

## 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](mailto:military@gmu.edu)

Visit us on the web!

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



### MEET THE STAFF



Jennifer Connors - Director



Aaron Emery - Office Manager and Transition Coordinator

## What's Happening Now

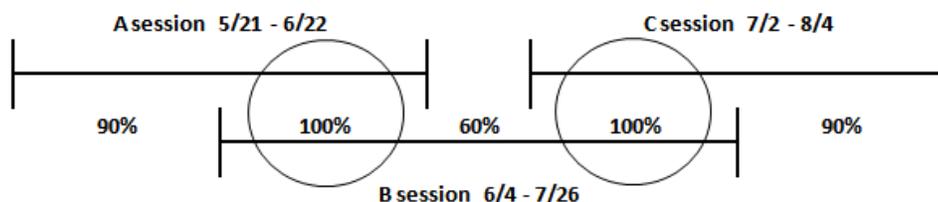
### Post 9/11 GI Bill - BAH for Summer Courses

We've received a large volume of calls and emails about how summer courses affect BAH, so we've included a detailed breakdown. Mason has three standard **semesters** during the summer: A, B, and C sessions. Each is its own term and thus, eligibility for BAH in one term does not necessarily affect eligibility during any other session. **You do not have to be a full-time student in order to receive some BAH**, just greater than half-time. In order to receive the full amount you must be a full-time student. Below is the breakdown showing the number of credits during each session and the corresponding eligibility for BAH.

Undergraduate			
Credits	A	B	C
6	100%	100%	100%
5	100%	90%	100%
4	100%	80%	100%
3	90%	60%	90%
2	60%	NONE	60%
1	NONE	NONE	NONE

Graduate			
Credits	A	B	C
6	100%	100%	100%
5	100%	100%	100%
4	100%	100%	100%
3	100%	80%	100%
2	70%	NONE	70%
1	NONE	NONE	NONE

During times that sessions overlap (A and B - B and C) you may be eligible for a higher BAH payment than during the rest of the session. Below is a graph showing the eligibility for an undergraduate student who is taking 3 credits during each session (A, B, and C). Notice the eligibility changes throughout the summer depending on how many credits they are taking and during what times. If you have any questions please contact us at [military@gmu.edu](mailto:military@gmu.edu) or 703.993.2428.



### Refund for \$250 Deposit

Students using the Post 9/11 GI Bill are eligible for a refund of up to \$250 for the enrollment deposit assuming the following conditions are met:

- Student is 100% eligible for benefits
- Student is classified as in-state for tuition purposes

In order to withdraw that amount you must have a **surplus** in your student account. If you register for summer courses and tuition is assessed before you've withdrawn the surplus, you will not be able to withdraw until there is a surplus on your student account again. April and May is the best time to request a refund. Contact Student Accounts at 703.993.2484 for further details.

## 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.

Paid internships are available with the following companies:

**Ritz Carlton**, Tyson's Corner

**CACI**, Fairfax

**Spectrum**, Newport News

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

Ellen Hembree

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

## On Campus

### Mason Veterans Spring Fling - April 4th

The Office of Military Services has teamed up with several organizations to provide services to all veterans in the Northern Virginia area. On Wed., April 4th, the following organizations will be on campus to assist. In addition we will provide light food and drinks from 11am - 2pm in our office (Johnson Center, Room 245).

**D.A.V. Mobile Service Office** - Disabled American Veterans will provide counseling in regards to benefits and will help any veteran apply for benefits (educational, health, etc). The MSO Van will be parked by Southside Dining Facility all day.

**Brown Bag Lunch with CACI** - A recruiter from CACI will host a roundtable discussion (Johnson Center, room 245) from 12pm - 1pm about career opportunities, networking, and resume building. Bring your own lunch. No RSVP needed.

**eBenefits** - The VA will provide a counselor to assist in registering for a premium eBenefits account. eBenefits is a VA website that allows veterans to track past and pending payments for education benefits, order medical records, and apply for other VA benefits. Generally, you must visit a VA regional facility to enable a premium account - avoid the trip and stop by the office! Two forms of ID required.

**Veteran Career Counselor** - Laura Winkler from Mason's Career Services Office will be on hand to assist students with any questions related to job opportunities and resume building.

Anyone that needs help applying for any type of VA benefit, registering for an eBenefits account (**extremely useful**), or would like to speak with a recruiter or career counselor about resume development and networking is highly encouraged to attend. For more info contact us at [military@gmu.edu](mailto:military@gmu.edu) or 703.993.2428.

## Career Services

**Behavioral Interviewing Workshop** - April 2, 5:30 - 7pm  
SUB 1, Room 3311

**Information Session: City Year** - April 4, 4 - 5pm  
SUB 1, Room 3400

**Get LinkedIn to Your Network Workshop** - April 5, 5 - 6pm  
SUB 1, Room 3400

**Federal Government Job / Internship Search** - April 12 5 - 6pm  
SUB 1, Room 3400

**Information Session: Peace Corps** - April 12, 5 - 6pm  
Johnson Center, Room B

**Security Clearances Workshop** - April 12, 6 - 7pm  
SUB 1, Room 3400

### 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](http://Vetsoc.org)

[vetsoc.gmu@gmail.com](mailto:vetsoc.gmu@gmail.com)

### Semper Fi Society

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

### GMU Vets For Hire

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

### Schedule of Events

4/5 - Employer Panel - Robinson A210 5:55pm

4/7 - Paintball (pending)

4/14 - GWU Veterans Day of Service - 11am

4/14 - VETSOC Happy Hour - TBD

4/19 - Event Discussion Group - 630pm (JC 245)

4/21 - Vet Scholarship 5K Race - TBD

4/28 - End of Year Cook-Out - JC South Plaza - TBD

\*For further details, please contact the Veterans Society at [vetsoc.gmu@gmail.com](mailto:vetsoc.gmu@gmail.com).

## 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

### 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](mailto:military@gmu.edu) or 703.993.1316.

## This Month in Military History

### April 5, 1973

#### **No More Troops in 'Nam**

South Vietnam swore never to ask for the return of U.S. troops. Responding to a question after a speech at the National Press Club, President Nguyen Van Thieu said: "I am very confident our army and people are very capable of defending themselves. I can assure you of one thing. Never will I ask the American troops to come back to Vietnam."

### April 11, 1970

#### **Launch of Apollo XIII**

NASA launched *Apollo XIII* from Cape Kennedy headed by Commander James Lovell Jr., USN, who to date held the record for time spent in space. Fred Haise Jr. and John L. Swigert were also on board. An explosion in the service module destroyed most of the command module "Odyssey's" oxygen and power supplies while still 205,000 miles from earth. The astronauts abandoned the moon landing and returned to earth in the "Aquarius" lunar landing module, in a truly miraculous recovery with the help of Houston Space Center. The astronauts re-entered the Odyssey prior to splashdown and dived into the Pacific only four miles from the recovery ship, *Iwo Jima*.



US Troops Capture Marshall Islands



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](mailto:info@americanwomenveterans.org)

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

## On Campus

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

**Clinic for Legal Assistance to Service Members:** 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

**Veterans Career Counselor:** Web: [Site](#) Phone: 703.993.4024 Email: [lwinkler@gmu.edu](mailto:lwinkler@gmu.edu) Contact: Laura Winkler

**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

