

## Office of Military Services

The mission of the Office of Military Services at Mason is to assist veterans, active duty servicemembers, guardsmen and reservists, and dependents in making a successful transition into the Mason community. Our goal is to help these students in a number of capacities including counseling and advising on benefits, academic and admissions advising, and career transition. Few schools have a dedicated staff to help transition from a military environment to college life and we are proud to be able to assist our students in any way.

### Location and Hours

Johnson Center, 213

Mon-Fri 830-5 / Tues 830-6

### Contact

703.993.2428 or [military@gmu.edu](mailto:military@gmu.edu)

Visit us on the web!

[www.military.gmu.edu](http://www.military.gmu.edu)



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## What's Happening Now

### GI Bill Recipients - Certify Your Benefits for the Fall!

If you are a student using any chapter of the GI Bill for classes this fall, remember to submit your Veterans Registration Reporting Form to the Registrar's Office soon. Once registered for classes you can submit the form; you should do so a month prior to classes starting in order to give appropriate time for the VA to make payment. If you have not yet done so, you can submit your VRRF by going to our website and selecting "[Certify Your GI Bill Benefits](#)". If this is your first time using benefits at Mason we'll need a copy of your certificate of eligibility. If you are transferring from another school after using benefits you must submit a Change of Place of Training Form (22-1995) to the VA through VONAPP. For more info about any of these action items contact us at 703.993.2428 or [military@gmu.edu](mailto:military@gmu.edu).

### Battle Buddies Program Launches

This program is designed to match students new to Mason or new to a major with existing students in that major for advice on classes, professors, study tips (no cheating...), etc. If you would like to be paired with a Battle Buddy email Aaron Emery at [aemery4@gmu.edu](mailto:aemery4@gmu.edu). We currently have Battle Buddies from 14 majors/minors who are willing to provide help. If you would like to become a Battle Buddy and help students please email with your name, major, grade level, expected graduation, and branch of service.

### New Family Caregiver Benefits

New services for primary Family Caregivers of eligible post-9/11 Veterans include a stipend, mental health services, and access to health care insurance, if they are not already entitled to care or services under a health plan. The stipend portion of this service will be backdated to the date of the application. Comprehensive Caregiver training and medical support are other key components of this program. For more info click [here](#).

## All Hands Message

Mason has changed the way it bills the VA for tuition and fees under the Post 9/11 GI Bill. Mason will certify your benefits to the VA after you've submitted your VRRF but will not bill the VA until after the add/drop period has ended.

This will allow BAH and the book stipend to be paid on time, if eligible, and will prevent most overpayments and re-payments.

If you have questions please call us at 703.993.2428 or email [military@gmu.edu](mailto:military@gmu.edu).

## Veteran Internships

The Aurora Foundation provides select internships for student-veterans. These internships are very high quality and can lead to greater opportunities for motivated self-starters.

### Aurora / ADP SharePoint

Build highly desired skills with this internship at ADP in Virginia Beach. Length is 6-8 weeks, approx. 30 hours per week.

### Aurora / CDS Telecommunications

Located in Ashburn, VA. Requires students to be motivated and follow through on projects. Gain valuable knowledge in telecom infrastructure.

Internships open to student veterans using the GI Bill. Must have relevant coursework and at least a 2.0 GPA.

Send resume, transcripts, DD214, and two letters of recommendation from non-family members to:

Ms. Ellen Baumgardner, Internship Coordinator

[Internships@Aurora4Vets.org](mailto:Internships@Aurora4Vets.org)

## On Campus

### We've Moved!

The Office of Military Services has moved to room 245 in the Johnson Center. We now have more space for students and will host an open-house welcome event soon. You can still find us online at [military.gmu.edu](http://military.gmu.edu) and reach us at 703.993.2428 or by email at [military@gmu.edu](mailto:military@gmu.edu)

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### Welcome Back from the Veterans Society

The Veterans Society is excited to start the new school year! We have several fun and exciting activities planned. Our next upcoming event is our annual Patriot Day Picnic hosted at the VFW. In addition, the Society will serve the traditional American BBQ Dishes but we would love for you to share with us your favorite side dish or desert. Non-alcoholic refreshments will be provided but feel free to bring along your favorite drink of choice. If you would love to serve at this event (grill master, prep, or clean up) let us know as well. Please RSVP via facebook or email at [studentvets@gmail.com](mailto:studentvets@gmail.com).

