

## Our Mission: "Serving those who Serve"

The primary mission of the Office of Military Services at George Mason University is to serve the needs of veterans, active duty service members, and military dependents on campus as well as prospective students. In this role, the Military Services Office supplements other campus units with special emphasis on the recruitment and retention of veterans to the Fairfax campus, provides a key point of contact for counseling and program information while developing and maintaining productive relations with agencies and other programs serving veterans. Two coordinators are on staff, Aaron Emery and Jim Miller. You can reach them at 703.993.2428 / 8243 or email at [military@gmu.edu](mailto:military@gmu.edu).

## Post 9/11 GI Bill 2.0 Changes

The President recently signed legislation that will overhaul the current Post 9/11 GI Bill benefits. Most of the changes don't take effect until at least Aug. 1, 2011. Some of the changes include:

**BAH Adjustment:** As of Aug. 1, full time students (100% eligible) will receive \$1,881/mo., a reduction of \$60/mo.

**Pro-rated BAH:** students must still be a greater-than-half-time-student. If the student is less than full-time, however, BAH will be pro-rated based on their time status.

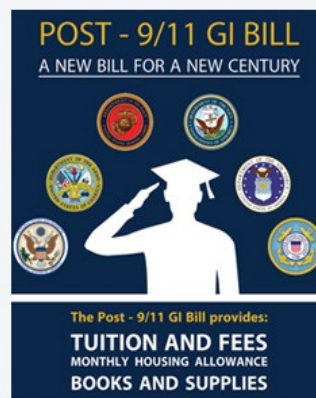
**Graduate Tuition Rates:** As of Aug. 1, the VA will cover graduate students at the in-state rate.

**Break Pay:** The VA will stop paying break pay (between semesters) on Aug. 1 unless and Executive Order of the President extends them.

**BAH for Online Students:** Effective Oct. 1, students enrolled exclusively in online courses may receive BAH at the half the national average (\$673.50).

**Active Duty Book Stipend:** Allows active duty members to receive a book and supplies stipend.

**Covers More Service Members:** Covers more National Guard members called to active service under title 32 U.S.C.



To see all upcoming changes visit the VA's site at:

[http://www.gibill.va.gov/post-911/post-911-gi-bill-summary/Post911\\_changes.html](http://www.gibill.va.gov/post-911/post-911-gi-bill-summary/Post911_changes.html)



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- ✦ Veteran Mentors Needed
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## All Hands Message

eBenefits is now available online and allows service members and veterans to view military records as well as past and pending payments. Create your basic account at [www.ebenefits.va.gov](http://www.ebenefits.va.gov) now!

<https://www.ebenefits.va.gov/ebenefits-portal/>





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## Veteran mentors for Wounded Warriors

Fairfax County Operation WOW! (Wellness Opportunities for Warriors) is now recruiting veterans who are interested in mentoring injured military service members who have returned from Iraq and Afghanistan. Meetings take place once a week on Fridays in various locations. Training is provided. Upcoming activities include:

- Feb 11: Spin Class at Gold's Gym
- Feb 18: Fencing
- Feb 25: Sit Volleyball
- Mar 4: Skeet and Trap

If you are interested or to find out more visit the following site:

<http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/ncs/news/ni2011/vnmism.htm>

To volunteer call 703.324.5347, TTY 711

## This Month in Military History

### **Feb 3, 1950**

#### **Klaus Fuchs Arrested for Passing Atomic Bomb Info to Soviets**

Klaus Fuchs, a German-born British scientist who helped develop the atomic bomb, is arrested in Great Britain for passing top-secret info about the bomb to the Soviet Union. Fuchs' capture set off a chain of arrests. Harry Gold, whom Fuchs implicated as the middleman between himself and Soviet agents, was arrested in the US. Gold thereupon informed on David Greenglass, one of Fuchs' co-workers on the Manhattan Project. After his apprehension, Greenglass implicated his sister-in-law and her husband, Ethel and Julius Rosenberg. They were arrested in New York in July 1950, found guilty of conspiracy to commit espionage, and executed at Sing Sing Prison in June 1953.

### **Feb 3, 1944**

#### **US Troops Capture the Marshall Islands**

The United States capture the Marshall Islands, long occupied by the Japanese. The islands were used by them as a base for military operations and were crucial in South Pacific strategy.



### **UNIV 300**

The office of Military Services is sponsoring a 1 credit UNIV 300 course this semester for veterans only. The class is Thurs. 5:55 - 7:10 pm. The class covers making a decision on a major, resume-building and interview skills, etc. Space is still available and you can sign up until Feb. 8th. Don't miss this great opportunity!  
**Course number 20794.**  
**Books provided!**