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Veterans Affairs Newsletter

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Check out these featured events and resources for veteran and military-connected students at CSM for the month of July. If you have valuable information concerning VA news or updates, please email veteransbenefits@csmd.edu.

Staff Update: Farewell to Rebecca Collins, VA Coordinator

We want to inform our veterans and military-connected students that Rebecca Collins, our veterans affairs coordinator, has moved on from CSM to pursue new and exciting opportunities. During her time at the college, Collins made a meaningful impact on the veteran student community through her dedication, advocacy, and leadership. We are grateful for her service and wish her the very best in her next chapter.



For ongoing support with VA benefits, please contact our office at veteransbenefits@csmd.edu. Our team remains committed to assisting you with your educational journey.

Apply by July 15 for the Conroy Memorial Scholarship

Applications are open for the Edward T. & Mary A. Conroy Memorial Scholarship Program. These scholarships award financial assistance to disabled veterans who have exhausted or are no longer eligible for federal VA educational benefits; or survivors or family members of service members who died as a result of military service or who have a 100% service-connected disability. **Apply by July 15 for the 2025–26 academic year!**

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GI Bill Student Spotlight: Share Your Story!

Have you used the GI Bill to support your education at CSM? The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) is looking to spotlight powerful student stories that show how the Digital GI Bill is helping veterans and military-connected students reach their academic and career goals.

If you're a student veteran with a journey to share—whether it's about transitioning from service to student life or advice you'd give to new GI Bill users—we encourage you to participate! Email edustaeng.vbavaco@va.gov with your contact information and the VA will follow up with next steps.

Let your story inspire others and help future GI Bill students understand what's possible!



Veteran Events

Federal Workers Career Fair

Connect with opportunity on **July 16** at the Federal Workers Career Fair, where experienced professionals can meet with top employers in the federal and private sectors. Explore career paths, network with hiring managers, and discover how your expertise can make an impact.

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Informational Session for Veteran and Military-Connected Students

Each month, the Maryland Department of Labor Veterans Services hosts informational sessions on workforce development, employment opportunities, how to file claims with the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), and other resources available to veterans and service members. **Join us July 16 at the Leonardtown Campus** for job search assistance, resume development, and more.

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Veterans Resource and Education Fair

Veterans at all stages of their academic journey, including those exploring educational opportunities or in need of other services, are invited to **join Veterans Upward Bound of Washington, D.C. on July 22** for a Veterans and Resource Education Fair! Equip yourself with the resources, knowledge, and support necessary to excel. This event is being held at Tuesday, July 22, 1-5 p.m. at The Catholic University of America, Heritage Hall and Father O'Connell Hall (620

Michigan Ave NE, Washington, DC 2006). Questions? Contact metro-vub@cua.edu.

RSVP NOW

Women’s Community Veterans Engagement Board Launch Event

Join ServingTogether on July 24 for the launch of the Women’s Community Veterans Engagement Board—a collaborative initiative focused on the unique needs and strengths of women veterans across the region and beyond. Connect with others with similar experiences, build a sense of belonging, advocate for systems change to address barriers to benefits, and celebrate the successes and resilience of women who have served.

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Greenwell Foundation Veterans Retreat

Veterans, current service members, and military-connected family members are invited to join CSM and the Greenwell Foundation on **Aug. 23** for a veterans retreat at Greenwell State Park. Come out to relax, connect, and recharge in nature!

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Veteran Resources

Join the CSM Veterans Club

The CSM **Veterans Club** is a great opportunity for CSM students to support one another as vets and to enjoy some camaraderie. Join us on the third Friday of each month, either virtually or in person at the Veterans Lounge (La Plata Campus, LR Building, Room 103).

To learn more, please contact club president Jeffery Havenner at jwhavenner@csmd.edu.





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