Student Veteran Orientation
Spring 2012
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12:00 PM  Check-In, Lunch and Introductions/Icebreaker

12:45 – 1:30 PM  Information Session, Part 1

1:30 – 1:40 PM  Break

1:40 – 2:40 PM  Information Session, Part 2

2:45 PM  Surveys (Please return completed surveys to the check-in table.)
Speakers

**Veteran Student Life** | Tasha Vanterpool
**VA Benefits and Certification** | Nicholas Laureys,
UMD Veterans Certifying Official
**Limited Enrollment/Transfer Options** | Michael Robinson,
Assistant Director of Transfer Admissions & Recruitment
**Learning Assistance Center** | Barbara Goldberg,
Education Skills Counselor, Learning Assistance Service
**Career & Internship Planning** | Rick Hearin,
Director, University Career Center and The President’s Promise
**Financial Aid & Scholarships** | Venesha Bridges,
Financial Aid Counselor, Office of Student Financial Aid
**VA Health Benefits** | Steven Fyfe,
Transition Patient Advocate, Veterans Administration
**Counseling Center** | Jonathan Kandell,
Associate Director of the University Counseling Center
Veteran Student Life

Tasha Vanterpool, Coordinator and Anna Lopiccolo, Jake O’Hatnick & Joe McDonald
Mission:

To build and maintain a community of University of Maryland students, staff, faculty, and alumni, all who have served in the US military.

To support a seamless transition from military life to civilian college life.

To provide support for continued growth in mind, body, and spirit, carrying the pride and confidence established in the military into the college experience as well as future careers.
Contact Information

Coordinator: Tasha Vanterpool

Graduate Coordinators: Anna Lopiccolo, Jake O’Hatnick, Joe McDonald

Adele H. Stamp Student Union - Center for Campus Life
0110H Stamp Student Union - Campus Programs
University of Maryland - College Park
College Park, MD 20740

Phone: (301) 314-0073
Fax: (301) 314-9634
Email: TVanterp@umd.edu
Website: www.veterans.umd.edu
Veteran Student Life

Vet Center:
Veteran’s Center

Located at **1122 Cole Field House**

Dual Suites, Computer Lab with CAC card readers, Printer, Kitchenette, FREE Coffee, Flat Panel TV, Play Station & Games

The Veterans Center is a private, exclusive space for UMD student Veterans

Contact Tasha Vanterpool, Coordinator for access
tvanterp@umd.edu or call 301-314-0073
This course is designed to support the unique development of student Veterans and establish a Veteran Student Cadre Leadership Team to serve as sponsors/peer mentors for new incoming and returning students Veterans at the University of Maryland, College Park.

Cadre leaders will have the opportunity to reflect on their military experiences and to develop leadership skills that translate civilian, college-life. Cadre leaders will examine various leadership models and engage peers through experiential learning.
STATE OF MARYLAND
VETERANS’
Career Services Day

Friday, April 13, 2012
10:30am – 5:00pm
Adele H. Stamp Student Union – Center for Campus Life
University of Maryland, College Park

LIMITED SPACE AVAILABLE

To register, go to www.careers.umd.edu/veterans

Featuring:
Brunch / Resume Writing / Employer Panel / Career Networking Fair / Keynote Speaker

University Career Center and The President’s Promise
**Alexion Veterans Scholarship** was established by Perry and Rachelle Alexion; there is one scholarship for $1000.

**Paul E. and Jane F. Butler Scholarship** was established by Terrance Butler and Nancy Morris Butler in honor of Terrance’s parents. The scholarship is ONLY open to qualified students of the Robert H. Smith School of Business; there is one scholarship for $1000.

**Robert E. Evasick Memorial Scholarship** was established by Paul and Charlotte Evasick in memory of Robert E. Evasick; there is one scholarship for $1000.

**Willcher Family Veterans Scholarship Fund** was established in loving memory by his wife Shirley and sons Ben and Joel to support veteran students at the University of Maryland College Park; there are currently two scholarships for $1000 each.

**University of Maryland Veterans Scholarship** is supported by alumni and friends of the University of Maryland; there is one scholarship for $1000.

**Edward Friedson Memorial Scholarship** was established in 2010 by Edward Friedson’s family members in his loving memory and provides financial assistance to an undergraduate or graduate student.

