

## 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

M - F: 9-5

### **Contact**

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

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## What's Happening Now

### **Using Benefits Next Semester? Submit Your VRRF Now!**

Students using VA education benefits for the spring semester are highly encouraged to submit their VRRF now at [this link](#). Mason will work diligently to process your benefit, however, things tend to get backed-up at the VA. Expect a 6 week turnaround or more from the VA before any benefits will be paid. If you have questions, please contact us.

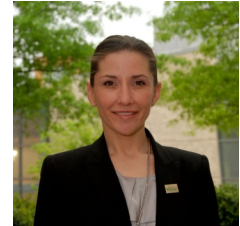
### **Scholarships for Veterans**

The Virginia Advisory Council on Military Education will award multiple \$1,000 scholarships at its conference on March 28, 2013. Please see the attached [flyer here](#). All applications must be post-marked by February 4, 2013.

### **Payment Plan for Spring**

Students seeking to utilize the payment plan must enroll by January 1, 2013. Two-pay and four-pay plans are available - both require first payment upon enrollment. Please refer to the [Student Accounts Office website](#) for further info about payments and important dates.

### **MEET THE STAFF**



Jennifer Connors - Director



Aaron Emery - Office Manager and Transition Coordinator



Katie Fox - Transition Assistant

### **Volunteers Needed for Study of Student Veterans**

Amazon Kindle and Amazon Gift Cards raffled off to participants. [Click here](#) to participate in this study that will benefit the needs of future student veterans.

## Veteran Internships

### Aurora Foundation

Internships 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 to Ellen Hembree at

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

### Congressional Office Internship

Internship available in the office of Congresswoman Grace Napolitano. Veteran Central is coordinating the internship and would like to fill it with a veteran. Candidates must be organized, reliable, and motivated. Send resume and cover letter to [ca38intern@gmail.com](mailto:ca38intern@gmail.com).

## Opportunities

### USPTO Veteran Paid Internship Program

The US Patent and Trademark Office is seeking engineering majors for a paid internship program. Interns will receive intensive formal classroom and on-the-job training. Interns are eligible to be hired non-competitively as a Patent Examiner after internship. [Click here](#) for more details.

### Community Blueprint Corps Program Associate Position

Associate needed to develop and implement service days with a focus on veteran engagement and service to the military/veteran community. Applicants must have good communication and organizational skills. Must be available to work a flexible schedule. Send cover letter and resume to Pheobe Bicknell at [pbicknell@volunteerfairfax.org](mailto:pbicknell@volunteerfairfax.org) with the subject line "Community Blueprint Program Associate". More info can be found [here](#).

### Scholarship for Service-Disabled Veterans

Student Veterans in the School of Public Policy may be eligible for scholarship funding, if the following are met: full-time grad student in public policy, provide DD214, has or has applied for VA SCD rating, demonstrates financial need and academic merit, is a U.S. citizen. Please contact us at 703.993.2428 or [aemery4@gmu.edu](mailto:aemery4@gmu.edu) for more info.

## Career Services

\*\*\*Workshops and Events in December\*\*\*

### VEC Career Expo

December 7  
9:00am - 2:00pm  
DeVry University, Crystal City Campus

### M Squared Strategies, AMP Program Info Session

5:30pm - 6:30pm  
Mason Arlington Campus  
Founder's Hall, Room 556

### Veteran Career Counselor

Mason has 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](mailto: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](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 \(facebook\)](#)

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

### Schedule of Events

### Army v. Navy Game

Meet at the Green Turtle in Fairfax. Game starts at 3:00pm.

\*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.

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## Maximizing Your GI Bill Benefits

### Rounding Out

Students using Post 9/11 GI Bill benefits can 'round out' a schedule with non-required courses to bring their course load up to full-time for purposes of receiving BAH. This allows students to continue to receive benefits at the full-time rate in their last semester, even though fewer credits are required to complete the program.

Students may use ANY class (for credit), including a class that has been taken and passed previously.

\*Please write in the comments box of your VRRF (Veterans Registration Reporting Form) that you would like courses to be certified under Rounding Out.

### Conditions

- Student MUST be full-time during semester for VA to cover non-required courses. If student is less than full-time, VA will not consider it rounding out.
- Must be the students FINAL semester in that program.
- Rounding Out can only be done once per degree program.

## This Month in Military History

### December 7, 1941

#### **Japanese Attack on Pearl Harbor**

At 0755 local time, six Japanese aircraft carriers attacked the main base of the U.S. Pacific Fleet at Pearl Harbor. The carriers Akagi, Kaga, Hiryu, Soryu, and Shokaku sent 423 planes in the attack. The next day President Roosevelt spoke to a joint session of congress and is famously quoted for saying Dec. 7 is "a date which will live in infamy."

The attack, which killed 2,330 American service members and destroyed eight battleships, nine cruisers, 188 planes, and a number of cruisers, was not meant to be a surprise attack. A message was sent to the Japanese embassy but slow decoding caused the message to be received almost an hour after the start of the attack. Upon learning of the magnitude of the attack Admiral Yamamoto of Japan stated "I can think of nothing that would infuriate the Americans more. I fear that all we have done is to awaken a sleeping giant and fill him with a terrible resolve." Time would prove him right.

### December 16, 1944

#### **Battle of the Bulge**

Beginning on Dec. 16 and lasting 42 days, the Battle of the Bulge was one of the costliest battles during WWII. In a daring assault the German Army sent troops forward and surrounded the town of Bastogne. American forces counter-attacked but were outmanned and outgunned. Against all odds, General McAuliffe's forces managed to hold Bastogne. By Christmas Eve, American planes were striking German supply lines regularly and soon ground the German drive to a halt.

In total American forces took 89,500 casualties with 19,000 killed and 23,000 missing.



Recreation of attack on Pearl Harbor



"A Day Which Will Live in Infamy"



Battle of the Bulge

# 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

