

Office of Military Services

The mission of the Office of Military Services at Mason is to assist veterans, active duty service members, guardsmen, 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

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What's Happening Now

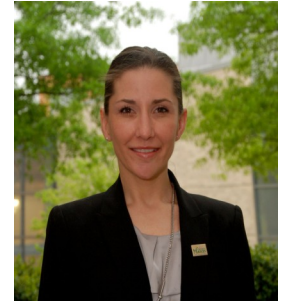
Reminder

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.

Tuition Refunds

Students, from now on will no longer be receiving reimbursement for funds from student accounts and financial aid until all tuition is paid in full. What this means is until all payments have come in whether from TA, the VA, or another means of financial aid, you do not have available funds. You cannot be paid based off of a memo put on your student account. This also means there is only a small window in which you can have funds reimbursed. Once you have registered for the following semester, there is the possibility of having your funds act towards your next semester's tuition balance.

MEET THE STAFF



Jennifer Connors - Director



Katie Fox - Office Manager and
Transition Coordinator



Jonah Hewett & Walter Sweeney
Assistant Transition Coordinators

**New CAPS
(Counseling and
Psychological
Services) liaison**

Leslie Geer, MSW, LCSW
Student Union Building 1
Room 3129
Telephone: 703.993.2380
Email: lgeer@gmu.edu

Career Services

Keep an eye out for up coming fall 2013 Career Services events!!

University Career Services, SUB I,
Room 3400
Career Counseling & Advising
Appointments: 703.993.2370

New In- State Tuition Legislation

With the new legislation implanted by the state of Virginia, both the registrar's office and admission are becoming overloaded with processing requests and information for students. Please remember, they are working as quickly and diligently as they can.

Keep in mind that before your domicile decision can be changed for our veteran students, you must first have an initial domicile decision. That is, you will have needed to submit an application for in state tuition with your application. This can be found at the following link.

<http://registrar.gmu.edu/students/domicile/under> **Application for In - State Tuition Rates**. Please submit all supporting documents with this application.

Students who have been attending Mason for one semester or more (**NOT A NEW STUDENT FALL 2013**) will need to submit the supplemental document form, which can be picked up in our office or found on the Registrar's website here: <http://registrar.gmu.edu/students/domicile/military/>

Job Opportunities- Military Related

A) Attention veteran students: The Office of Military Services now has a 1 year position available.

What you will want to know: The maximum number of hours a week is 25 hr. The pay will be discussed with the applicant we select.

Please turn in a resume to the Office Manager -Transition Coordinator, Katie Fox in the Johnson Center Room 245.

B) We are looking for a work study student to work with the student accounts military liaison over the rest of their time here at Mason. Some qualifications we are searching for:

- Long term, a couple years left at Mason
- Accounting or Finance background either studying or previously had experience
- Willing to learn and work hard
- Hours can be maximized each week, but not to exceed the VA maximum hours allowed to work each semester.

Will be: Flexible around class schedule, midterms and finals, but need some type of constancy in days and hours coming in. If interested, please email kfox11@gmu.edu to schedule an initial interview. Resume not necessary but encouraged.

Veteran Organizations

Veterans Society

Vetsoc.org

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

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

CPT Walgren: ewalgren@gmu.edu
MAJ Kremer: 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

August 1

Air Force Day

August 4

Coast Guard Day

August 12 1950

1961 – In an effort to stem the tide of refugees attempting to leave East Berlin, the communist government of East Germany begins building the Berlin Wall to divide East and West Berlin.

August 25 2003

2003 – In southeastern Afghanistan US jets hit a Taliban hideout and at least 14 insurgents were killed.

University 300 class is back for the fall

Our university 300 course is now scheduled on 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. Check it out!!!

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