**Richbourg Family Memorial Veterans Scholarship** was established in honor of those who have served. **Tillman Military Scholarships** are sponsored by the Pat Tillman Foundation “Leadership Through Action (TM)” initiative, which is dedicated to supporting educational opportunities for servicemembers and their families. More information can be found at: [http://www.pattillmanfoundation.org](http://www.pattillmanfoundation.org)

http://thestamp.umd.edu/veterans/umd_scholarships.html
VA Certification

Nicholas Laureys
VA Certification Official, Office of the Registrar
UMD Veterans Certification Office

VA Education Benefits Contact:

Nicholas Laureys
VA School Certifying Official
1113 Mitchell Building
College Park, MD 20742
vabenefits@umd.edu
TEL: 301-314-8239
FAX: 301-314-9568

http://www.testudo.umd.edu/vabenefits/
What Do We Do?

- Certify your enrollment to the VA for receipt of Education Benefits
  - In order for us to submit an Enrollment Certification (VA Form 22-1999) to the VA on your behalf, you must submit a UMD VA Enrollment Certification Request to our office: http://www.testudo.umd.edu/vabenefits/index.html

- Notify the VA of any changes in your enrollment
  - Such as withdrawals, drops with a “W,” changes in residency status, etc.
This Office also can help you:

- Contact the VA by e-mail, mail, phone, or fax
- Find information about the VA’s Education Benefit Programs
- Put you in contact with the Residency Classification Office
- Help you obtain UMD Veterans Emergency Loans from the Office of Student Financial Aid
How to Contact the VA

- **TEL: 1 888 GI BILL1**
  - Press “1” then “0” after hearing the voice prompts to go directly to the operator queue
- **FAX: 1 716 857 3296**
  - Include your full name and at least the last four digits of your Social Security Number on all correspondence
- **EMAIL:** [https://www.gibill2.va.gov/cgi-bin/vba.cfg/php/enduser/std_alp.php](https://www.gibill2.va.gov/cgi-bin/vba.cfg/php/enduser/std_alp.php)
  - Click on the “My Stuff” tab to create an account
Quick Links for VA Education Benefit Information

1. VA GI Bill Official Web Site: http://www.gibill.va.gov/
2. VA VONAPP – Veterans Online Application: http://www.gibill.va.gov/apply-for-benefits/application/
8. VA Approved Education Programs: http://www.gibill.va.gov/resources/education_resources/choosing_a_school.html
9. VA Semester Hour Equivalents Chart (Training time determination for undergraduate non-standard terms): http://www.gibill.va.gov/training/Spreadsheets/Semester_Hours.pdf
10. UMD Graduate School’s Designation of Full-Time and Part-Time Status: http://www.gradschool.umd.edu/catalog/registration_policies.htm
Limited Enrollment Transfer Options

Michael Robinson
Assistant Director of Transfer Admissions & Recruitment
Learning Assistance Service

Barbara Goldberg
Education Skills Counselor
Learning Assistance Service Overview

- Individual Academic Counseling – time management, learning strategies, test taking skills, organization, stress management
- Math Learning Support – individual counseling, EDCP 108M, math learning lab, math skills workshops
- Guided Study Sessions – peer led support in lower level science classes
- Academic Workshops – time management, exam preparation
- All services are free to UM students
Special Services for Adults Returning to School

- Workshops, special events, publications, and individual counseling geared toward needs of adults returning to school.
- Two classes to ease the transition to the University and earn one credit at the same time:
  - EDCP 108R for Returning Students, Thursdays 12:30-1:50
  - EDCP 108G for Transfer Students, Mondays 2:00-3:30
- Each course addresses issues that impact students returning to school, e.g. time management, study skills, choosing a major, campus resources, and building a support network of other students in a similar situation.
- Coffee and Conversation: An informal opportunity to connect with other returning students, share campus experiences, and learn about resources at UM.
  - Every Monday 12:00-2:00 p.m. during the fall and spring semesters. Come for 10 minutes or for the whole hour. We provide the coffee and bagels; you provide the conversation.

