

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

SEPTEMBER EVENTS

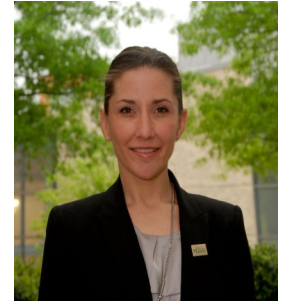
As part of our inaugural [9/11 Mason Nation Day of Service](#), the Mason community would be honored to host you for **lunch from 11:30am to 1pm in the Corner Pocket located in the HUB on our Fairfax campus**. From our very first meeting as a planning committee back in January, it was a top priority for us to create a situation in which Mason students, faculty, and staff could demonstrate our appreciation for all you do in service to our community. We really hope you'll join us for lunch so we can express our gratitude!

Special Events for the day roughly 10am to 8 pm with a lot of individual projects throughout the day:

Highlights for the Day

- - Buddy Poppy sales from 1:30– 4:30 at Starbucks on Campus and the Clock tower. Please come by and buy a buddy poppy to show support for Veterans.
- - Adopt a post, the George Mason Veterans Society along with Mason has adopted VFW (veteran of foreign wars post 8469). The van will depart from the HUB at 12:30, to help the VFW post at 5703 Vogue Rd Fairfax, VA 22039

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

**Looking for an internship or a job?
The On-Campus Interviewing Program
can help you get one!**

The On-Campus Interviewing (OCI) Program gives you the opportunity to interview with employers right on campus.

The Fall 2013 On-Campus Interviewing (OCI) season runs from **Monday, September 16 to Friday, November 15**. Begin applying to positions today!

**Contact the Career Services
Office for the link to the register
and do orientation**

**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.

If interested please submit resume by September 20th 5 pm.

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

sites.google.com/site/gmuvetvoc

vetsoc.gmu@gmail.com

VETS

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

University 300 Class

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!!!

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.

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.

Other Job/Internship Possibilities and Information

† DHS Cyber Security: <http://military.gmu.edu/documents/factSheetDHSCyberSecurityVeteransOutreach.pdf>

† Dominion Power Veteran Hiring: <http://military.gmu.edu/documents/flyerDVPMilitary.pdf>

† Whalen Group part time work for Veterans: <http://military.gmu.edu/documents/flyerWhalen%20Group.pdf>

† Employment Event at Fort Myer with big government contracting companies: <http://military.gmu.edu/documents/flyerJBMHH20130912.pdf>

† Arlington Police Department Open House: <http://military.gmu.edu/documents/flyerArlingtonCountyPolice20130911.pdf>

† National Sporting Library & Museum Internship: <http://military.gmu.edu/documents/flyerNSLMVetInternship2013.pdf>

Looking for a room to rent or need a roommate?

Complete the form by following the link below to be added to the Student Veteran Housing Project.

<http://military.gmu.edu/housing.asp>

A collaborative effort by the Veterans Society and the Office of Military Services.

Veteran in need of a Mentor, Or a Veteran willing to Mentor another Veteran?

Consider joining our Battle Buddies Program. If you are interested please follow the link below.

<http://military.gmu.edu/battleBuddies.asp>

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: mvanepc@gmu.edu
Contact: Leslie Greer

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