BBQ: 9/11/2011 1pm-5pm  
VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS POST 8469  
5703 Vogue Rd Fairfax Station VA 22039

## Career Services

- Sept. 13 (Tues) @ 530 p.m.: Resume and Cover Letter Writing Workshop
- Sept. 14 (Wed) @ 430 p.m. and 615 p.m. / 715 p.m.: School of Management Welcome Fest / Planning for Graduate School Workshop
- Sept. 15 (Thur) @ 530 p.m.: Orientation to On-Campus Interviewing Workshop
- Sept. 19 (Mon) @ 530 p.m.: Behavioral Interviewing Workshop
- Sept. 21 (Wed) @ 9 a.m.: Interview Practice Day
- Sept. 22 (Thur) @ 530 p.m.: Federal Government Student Panel
- Sept. 26 (Mon) @ 530 p.m.: Job Search Strategies Workshop
- Sept. 27 (Tues) @ 430 p.m.: School of Management—Job Quest Event
- Sept. 28 (Wed) @ 530 p.m.: Resume and Cover Letter Writing Workshop
- Sept. 29 (Thur) @ 9 a.m.: Interview Practice Day
- For more information about these workshops, visit [here](#).

Mason Career Services is a program for students to provide career assessment, coaching, counseling, resources, and opportunities to advance the achievement of their career-related goals.

To see a listing of current job and internship announcements, visit <http://careers.gmu.edu/>. To contact Career Services call 703.993.2370 or email [careerhp@gmu.edu](mailto:careerhp@gmu.edu).

\*\*To see a listing of jobs specific to veterans, please visit our site [here](#).

## Veterans Society

The Veterans Society serves as a social and professional student lead organization that advocates for and engages student veterans in networking and activities.

[studentvets@gmail.com](mailto:studentvets@gmail.com)

[vetsoc.org](http://vetsoc.org)

### Schedule of Events

#### **Annual BBQ and Member Meeting**

September 11: 1-5pm

Students and prospective students as well as family and friends are welcome to come. Event details and RSVP can be found on the Veterans Society facebook page.

\*Stay tuned for more upcoming events.

## ROTC

Mason Army ROTC is designed to prepare the next generation of officers. It is centered around the aspects of leadership, tactics, and policy. Labs and lectures designed to reinforce practical training meet once per week and physical training three times per week. What separates Mason ROTC from the rest is the level of cadet control. We feel the only real way to train a leader is to allow them to lead and provide guidance. ROTC functions are largely cadet controlled from planning to execution and instructors provide input.

703.993.2706  
goldbar@gmu.edu  
[arotc@gmu.edu](mailto:arotc@gmu.edu)

\*\*If you'd like to volunteer your services contact:

CPT Mariah Doolittle: [mdoolitt@gmu.edu](mailto:mdoolitt@gmu.edu)  
MAJ Paul Kremer: [pkremer@gmu.edu](mailto:pkremer@gmu.edu)

## Maximizing Your GI Bill Benefits

### Post 9/11 GI Bill Now Covers Grad School

Effective Aug. 1, 2011 the VA will fully cover tuition and fees for students using the Post 9/11 GI Bill who are 100% eligible and classified as in-state (summer classes may incur a small liability from the student). Regardless of the degree level (Bachelor, Master, Doctorate) the VA will cover tuition. If you are proportionally eligible the VA will cover your rated percentage of tuition and fees. For questions about this, contact our office.

### Understanding the GI Bill and VA Debt

Changes in the number of credits you take may affect your VA payments. Remember:

If you decrease the number of credits taken after the VA has processed a payment for tuition or a stipend, an overpayment may occur.

If you drop a class during the liability-free add/drop period it won't affect a tuition payment but it may affect a stipend payment.

Why: Mason doesn't bill the VA until after the add/drop period. Thus, no payments have been processed by the VA. This eliminates virtually any possibility of an overpayment.

If you withdraw during the tuition-liability period or if you selectively withdraw, you are liable for the tuition. You will be billed by the VA for the amount of overpayment. Generally, you have 30 days to pay based on the issue date of the bill. If you are delinquent, the VA will recoup the billed amount from your next stipend payment (tuition, BAH, or book stipend). Generally, it is your decision to either pay the bill directly or have the amount subtracted from your future payments. If you choose the latter, be prepared for a lower payment from the VA in the future. Please contact the Buffalo Regional Office at 888-442-4551 to determine the cause of a VA debt. For debt collection information, call 800-827-0648 or [dmc.ops@va.gov](mailto:dmc.ops@va.gov)

## This Month in Military History

### September 10, 1942

#### **A Declaration of War**

The War Department establishes the Woman's Auxiliary Ferry Squadron (WAFS). Five hundred American women pilots took to the air to perform back of the lines flying duties to free male pilots for combat duty. General Hap Arnold was against the idea in the beginning but by the end of the war was praising their accomplishments.