For further information, call Barbara Goldberg at 301-314-7695 or e-mail goldb@umd.edu
New Programs for 2011-2012

- Transfer Student Virtual Learning Community
  - Blackboard site open to all transfer students
  - Goal is to create an on-line community to share information and support one another in the transition to UM

- Transfer Student Welcome – Wednesday 9/21/11, 3:30 p.m.
  Stamp Student Union
Break
Career Center Overview

Rick Hearin, Director of The University Career Center and The President’s Promise
Services

- Career Decision-Making Model
- Careers4Terps (C4T) Online Database
- The President’s Promise
- Online Resources
- Career Assistance
Career Decision-Making Process

Self-Assessment → Explore Career Options → Get Experience → Consider Graduate School → Job Search
The Career Race

Includes over 19 short videos

www.youtube.com/user/UMDCareerCenter
Central Authentication Service (CAS)

Enter your Directory ID and Password

Directory ID: 
Password:  

For security reasons, please Log Out and Exit your web browser when you are done accessing services that require authentication!

OIT will never ask you to put your password into an e-mail message, but scammers will. Do not share your password with others!

To find out your Directory ID, go to the Identity Verification page. To set your Directory password, use the Password Change page.

Where Did UM Graduates Go?
Explore Your Options

Check out Careers4Terps! - Your one-stop shop for your job/internship search! Finding a job or internship can be tough. Figuring out who’s hiring, what type of work you...
Careers4Terps

About Careers4Terps (C4T):
Careers4Terps provides UM students and alumni access to full-time, part-time and internship positions posted by employers looking for UM talent. Through C4T you can also sign-up for on-campus interviews with employers, RSVP for upcoming recruiting events and access additional online tools. Learn more

Additional Online Tools:
In addition to Careers4Terps, the University Career Center has acquired the following separate online tools to assist you:

Focus2:
Self Assessment/Career Testing

GETTING STARTED
✓ Account Created
✓ Personal Profile
✓ Academic Profile
✓ Privacy Settings
✓ Resume
✓ Facebook Integration
Careers4Terps- Search
Online Resources

Located in Careers4Terps

- Focus 2: Self Assessment/Career Testing
- Optimal Resume: Create a Resume and Cover Letter
- Going Global: Working Abroad, H1B Visas & More
- Virtual Mock Interview: See How You React in Interviews
- Career Insider: Research Industries and Careers
Online Resources

- What Have UM Alumni Done with Their Majors?  
  *Powered by the UM Graduation Survey*
- Career Webinars
- Web links to internship and job opportunities
- Terp Career & Job Search Guide 2011-2012
- QuickBucks Jobs Program listserv (register online)
- Resume and cover letter guides and tips

www.careercenter.umd.edu/section.cfm?section_id=1
Career Assistance

- Individual Appointments
  - Resumes and Cover Letters
  - Internship/Job Search
  - The President’s Promise Opportunities
  - Career & Internship Fair Preparation
  - Interviewing
  - Networking
  - Graduate & Professional School

- Workshops/Events
  - www.careercenter.umd.edu/events.cfm
WHAT IS NEXT?

- Register for and use C4T
- Utilize Center services, programs, and resources
- Pursue The President’s Promise opportunities
- Connect with employers at Fairs, Information Sessions, and Industry Series Programs
- Attend employer networking events
Contact Us

University Career Center and The President’s Promise

- Schedule an appointment: 301.314.7225

Visit CareerCenter.umd.edu to learn more about our services such as:

- Individual Appointments
- Careers4Terps Jobs/Internship Database
- Upcoming Workshops
- Schedule Interviews with Employers (internship, part-time and full-time)
- And more!

Visit PresidentsPromise.umd.edu to learn how to become competitive in your job/internship search by gaining experience.
What do I need to know?

- It is still possible to receive Federal Financial Assistance.
- Students should be aware of the financial aid package.
- Packages along with other important info can be viewed online.
Welcome to the Office of Student Financial Aid

The staff of the University of Maryland Office of Student Financial Aid is eager to assist you with obtaining financial aid to help you attain your academic goals.

Important Notices

Financial Aid Status

Current and first-time students please Check Your Financial Aid Status Online.

Direct Loan Program - Fall 2011 Disbursement Information

Fall 2011 direct loan disbursements will credit to your student account 10 days before the start of classes.
Financial Aid Status

This page is intended to provide you with information about your financial aid status as it is known to the Office of Student Financial Aid.

