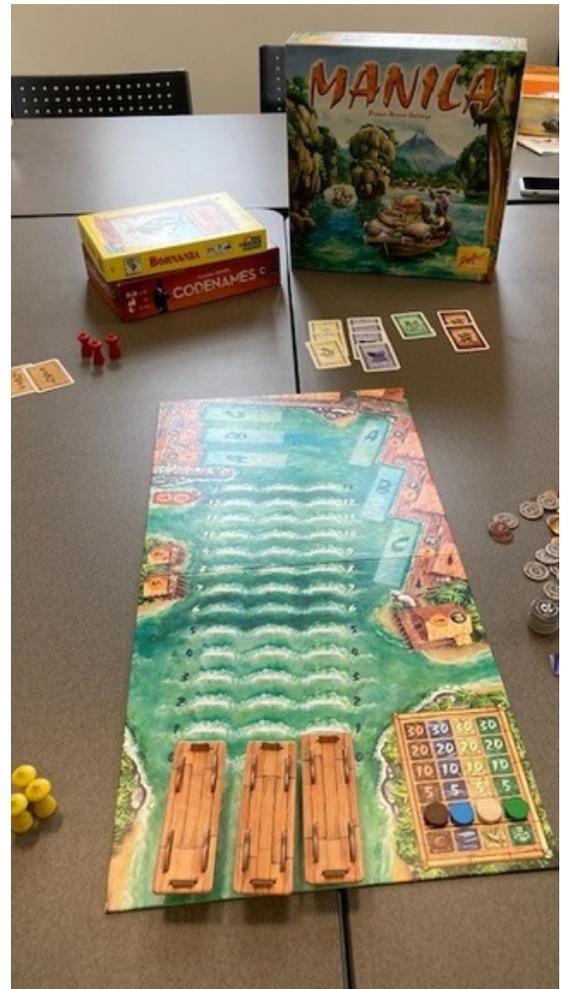
# Game Day

**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! They're easy to follow and just plain fun.

Questions? Contact Jon Ramos at [jonathan.ramos@uconn.edu](mailto:jonathan.ramos@uconn.edu)



## CONGRATULATIONS

# Veteran of the Month

## Christian Piscopo

UConn's Veterans and Military Programs is pleased to recognize Christian Piscopo as UConn's Veteran of the Month. Christian is currently a graduate student at UConn and has been coordinating role playing games out of Hawley Armory the past few semesters in addition to assisting the team of UConn's Veterans & Military Programs with rebranding efforts.



Christian Piscopo was a US Army Cavalry Scout (19D) who acted as reconnaissance assets for regular infantry and armor elements. He joined the Army shortly after turning 34 and served for six years. Christian was stationed at Fort Cavazos (Fort Hood), TX, and Joint Base Lewis-McCord, WA. Because of his age, he shares "I was the platoon 'dad' most of the time and did my best to keep my fellow soldiers out of trouble. As big of a pain as my fellow soldiers were, many of them are now my life-long friends, and I look fondly back at the time I spent with them."

Christian is attending UConn to earn his Ph. D. in industrial/organizational psychology. Industrial/organizational psychology studies human behavior in organizations and the workplace. While at UConn, Christian says he would also like to develop meaningful friendships and enjoy his time here. Even though his coursework is demanding, Christian says what he most enjoys about being a graduate student is learning.

Christian recommends to his fellow colleagues who are Veterans or otherwise affiliated with the military to go to graduate school, and he adds, "if you think it isn't for you, at least spend some time thinking about it. Practical experience in all fields is needed. Most Ph.D. programs waive tuition and pay you to be a research assistant while you earn the degree. On average, master's degrees pay 20% more than a bachelor's degree, and you're more likely to be in positions of leadership and autonomy. Apply to a graduate program."

## CALENDAR

# Spring 2024

**March 10 - 16**  
Spring Recess

**March 19th**  
VAMP Team Visit - Waterbury

**March 26th**  
Vet Center Visit

**March 28th**  
VAMP Team Visit - Stamford

**April 2nd**  
VAMP Team Visit - Avery Point

**April 2nd**  
Spring Career Fair

**April 4th**  
Eisenhower Series