

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

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## What's Happening Now

### Happy 4th of July to all Mason Students

### Great News from Virginia

In accordance with a new bill passed in Virginia all, veterans residing in Virginia will receive in state tuition. This will start in the fall 2013 semester. We do not know what the process will be to ensure all veteran students residing in Virginia receive in- state tuition, however, we should know more by the end of July. Please check back with us to find out the process, as well as having a copy of your DD-214 and lease/ residence information prepared to submit if necessary.

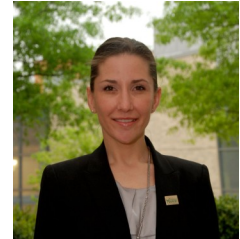
### Reminder

Please submit your VRRF for the fall semester soon. If you have any changes to your summer schedule you need to resubmit your VRRF with the changes you made.

### BAH Increase

BAH will increase on August 1st of 2013 and continue through July 31st of 2014. The new BAH rate will be \$2193, E-5 with dependents as a maximum. This is based on your percentage of eligibility and your status as a student (full time, half time, etc).

### MEET THE STAFF



Jennifer Connors - Director



Katie Fox - Office Manager and Transition Coordinator



Chris Weston - Transition

### **House For Rent For Veteran Students Only-**

3-4 bedroom home 1.5 acre fenced backyard, dogs welcome

### **Email:**

[jeffpray12@gmail.com](mailto:jeffpray12@gmail.com)

### **Telephone:**

571-451-4204

## 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)

### Veteran and Author looking for Intern

There is an internship available for female veterans, with a veteran. 8-10 hours per week.

Please email :

[Kayla.maureen.williams@gmail.com](mailto:Kayla.maureen.williams@gmail.com) for more information on her internship.

## **\*\*\*\*\*Up Coming Events and Information\*\*\*\*\***

### Golf Tournament August 2nd at 7:00 am

The Marine Corps Reserve is hosting their 17th annual golf tournament. All proceeds from the tournament will go to the Wounded Warrior Program.

When: August 2nd

Time: 7 am

Where: Woodlawn Golf Course, Fort Belvoir Virginia

Check out the flyer below for more information like registration fees etc.

<http://military.gmu.edu/documents/flyerMarineCorpsReserveAssociationGolf20130802.pdf>

### University 300 class is back for the fall

Our university 300 course is now being given Wednesdays from 3-4:15 pm. It is a 1 credit course and is a transition course for our veteran students. It helps with networking, resumes and much more. Take a look at it or come by our office for a flyer.

## Career Services

### **\*\*\*Workshops and Events in July\*\*\***

#### **\*\*\*\*Free Behavioral Health Training For Counseling**

June through September the classes will be held for free training for behavioral health professionals for wounded warriors, not just the noticeable wounds but for those who have the invisible to the naked eye wounds.\

Follow the Link below for more information:

<http://military.gmu.edu/documents/flyerArmyOneSource20130605.pdf>

#### **\*\*\*\*Fish and Wildlife Job Sheet- Check out the cool government jobs with the Fish and Wildlife Services**

<http://military.gmu.edu/documents/flyerVetOpportunitiesFWS.pdf>

### 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).

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University Career Services, SUB I, Room 3400  
Career Counseling & Advising Appointments: 703.993.2370  
Our Website and Spring 2012 Workshop and Event Calendar:

## Veteran Organizations

### **Veterans Society**

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

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

### **VETS**

<http://www.gmu.edu/org/vets/home.html>

### **GMU Vets For Hire**

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

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

### **EVENTS FOR VETERANS**

### **VETSOC Camping Trip**

**Friday July 19th to Sunday July 21st-  
Cove Campground. For more  
information email  
[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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\*\*If you'd like to volunteer your services contact:

CPT Walgren: [ewalgren@gmu.edu](mailto:ewalgren@gmu.edu)  
MAJ Kremer: [pkremer@gmu.edu](mailto:pkremer@gmu.edu)

## 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 a student is less than full-time, VA will not consider it rounding out.
- Must be the students FINAL semester in that program, and have applied for graduation.
- Rounding Out can only be done **ONCE** per degree program.

## This Month in Military History

### July 1-3, 1863

#### **Battle of Gettysburg**

This battle was widely considered the turning point in the American Civil War. Over the 3 day battle over 50,000 confederate and union soldiers were killed, naming it the bloodiest battle of the civil war. This was one of the most substantial battles won by the Union.

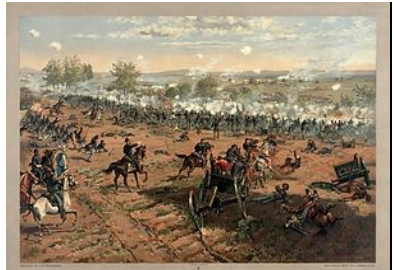
### July 8, 1964

#### **The US reaffirms the Armed Services Code**

The department of defense reaffirms the Armed Services Code of Conduct with directive No. 1300.7, seeking to address training shortfalls, particularly regarding captivity and interrogation.

### July 4th

#### **United States Independence Day!!!**



**Battle of Gettysburg  
(150th Anniversary 2013)**



#### **CODE OF CONDUCT**

- I** I am an American, fighting in the forces which guard my country and our way of life. I am prepared to give my life in their defense.
- II** I will never surrender of my own free will. If in command I will never surrender the members of my command while they still have the means to resist.
- III** If I am captured I will continue to resist by all means available. I will make every effort to escape and aid others to escape. I will accept neither parole nor special favors from the enemy.
- IV** If I become a prisoner of war, I will keep faith with my fellow prisoners. I will give no information or take part in any action which might be harmful to my comrades. If I am unable to take command, I will obey the lawful orders of those appointed over me and will back them up in every way.
- V** When questioned, should I become a prisoner of war, I am required to give name, rank, service number, and date of birth. I will make no oral or written statements disloyal to my country and its allies or harmful to their cause.
- VI** I will never forget that I am an American, fighting for freedom, responsible for my actions, and dedicated to the principles which made my country free. I will trust in my God and in the United States of America.

**Code of Conduct reaffirmed  
before becoming gender  
neutral**

# 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