Financial Aid Status Availability:
M-F 7:30am-11pm
Saturday 7:30am-11pm
Sunday 5:30pm-11pm

Select a School Year from the pulldown menu and click the "Show me my Status" button to begin.

Fall 2011/Spring 2012*  Show me my Status

Contact the Office of Student Financial Aid.
2011-2012 Application Tracking Status

For: ____________________________
U ID: 1
As of: 6/13/2011

► You have been packaged based on the data submitted to the Department of Education via the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Please review your awards and enter the amount you want to accept in the "Total Accept Column." Then, click on the "Submit to Financial Aid" button at the bottom of the page. Please be advised that there will be additional fees to all Federal loans due to changes in the Federal legislation.

► Select "My Awards" from the menu to the left to complete and submit your award notification.
2011-2012 STUDENT FINANCIAL AID
Award Package

For: SANDERS, CALLIE SAVANNAH
U ID: 110708247
As of: 6/16/2011

Complete each section below and click the submit button to accept the awards.

1. Below is your award package as of 6/16/2011.

* Please type in the amount you would like to accept for applicable awards in the "Total Accepted" column.

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## Student Budget 2011-2012

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<td>Books &amp; Supplies</td>
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| **OUT- OF – STATE**  |                    |                     |
| Tuition & Fee’s       | $ 26,026.00        | $ 26,026.00         |
| Room                 | $ 5,714.00         | $ 1,110.00          |
| Board                | $ 3,885.00         | $ 2,120.00          |
| Personal Expenses    | $ 3,024.00         | $ 3,824.00          |
| Books & Supplies     | $ 1,076.00         | $ 1,076.00          |
| **TOTAL**            | **$39,725.00**     | **$34,156.00**      |
Sources of Paying for College

- **Direct Stafford Subsidized Loan:**
  - Need-based
  - Interest does not accrue
  - 3.4% Fixed Interest Rate
  - Repayment begins 6 (six) month after graduation or cease of enrollment

- **Direct Stafford Unsubsidized Loan:**
  - Non-need based
  - Interest accrues on quarterly basis
  - 6.8% Fixed Interest Rate
  - Repayment begins 6 (six) month after graduation or cease of enrollment
Alternative Sources of Paying for College

- **Direct Parent Plus Loan:**
  - Parents are solely responsible.
  - Not guaranteed, based on the Borrower’s credit history.
  - 7.9% fixed Interest rate and repayment period begins 60 days after final disbursement.
  - Process is initiated through the University

- **Alternative Loan:**
  - Student is responsible unless there is a cosigner
  - Interest rate and repayment terms are specified by the lender.
  - Process is initiated with the lender directly.

- **Terp Payment Plan:**
  - 10 month plan (enrollment fee $50.00)
  - 8 month plan (enrollment fee $80.00)
  - 4 or 5 month plans (enrollment fee $45.00)
Financial Service Center

Office of the Bursar

Important Billing Access and Payment Information

View Monthly Billing Statement

OR

JUST NEED TO PAY? - PAY ONLINE HERE
CLICK HERE to pay online by credit card or checking account debit

Paying by Check? - Please write your UID on the check memo.

Financial Service Center

Financial Literacy

The University of Maryland's Position on Wise Use of Credit.

ONLINE SERVICES

- Student Account Inquiry
- Student Account Direct Deposit Authorization
- Student Address Changes

FINANCIAL SERVICES INFORMATION

- Tuition, Fees, and Other Expenses
  - Summer Term Financials
  - Freshmen Connection Financials
  - Winter Term Financials
  - Graduate programs with Non-standard Tuition
- Bill Due Dates and Billing Schedules
- Penalties for Late Payment and Non-Payment
- Payment Methods
- Term Payment Plan (TDP)
Financial Service Center

Check Availability is no longer available online. If you have any questions, please contact the Financial Service Center at (301) 314-9000 or click here.

