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"SERVING THOSE WHO SERVE"

Office of Military Services

The mission of the Office of Military Services at Mason is to assist veterans, active duty service members, 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 assist our students in any way.

Location and Hours

Johnson Center, room 245

Mon-Fri 830-5 / Tues 830-6

Contact

703.993.1316 or military@gmu.edu

Visit us on the web!

www.military.gmu.edu



MEET THE STAFF



Jennifer Connors - Director



Aaron Emery - Office Manager and Transition Coordinator

What's Happening Now

Open House at Office of Military Services

We will be hosting an open house on Feb. 9 from 1130 – 130. Please come celebrate the completion of office construction and see our renovated space complete with student lounge. Light food and refreshments will be provided.

No Tuition Billed to the VA?

Several students using Post 9/11 GI Bill benefits have received letters from the VA stating that "zero tuition" was billed to them by Mason and thus, no tuition will be paid. Mason has a dual process in regards to certification and billing for the Post 9/11 GI Bill. When a student submits their VRRF, Mason will certify the credits they are taking so BAH and book stipend money can be paid to the student. Tuition will not be billed until after the entire add/drop period ends, usually a month or more after the semester starts. This is to prevent overpayments and re-payments, but will not affect BAH or book stipend. If the VA sends this letter prior to Mason billing tuition, it will appear as if nothing will be paid but that is incorrect. Check your student account in Patriot Web and look for a memo stating an expected VA payment. We have contacted the VA to suggest re-wording of the letter to avoid confusion. If you've received one of these letters and have questions please feel free to email us at military@gmu.edu or call 703.993.1316.

Veterans Resume Development Workshop

The Office of Military Services has teamed up with Career Services at Mason to host a workshop to help veterans with resume writing skills. Join us on Feb. 2 in SUB 1, Room 3400 from 12-130 pm for this special presentation by Career Services. This event is targeted specifically to veterans and service members; please plan on attending if you've been looking to polish-up your resume. RSVP to military@gmu.edu.

Tuition Liability for Dropped Courses

Students using any type of GI Bill benefit may be affected when dropping courses. After Jan. 31 Mason charges a partial tuition liability to drop courses. The VA will not cover any liability due to dropping courses during this time. If you dropped a course prior to Jan. 31 you won't receive a charge, but anything after that will accrue a tuition liability. Dropping courses may also affect students receiving a stipend through the GI Bill. Please call or email us if you have questions.

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.

Internships are 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

On Campus

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Brown Bag Lunch

All are welcome to attend our first Brown Bag Lunch on Feb. 22 from 12 –1 pm in the Johnson Center, Room 245. A representative from SAIC will be on hand to discuss veteran initiatives and employment opportunities. Bring your own lunch.

Battle Buddies

The Office of Military Services connects incoming students with Juniors and Seniors in their major through a program called "Battle Buddies". If you would like to discuss classes, professors, study tips, etc. with a student who's been in your shoes, please contact us at military@gmu.edu or call 703.993.2428 and reference Battle Buddies.

Career Services

Employer Info Sessions

-US Peace Corp, February 10 & March 1

-CIA, February 23

-White House Office of Presidential Correspondence Intern Program,
February 24

-US Census Bureau, February 24

-CGI, March 7

-Korean Education Center, March 7 & May 4

-FedBid, March 27

-Lockheed Martin, March 27 & April 21

-Prince William Co. Public Schools, March 23

Job Fairs

-Mason Spring Internship & Job Fair, February 23 & 24, JC Dewberry Hall

Career Counseling Services

Meet individually with the Career Counselor that works with your major or graduate program.

University Career Services, SUB I, Room 3400

Career Counseling & Advising Appointments: 703.993.2370

Our Website and Spring 2012 Workshop and Event Calendar:

<http://careers.gmu.edu/>

Veteran Organizations

Veterans Society

Vetsoc.org

studentvets@gmail.com

Semper Fi Society

[Semper Fi Society at Mason \(facebook\)](#)

GMU Vets For Hire

[GMU College Veterans for Hire \(facebook\)](#)

Schedule of Events

Feb 24 - Happy Hour - Semper Fi Society

Feb 29 - Membership Meeting (all orgs)

Mar 24 - Casino Night (meeting on Jan 7)

Mar 30 - Happy Hour - Veterans Society

Apr 14 - Mess Night - Semper Fi Society

Apr 27 - Happy Hour - GMU Vets For Hire

Apr 28 - Cookout (all organizations)

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.

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

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MAJ Paul Kremer: pkremer@gmu.edu

Maximizing Your GI Bill Benefits

Extending Benefits Beyond 36 Months

Students using the Montgomery or Post 9/11 GI Bill **may** be able to use benefits beyond 36 months. If at least one day of benefits remains when a semester starts the VA will continue to pay BAH and the book stipend for the entire term. However, tuition will only be paid for the proportional amount of benefits remaining. This does not give the student additional months of eligibility, rather it will pay the stipends for the remainder of the semester, provided the student doesn't go beyond 48 months of benefits across all chapters. Below are two examples:

1) A student using the Post 9/11 GI Bill has one month of benefits remaining at the start of the fall semester, which is about 3.75 months. The student has not used his full allotment of 36 months, so BAH will be paid for the rest of the semester but tuition payments will be prorated (one month of tuition paid - VA determines amount).

2) A student has used 36 months of Montgomery GI Bill benefits and was approved for an additional 12 months of Post 9/11 GI Bill benefits. At the start of the spring semester (about 3.75 months) she has two months of benefits remaining. By the time the remaining two months have been used she would have used a total of 48 months of benefits between Montgomery and Post 9/11 GI Bill, thus, she will not receive benefits beyond the two months remaining. Tuition, fees, BAH, and the book stipend will only pay for the remaining two months.

If you have any questions about how this works please contact us at military@gmu.edu or 703.993.1316.

This Month in Military History

February 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.

February 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.

February 8, 1965

Air Strikes in Vietnam

The first retaliatory air strike in North Vietnam occurred. U.S. Air Force Super-Saber F-100s suppressed ground fire in the target area while flying cover for attacking South Vietnamese fighter aircraft. President Johnson opened continuous limited air strikes against North



US Troops Capture Marshall Islands



Klaus Fuchs



Air Strikes in Vietnam

RESOURCES

Off Campus

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

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

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

eBenefits: Web: [Site](#) Phone: 800.983.0937

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](#) Email: info@americanwomenveterans.org

Veterans Job Bank: Web: [Site](#)

On Campus

Office of Military Services: Web: [Site](#) Phone: 703.993.1316 Email: military@gmu.edu

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Student Accounts: Web: [Site](#) Phone: 703.993.2484 Email: student_accounts@gmu.edu

Third Party Billing: Web: [Site](#) Phone: 703.993.2484 Email: student_accounts@gmu.edu

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

