

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

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703.993.1316 or military@gmu.edu

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What's Happening Now

Yellow Ribbon Funding Changes - Post 9/11 GI Bill

Out-of-state students who are 100% eligible for this benefit are now eligible to receive [Yellow Ribbon](#) funding at any time of the year, not to exceed total tuition charged or \$10,000 per academic year (fall - summer). Apply for funding through submission of a VRRF - available at military.gmu.edu.

Welcomes and Goodbyes

We are pleased to announce that Katie Fox has been promoted to Office Manager of Military Services at Mason. Effective Monday, February 4th, Katie assumes the position previously held by Aaron Emery, who has moved into a new career. Katie has shown immense skill and talent while working in the office since May of last year and is poised to continue doing big things for military / veteran students. Aaron has been hired as the Head Brewer at Blue and Gray Brewing Company in Fredericksburg and invites all students and staff to come by for a private tour.

We are also pleased to announce that Chris Weston has been hired as a part-time staffer in OMS. Chris has worked in the office as a work/study student for several semesters before being hired last week. Chris is currently pursuing a graduate degree at Mason.

MEET THE STAFF



Jennifer Connors - Director



Katie Fox - Office Manager and Transition Coordinator



Chris Weston - 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

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.

Opportunities

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.

Home Coming Tailgate Party by OMS and Veterans Society

Home coming game tailgate and corn hole championship will be held Saturday February 16th from 12– 3:30 pm, followed by the Veteran Society Happy Hour at Kilroy's Springfield. Watch the game eat some food and enjoy some time with other Mason veterans.

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 Phoebe Bicknell at pbicknell@volunteerfairfax.org with the subject line "Community Blueprint Program Associate". More info can be found [here](#).

Career Services

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

Veterans Resume Workshop

February 12th
4:30 - 5:45 pm
Sub 1 Room 3400

Federal Government Job and Internship Search

February 14th
4:30 - 5:45 pm
Sub 1 Room 3400

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.

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

sites.google.com/site/GMUvetsoc

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

Meetings and Nights Out

February 22nd — Happy Hour @ Hard Times Café, Fairfax 8 pm

*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.

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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

February 1, 1942

Attack on Marshall and Gilbert Islands

On February 1, 1942, the attack on the Marshall and Gilbert Islands began. The Navy launched a surprise surface and air attack against Japanese bases and shipping on the islands. The two carrier task forces under Vice Admiral William Halsey, attacked the Japanese in order to protect trans-Pacific supply routes to Australia.

February 8, 1965

First Retaliation Air Strike on N. Vietnam

Jumping to Vietnam, on February 8, 1965 the first retaliatory air strike in North Vietnam occurred. U.S. Air Force Super Sabre 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 Vietnam, in order to bring about a negotiated settlement.

February 1973

Return of POW's

The first of 566 POWs returned home from Captivity in Vietnam. Led by Navy Captain Jeremiah Denton, the first group of 116 American prisoners of war was released in Hanoi by North Vietnam. Another 19 were released by the Vietcong. Capt. Denton's first words upon arrival at Clark Air Force Base in the Philippines were; "We are honored to have the opportunity to serve our country under difficult circumstances. We are profoundly grateful to our Commander in Chief and to our Nation for this day. God Bless America".



Attack Marshall Gilbert Island



US Air Strike on N. Vietnam



1973 return of POW's

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