- View Monthly Billing Statement
- Student Account Inquiry
- Financial Aid Inquiry - Check your financial aid online
- Summer Estimated Bill

- About Financial Aid
- FAFSA on the Web - Apply Online!
- Financial Aid Search
- Financial Service Center
- Tuition and Fees

- Terrapin Express Inquiry
Financial Service Center

Office of the Bursar
Billing Information

To pay your Bill, press the button below:

Pay Bill

To view a Bill, select a date, then press the button:

No bills available to view.

To view your Student Account, click the link below:

Student Account Inquiry

Add emails to receive bill information:

eMails

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OIT Administrative and Enterprise Applications
College Park, MD 20742
THIRD PARTY/SPONSORED BILLING

Third Party/Sponsored Billing is when a private or government agency is paying any portion of your tuition or fees AND they are requesting a bill from the University.

There is no standard form. Some companies will write a letter, on business letterhead, stating what they are willing to pay. Others have a special form. Regardless of the format, all contracts or letters MUST include the following information in order to be processed:

- Student’s name
- Student’s account number (UID)
- Specific charges and semesters the sponsor will pay
- Billing address required
- Name, signature and contact information of person authorizing the contract
- Purchase order number (for government contracts)

* NOTE: A credit will usually appear on your student account within 48 hours of receipt of the contract. This credit does not mean that the Office of the Bursar has received payment on your behalf. The credit will be reversed if the University of Maryland, College Park does not receive payment from the company/agency within 60 days from the billing date and the student will be responsible for the charges on their student account.
### Tuition Due Dates

**Monthly Billing Information**

- **Summer Financial Schedule**
  - Payment Due **Immediately** Upon Registration

- **Fall**
  - If you are registered for Fall:
    - Payment is due:
      - By July 25: August 20
      - Between July 26 and August 25: September 20
      - After August 25: September 20

- **Winter Financial Schedule**
  - Payment Due **Immediately** Upon Registration

- **Spring**
  - If you are registered for Spring:
    - Payment is due:
      - By December 22: January 20
      - Between December 23 and January 25: February 20
      - After January 25: February 20
Things to know

- Books:
  - Be prepared to pay out of pocket
  - No vouchers

- Stafford Loans:
  - Entrance Interview
  - Promissory Note

- Refunds:
  - If all charges are paid, a refund can be issued.
Financial Service Center

- **Bursar’s Office**
  [www.umd.edu/bursar](http://www.umd.edu/bursar)

- **Financial Aid Office**
  [www.financialaid.umd.edu](http://www.financialaid.umd.edu)

  1135 Lee Building
  8:30 am – 4:30 pm M - F

  Local number:
  (301) 314 - 9000

  Toll Free Number:
  1-888 - 313 - 2404
U.S. Veterans Administration

Steven Fyfe, Transition Patient Advocate, OEF/OIF/OND Program
VA Health and Dental Care for Veterans of Operations Enduring & Iraqi Freedom
Veterans of Operations
Enduring & Iraqi Freedom

VA provides enhanced enrollment opportunity and five years of cost-free health care to veterans who served in a theater of combat operations, for any injury or illness associated with this service.
Dental Care

Cost free one time treatment of dental conditions for recently separated veterans who

✓ served for 90 days or more,
✓ apply within 180 days of separation, and
✓ DD214 does not indicate necessary dental care was provided within 90 days of release or discharge
VA HEALTHCARE ELIGIBILITY

- Service Members must be discharged/separated/terminal leave
- Not Discharged/separated/terminal leave
  - VA HealthCare can be provided under
    - Sharing Agreements
    - TRICARE (180 days of TRICARE TAMP to access VA care)
- Enrollment status in VA system will reflect
  - Pending Verification until discharged
Medical Benefits Plan

- Screening exams for: Depression, Substance Abuse, PTSD, Military Sexual Trauma, TBI
- Preventive Care Services
- Inpatient and Outpatient Treatment
- Prescription Services
- Women’s Health Program
Women Veteran Programs

Women Veterans may receive:

- full continuum of medical benefits package
- women’s family planning and birth control, gender-specific health care, e.g. hormone replacement therapy, breast and GYN care, maternity, limited infertility

Special considerations

- Each facility has a Women Veterans Program Manager
- Women’s Trauma Recovery Program (Palo Alto) inpatient post traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) and military sexual trauma (MST) treatment
- VA researchers also conduct studies on women's health
- Women’s Benefits Coordinator available for disability benefits
Veterans Who Experience Non-Service Connected Illness/Injuries Post Deployment may be charged a co-pay at VA for treatment of these conditions ie: flu, colds, auto accident
Non Combat Theatre
Veterans Eligibility

