

## 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](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

### Attention TA students

If you are utilizing Tuition Assistance, you must turn in all your TA approval forms to student accounts, third party billing no later than February 21st or your courses will be dropped from Go Army Ed.

### New Chat Feature on Military Services Website

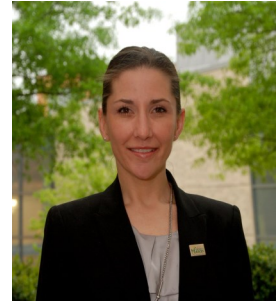
The Office of Military Services now offers a chat feature on our website for faster and easier service.

### Veterans Tax information

If you are interested in getting free tax assistance please contact this organization.

The active and veterans tax help guide can be found here: <http://taxhelp.org/resources/military/>. As I mentioned in my previous email, I work for a recently launched site - TaxHelp.org. You can read more about us here: <http://taxhelp.org/about-us/>

### 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](mailto:lgeer@gmu.edu)

## Career Services

### Prepare for the Career Fair Workshop

February 13th

SUB 1 Room 3400 5-6 pm

### Spring Career Fair

February 19th and 20th

Dewberry Hall JC 11:00 –4:00

**Don't Forget  
HIRE MASON has a great  
deal of internships and Job  
opportunities for Mason  
students in all areas of  
study**

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/>

### Student Assistance From a Veteran and Mason student in the work force.

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

### Upcoming Career Services Event-- PRACTICE INTERVIEW DAYS

**Tuesday March 18th and Wednesday April 23rd**

Practice your interviewing skills with real employers. Sign up through HIRE MASON then "On campus interviews I qualify for"

For more detail questions please contact Career Services  
703.993.2370

### Veteran Internship Program

Check out the Flyer for more information

<http://military.gmu.edu/documents/flyerVeteranInternshipProgram20140115.pdf>

## Veteran Organizations

### **Veterans Society**

[sites.google.com/site/gmuvetvoc](http://sites.google.com/site/gmuvetvoc)

vetsoc.gmu@gmail.com

### **VETS**

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

## 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

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

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Dominion Power Veteran Hiring: <http://military.gmu.edu/documents/flyerDVPMilitary.pdf> (must apply on [www.dom.com/careers](http://www.dom.com/careers) to be considered for positions)

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

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

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

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

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Aurora Foundation internship: <http://e2.ma/message/z54yh/zx6iwy>

## 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](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: [mvanepc@gmu.edu](mailto:mvanepc@gmu.edu)  
Contact: Leslie Greer

**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: [tpbill@gmu.edu](mailto:tpbill@gmu.edu)

**Financial Aid:** Web: [Site](#) Phone: 703.993.2353