### September 2, 1945

#### **Japanese Surrender Aboard U.S.S. Missouri**

In September of 1945, the Japanese surrender is signed aboard the battleship USS Missouri in Tokyo Bay. General MacArthur accepts the surrender on behalf of the Allies, Admiral Nimitz signs for the United States.

### September, 1950

#### **U.S. Forces Land at Inchon**

In Korea during the month of September 1950, U.S. forces landed at Inchon. Once on land, the U.S. Forces swept eastward and captured Seoul in a coordinated effort with General Walker's forces breaking out of the Pusan perimeter. The 140 mile long perimeter was a rectangular area surrounding the port city of Pusan. Also joining the American effort in Korea in September of 1950 were several countries, who helped support the effort. Two infantry battalions arrived from Australia, while the United Kingdom assigned two composite infantry brigades with supporting units. The Philippines sent one infantry battalion and one field hospital was sent by Sweden.



Woman's Auxiliary Ferry Squadron



MacArthur at Surrender Ceremony



Marines Land at Inchon

# RESOURCES

## Off Campus

**GI Bill:** Web: [Site](#) Phone: 800.827.1000

**VONAPP (Veterans Online Applications):** Web: [Site](#) Phone: 888.442.4551

**Application for Health Benefits:** Web: [Site](#)

**eBenefits:** Web: [Site](#) Phone: 8..983.0937

**Virginia Dept. of Veterans Affairs:** Web: [Site](#) Phone: 804.786.0286

**Virginia Wounded Warrior Program:** Web: [Site](#) Phone: 877.285.1299

**Wounded Warrior Project:** Web: [Site](#) Phone: 877.832.6997

**Veterans Crisis Line: 800.273.8255 (press 1):** Web: [Site](#) Confidential Live Chat: [click here](#)

**DAV (Disabled American Veterans):** Web: [Site](#) Phone: 877.426.2838

**American Women Veterans:** Web: [Site](#)

**Aurora Foundation Veteran Internships:** Web: [Site](#) Phone: 202.436.0678  
Email: [info@americanwomenveterans.org](mailto:info@americanwomenveterans.org)

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**Office of Military Services:** Web: [Site](#) Phone: 703.993.2428 Email: [military@gmu.edu](mailto:military@gmu.edu)

**Clinic for Legal Assistance to Servicemembers:** Web: [Site](#) Phone: 703.993.8214 Email: [clasv@mail.gmu.edu](mailto:clasv@mail.gmu.edu)

**Disability Services:** Web: [Site](#) Phone: 703.993.2474 TTY: 703.993.2476 Email: [ods@gmu.edu](mailto:ods@gmu.edu)

**Counseling and Psychological Services:** Web: [Site](#) Phone: 703.993.2380 Email: [mvaneppe@gmu.edu](mailto:mvaneppe@gmu.edu)  
Contact: Morgan Cutlip

**Certifying GI Bill Benefits:** Web: [Site](#) Phone: 703.993.2428 Email: [military@gmu.edu](mailto:military@gmu.edu)

**Battle Buddies Program:** Web: [Site](#) Phone: 703.993.2428 Email: [aemery4@gmu.edu](mailto:aemery4@gmu.edu) Contact: Aaron Emery

**Admissions:** Web: [Site](#) Phone: Email: [military@gmu.edu](mailto:military@gmu.edu) Contact: Office of Military Services

**Career Services:** Web: [Site](#) Phone: 703.993.2370 Email: [careerhp@gmu.edu](mailto:careerhp@gmu.edu)

**ROTC:** Web: [Site](#) Phone: 703.993.2706 Email: [goldbar@gmu.edu](mailto:goldbar@gmu.edu)

**Tutoring:** Web: [Site](#) Phone: 703.993.2999

**Student Accounts:** Web: [Site](#) Phone: 703.993.2484 Email: [student\\_accounts@gmu.edu](mailto:student_accounts@gmu.edu)

**Third Party Billing:** Web: [Site](#) Phone: 703.993.2484 Email: [student\\_accounts@gmu.edu](mailto:student_accounts@gmu.edu)

**Financial Aid:** Web: [Site](#) Phone: 703.993.2353