Veterans who have not deployed to a Combat Theatre of Operations may be eligible to enroll in VA Health Care if:

- You are single with prior year income below $29,402
- Veterans with incomes below $35,284 for a Veteran with one dependent and $2,020 for each additional dependent
- Service-connected disabled Veteran
- Once you are enrolled into VA Healthcare, you may be charged co-pays for services not related to a service-connected disability.
Application Process

- Identify VA medical center for visit to primary care
- Complete VA Form 10-10EZ
- Submit 10-10EZ to VA Enrollment Specialist at end of presentation
- Additional Questions:
  - Call 1-877-222-VETS (8387) or
  - Visit www.va.gov
**VA Form 10-10EZ**

**Section I: General Information**
- Complete Parts 1 - 7 and 9 - 11G

**Select Block 13 - 16B**
- VA medical facility to receive care

**Block 12**
- Medical
- Dental
Section IV
Complete Military Service Information

Section VI
Financial Disclosure

☐ NO
Section XII
Assignment of Benefits

Sign and Date
What happens after I submit my enrollment application form to VA?

• You will receive a letter in the mail from VA approximately 4 weeks after this event.
• This letter will tell you that you have been enrolled into VA health care at the facility you selected on your enrollment form. It will also tell you how to access medical care at that facility.
• If you need routine health care before you receive your enrollment letter, you will receive today a [Watermark Letter](#) to show VA staff at the VA Medical Center. You may contact the OEF/OIF Program Manager at the VA Medical Center you selected who will help you with an appointment. If you don’t know the phone number of the Medical Center, dial:

  1-877-222-8387

*Please remember to bring your DD214 with you when you first report to the VA medical center. However, VA will take care of you for your urgent condition immediately even without your DD214.*
RETURNING VETERANS


Motor vehicle crashes are the leading cause of death in veterans in the early years after returning from deployment. Don’t let that happen to you.

★ Don’t drink and drive.
★ Don’t ride with a drunk driver.
★ Always wear your seat belt.
★ If you ride a motorcycle, always wear a helmet.
★ Mile for mile, a car is about 35 times safer than a motorcycle.

VETERANS’ SAFE DRIVING INITIATIVE

www.safedriving.va.gov

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Help Your Buddy

VA’s National Suicide Hotline Resource
1-800-273-TALK (8255)
Information Package Available on site:

_Federal Benefits Booklet (VA Pamphlet 80-0-01)
_Summary of VA Benefits
_Summary of VA Benefits for National Guard/Reserve
_VA health care overview booklet
Afghanistan & Iraq War Veterans
Click to learn more
We Are The People In The VA Who Welcome Home All Combat Veterans With Honor
“To Care For Those Who Have Borne The Battle and Their Widow and Orphans”

Abraham Lincoln

Vet Centers serve veterans and their families by providing a continuum of quality care that adds value for veterans, families, and communities.....

We are the people in VA who welcome home war Veterans with honor by providing readjustment counseling in a caring manner.

Vet Centers understand and appreciate Veterans’ war experiences while assisting them and their family members toward a successful post-war adjustment in or near their community.
VET CENTER TRADITION

- Established by Congress in 1979 for Vietnam Veterans
- In 1995 service extended to all war zone vets and military sexual harassment/assault victims of any era.
- Goal is to provide a broad range of counseling, outreach and referral services, to help vets and their families make satisfying post-war readjustments to civilian life.
UNIQUE FEATURES

- Vet Centers maintain a “welcome home” attitude that promotes customer service in a relaxing and non-bureaucratic environment.
- Veterans are welcome to stop by the Vet Center at any time, as there are no waiting lists to receive care.
- Vet Centers maintain extensive outreach programs to help veterans gain early access to care.
- Vet Centers are community-based, operating outside of the larger VA medical facilities.
- Vet Centers guarantee confidentiality and informed consent to avoid the effects of stigma on war zone and sexually traumatized veterans.
- Vet Centers tailor local service programs and staff composition to best fit the social and cultural needs of the veteran community being served.
VET CENTER SERVICES

- Individual Counseling
- Group Counseling
- Military Sexual Trauma Counseling
- Marital/Family Counseling
- Bereavement Counseling
- Drug and Alcohol Referral
- Liaison with VA & Community Resources
- Benefits Assistance Referral
- Community Education and Career Referral
What Does The Vet Center Offer?

