

BIG Announcements!

Yellow Ribbon Program Expanded - Effective Fall 2012

Effective fall semester, 2012, the Yellow Ribbon Program has been expanded to help an unlimited amount of students and the amount has been increased from \$2,000 to \$10,000 per year. In order to be eligible a student must be using the Post 9/11 GI Bill at 100% eligibility and classified as an out-of-state student. Funds will be awarded only during the fall semester each year. In order to apply, select the "YR Applicant Only" option when submitting your VRRF. Funds will be applied to your student account after your VRRF is processed. Mason is proud to be amongst the top participants in Yellow Ribbon funding. Please contact us at 703.993.1316 with any questions.

Veteran Scholarship

One veteran will receive scholarship funding through Mason - amount TBD. Applicant must be an undergraduate and will qualify based on financial need. Please apply by June 1 at the following link:

<http://financialaid.gmu.edu/2012-2013-george-mason-university-scholarship-application/>

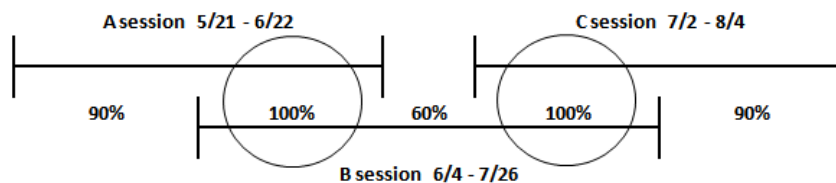
What's Happening Now

Post 9/11 GI Bill - BAH for Summer Courses

The following graph applies only to undergraduate students: We've received a large volume of calls and emails about how summer courses affect BAH. 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. To the right is a breakdown showing the number of credits during each session and the corresponding eligibility for **undergraduates only**.

Credits	Undergraduate		
	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

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. Above 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.

Graduate students' eligibility for BAH during the summer is calculated at the normal full-time rate regardless in which session the student takes courses. A grad student taking 9 credits during the A session will be considered full-time for the entire length of the summer just as a grad student taking 3 credits in each session would be. This is strictly current VA procedure and does not reflect how Mason certifies credits to the VA. If you have further questions please contact Aaron Emery at 703.993.2428. If you wish to change how your benefits are paid contact the VA at 888.442.4551.

MEET THE STAFF



Jennifer Connors - Director



Aaron Emery - Office Manager and Transition Coordinator

Post 9/11 GI Bill - Off-Setting Payments for VA Debt

The VA has begun paying off-setting payments to some schools for student incurred debt. In a few select instances, when a student has debt owed to the VA, the VA will make a partial payment to the school for tuition and fees in order to recoup the student debt. If you believe you may have received an offsetting payment, please contact us at **703.993.2428** or **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.

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

Opportunities

Student Veterans Needed for Internship at CACI

CACI is looking for students to participate in a 9-week paid internship that will culminate with a Microsoft SharePoint Certification. The ideal candidate is a junior or senior majoring in an IT-related field, a full-time student veteran, and residing in the Washington DC-metro area. Interested applicants should email CACI's Veteran IT Certification Program Manager at cacimilitaryrecruiting@caci.com.

The Mission Continues Internship

The Mission Continues is the only national non-profit challenging **veterans to serve and lead in communities across America**. The Mission Continues' goal is to award hundreds of Fellowships to post-9/11 veterans and student veterans in 2012. Fellowships are **26 weeks** in length and require 520 hours of service during which the Fellow serves at a non-profit organization in their community. Fellows work on issues ranging from education to the environment and from disaster preparedness to homelessness. Each fellowship is unique. Fellows are encouraged to choose a fellowship location based on their personal passions. If you would like more information about this fellowship, visit The Mission Continues website at: www.missioncontinues.org.

National Veterans Center Resume/Networking Workshop

The **NVC** is partnering with the **Government Of The District of Columbia** to put on a dynamic **Resume/Networking** workshop Wednesday June 13, from 3pm-5pm. This will be a great opportunity for veterans to enhance their resume writing skill and also learn about available career opportunities in the DC metro area.

Wednesday, June 13 from 3-5pm at the National Veterans Center in DC.
2013 H Street NW

Career Services

Resume and Cover Letter Writing Workshop

Monday, June 11

Behavioral Interviewing Workshop

Tuesday, June 12

Federal Govt. Job and Internship Search Workshop

Wednesday, June 13

Networking Workshop

Thursday, June 14

Job Search Strategies Workshop

Friday, June 15

*All June Workshops run from 1215-130pm in SUB1, room 3400

Veteran Career Counselor

We now have a veteran / service member liaison in the Career Services Office. Laura Winkler has recently taken the position and can assist in career searching and resume advice for veterans and service members. Contact Laura at lwinkler@gmu.edu.

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

vetsoc.gmu@gmail.com

Semper Fi Society

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

GMU Vets For Hire

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

GMUVetsForHire@gmail.com

Schedule of Events

TBD

Look for further events to include skeet shooting, kayaking, and mountain biking with REI. More to follow.

*For further details, please contact the Veterans Society at 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

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

CPT Mariah Doolittle: mdoolitt@gmu.edu
MAJ Paul Kremer: pkremer@gmu.edu

Maximizing Your GI Bill Benefits

Reimbursement for National Tests

Students using the GI Bill may be eligible for reimbursement for national tests. The VA will reimburse for the following fees:

- Registration fees
- Fees for specialized tests
- Administrative fees

Fees the VA will not reimburse:

- Fees to take pre-tests (such as Kaplan tests)
- Fees to receive scores quickly
- Other costs or fees for optional items

Currently, the following tests are approved for reimbursement:

- SAT, LSAT, GRE, GMAT, AP, CLEP, ACT, DAT, MAT, MCAT, OAT, PCAT, TOEFL, DSST, ECE

To apply for reimbursement submit a VA Form 22-0810 to the Buffalo Regional Office or through the "Submit a Question" feature on the VA's website.

*If you are using the Post 9/11 GI Bill you will be charged one month of benefits for each test taken or for every \$1,460 reimbursed, whichever is less. Any other GI Bill is charged proportionate to the cost of the test compared to the full-time monthly payment.

This Month in Military History

June 4, 1942

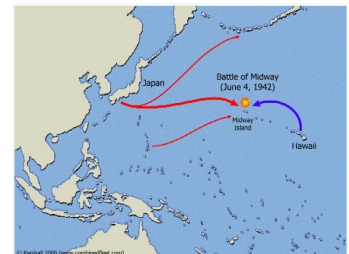
Battle of Midway

In one of the decisive battles of the war in the Pacific, U.S. air power sank four Japanese aircraft carriers and thwarted their attempt to recapture Midway Island. After Admiral Nagumo (Japan) had sent his first wave of carrier-based planes to Midway, Rear Admiral Spruance (U.S.) correctly anticipated a second strike during which the original planes would be rearmed and refueled. Spruance struck at the carriers while they were most vulnerable - with bombs and gasoline on deck.

June 6, 1944

D-Day

The D-Day invasion occurred on the 6th of June in 1944. The invasion of Europe began along a 50 mile stretch of the Normandy coast. Despite a bad weather forecast, Allied Commander General Eisenhower decided to go on with Operation "Overlord", the largest amphibious operation in history. At 0200 that morning, one British and two American airborne divisions dropped behind the beaches. At 0630, the Allies began landing on the Normandy beaches. By nightfall 50,000 American troops were ashore, with 6,500 casualties. The operation was carried out with over 4,000 invasion craft, supported by 600 warships and 11,000 planes.



Battle of Midway



D-Day Invasion

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

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

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