- A safe and protected place to talk
- Confidentiality – no stigma
- Flexible hours
- Easily accessible community-based setting
- Network knowledgeable about the resources available
- Vet Center Staff are >65% Combat Veterans
- Veterans serving Veterans
- All family members are welcome
- No cost….ever
LOYALTY
DUTY
RESPECT
SERVICE
HONOR
INTEGRITY
COURAGE
...I now know why men who have been to war yearn to reunite. Not to tell stories or look at old pictures. Not to laugh or weep. Comrades gather because they long to be with the men who once acted their best.....men who suffered and sacrificed.....who were stripped raw......right down to their humanity. I did not pick these men. They were delivered by fate and the military. **But I know them in a way I know no other men. I have never given anyone such trust.** They were willing to guard something more precious than my life. **They would have carried my reputation.....the memory of me. It was part of the bargain we all made.....the reason we were so willing to die for one another.**
Contact Information
1-800-905-4675 (Eastern) 1-866-496-8838 (Pacific)
www.vetcenter.va.gov
VA Benefits and Services
- COMPENSATION
- EDUCATION
- VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION & EMPLOYMENT
- LIFE INSURANCE
- HOME LOAN GUARANTY
COMPENSATION

Disability Examples

- Torn knee ligament
- Amputation
- Heart disease
- Post traumatic stress (including the result of sexual trauma)
- Skin condition such as psoriasis
COMPENSATION

- Disabilities are rated from 0% to 100%
- VA rating is independent of any military rating
- Payments begin with 10% rating
- Additional allowance for dependents with 30% or higher rating
COMPENSATION

- Compensation is *tax free*

- Additional *Special Monthly Compensation* added for loss of limb, organ, etc.

- Concurrent retired pay, previously prohibited, now being phased in
COMPENSATION - Related Benefits

- VA health care for all rated service-connected conditions
- Vocational rehabilitation & employment services
- $10,000 life insurance
- Federal employment preference
- VA loan funding fee waived
- Possible State and local benefits for veterans
COMPENSATION -  Related Benefits

- Annual clothing allowance ($716)*
- Specially adapted homes**
- Automobile grant ($11,000) and adaptive equipment**
- Military commissary & exchange privileges***
COMPENSATION

How to Apply

- Contact VA for the application form by calling 1-800-827-1000
- Application form may be available on base
- Or apply on the Internet at www.va.gov
SOCIAL SECURITY DISABILITY INSURANCE

- Disability or Survivor Benefits
  - May be available if injured on active duty
  - Regardless of where injury occurred
  - Expedited service for Line of Duty disabilities on or after October 1, 2001

- How to Apply:
  - On-Line at www.socialsecurity.gov
  - Telephonically at 1-800-772-1213
  - In-Person at Social Security Office
EDUCATION
MGIB-AD - General

- Eligibility based, in part, on active military service
- Up to 36 months of benefits
- Benefits payable for up to 10 years following release from active duty
- Various education and training program options
- May be used while on active duty
EDUCATION
MGIB-SR - *General*

- Up to 36 months of benefits
- Benefits payable for up to 14 years while serving in the Selected Reserve
- Various education and training program options
EDUCATION
Reserve/Guard Entitlement to Chap. 30 (Active Duty)

Certain Reserve/Guard members may qualify for Montgomery GI Bill benefits based on active duty if they:

- Activated under Title 10 U. S. Code after July 1, 1985
- Had no active duty prior to July 1, 1985
- Served on active duty continuously for 24 months
EDUCATION
Reserve/Guard Entitlement to Chap. 30 (Active Duty)

- Completed DD Form 2366 (Election to Participate in the MGIB Active Duty Program)*
- Paid $1,200 to DFAS to enroll in the program*
- Had honorable service for the active duty period

*Must be accomplished while on active duty
REAP provides educational assistance to members of the guard/reserve components called or ordered to active duty in response to a war or national emergency as determined by the President or Congress.
GI Bill (Chapter 33) August 1, 2009

- Total tuition based on State school rates (national average FY08: $6,185 mo.)
- Books and fees $1,000 a year
- $1,200 for tutorial assistance ($100 per mo.)
- Living expense stipend based on E5 BAH with dependents for area
- 36 months of total benefits
- 15 years to use benefits
- Can transfer to dependents
ELIGIBILITY

**Served on or called to active duty after Sept. 11, 2001**

- 100% benefit if you have at least 36 months of duty
- 100% 30 months with service-connected disability
- 90% 30 to 36 month of duty
- 80% 24 to 30 months of duty
- 70% 18 to 24 months of duty
- 60% 12 to 18 months of duty
- 50% 6 to 12 months of duty
- 40% 90 days to 6 months of duty
Program Objective

- Program’s primary function is to help active duty service members and veterans who have service-connected disabilities become suitably employed, maintain employment, or achieve independence in daily living.
Vocational Rehabilitation & Employment

Basic Eligibility

- Have an informal disability rating (called a “memorandum rating”) of 20% or greater or 10% if there is a bar to employment

- 12 year - 48 month entitlement
LIFE INSURANCE
Veterans’ Group
Life Insurance (VGLI)

- Can convert from SGLI to VGLI within 1 year + 120 days of separation

- No proof of good health required if conversion within 120 days of separation

- Lifetime renewable term coverage
LIFE INSURANCE
Traumatic Injury SGLI

- Effective 12/1/05 with retroactive provision for OIF & OEF
- Payable to members who suffer a qualifying loss due to traumatic injury
- Rapid financial assistance program for service members and families during recovery
- Automatic with SGLI coverage
HOME LOAN GUARANTY

- No down payment
- Limitations on closing costs
- The right to prepay without penalty
- Funding Fee
- Negotiated interest rates
HOME LOAN GUARANTY

- Buy a home
- Build a home
- Simultaneously buy and improve a home
- Refinance existing loan
- Use only for property located in the US, its territories or possessions
- Must occupy the property as your home within a reasonable period of time
HOME LOAN GUARANTY

Steps to a VA Home Loan

1. Find property to buy
2. Apply to a mortgage lender for a loan
3. Apply for a Certificate of Eligibility
4. Obtain a VA appraisal
5. Close the loan and move in
For *benefits* information and assistance call toll-free
1 (800) 827-1000

TDD 1 (800) 829-4833

On line at www.va.gov
Local VA Contacts

- VA Medical Center:
  - Jean Langbein
  - OEF/OIF Program Manager
  - Washington D.C.
  - 202-745-8000 x7212

- 1-877-OIFOEF1 (1-877-643-6331)

Thank You!
Counseling Center

Jonathan Kandell, Assistant Director
Counseling Center

- **Regular Hours:**
  - Monday - Thursday  8:30am-9pm
  - Friday  8:30am-4:30pm

- **Services**
  - Disability Support Service
  - Learning Assistance Service
  - Testing and Research Unit
  - University Parent Consultation and Child Evaluation Service
Services

Counseling Service

- Individual, Couples, Group Counseling
- Personal/Social and Career/Major Counseling
- Emergency Services (every hour we are open)
- Walk-In Hours
  - Student of Color (3pm every day)
  - Rainbow (3pm every day)
  - Majors (Thursday 12:30 – 2:30pm)
  - Veterans
Veterans Walk-In Hour

Monday 3pm – Sarah Mebane
Wednesday 3pm – Jonathan Kandell
Thursday 3pm – Ted Pickett, Jr.
Friday 10am – Dominick Scalise

Wednesday and Friday at Veterans Center
Monday and Thursday at Counseling Center
Veterans Walk-In Hour

The Veterans Walk-In Hour is specifically designed for students who are currently serving, or who have served, in any branch of the military.

It is a chance for student veterans meet with a counselor, no appointment needed, to talk about anything on their minds. Blow off some steam, get help navigating the campus, or just take the opportunity to talk with a trained listener.

The Walk-In Hour is not, nor is it intended to be, psychotherapy. The intent of the Walk-In Hour is to simply provide an ear for those veterans who want someplace to talk.
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