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Veterans Affairs Newsletter

MAY 2025

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

**CSM Veterans Academic and Community
Resource Day**

All veteran and military-connected community members and CSM students are invited to join us **June 7** for CSM's Veterans Academic and Community Resource Day. New and returning students can take advantage of in-person services, including fall registration assistance; academic, career, and transfer advising; prior learning assessments; Joint Services Transcript (JST) evaluation; community resources; and more!



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Help CSM Serve Those Who Serve: Veteran and Military-Connected Student Survey

CSM strives to create and maintain an environment that encourages success and equips veteran and military-connected students with the information, resources, and support to achieve your academic and professional objectives. We want your input, insight, and feedback to help us continue to improve how we do that. Please take a few minutes to complete CSM's Veteran and Military-Connected Student Survey so that we can better support you, your fellow veterans, and future CSM students.

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Apply Now 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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Get Your Full Housing Allowance: Register for Summer Classes!

If you receive a Monthly Housing Allowance (MHA) as part of your military education benefits, you can **maximize the benefit payment** by registering for summer classes. The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) only pays MHA for months when you are actively taking classes, which means that you won't receive MHA if you aren't taking classes between the Spring and Fall Semesters.



In-Person Classes for Summer

Having trouble finding in-person classes for summer to fulfill the VA's requirements and receive your full benefit payment? Contact the CSM Veterans Affairs team at veteransbenefits@csmd.edu.

Veteran Events

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 May 21 at the Prince Frederick Campus** for job search assistance, resume development, and more.

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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 **May 22** for a veterans retreat at Greenwell State Park. Come out to relax, connect, and recharge in nature!

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Women Veterans and Service Members Kayaking Event

The Women Veterans of Southern Maryland, Operation Second Chance, and Team River Runner present the second annual Women Veterans Paddle for current and former service members on **May 31**. Beginners and avid kayakers alike can enjoy the calm waters, paddle, and meet other women veterans, with a complimentary lunch. All kayaking equipment will be provided by Team River Runner, but you are welcome to bring your own equipment.

Please note that this event is **only open to women veterans and service members**, and advance registration is required.

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Veteran Resources

Community Mediation Services for Veterans and Military Families

Community mediation can support veterans and their families in building honest, loving, and resilient bonds. We can help you navigate the strain that military service can put on relationships, including

- old and new family dynamics;
- conflict that may arise due to physical or emotional trauma you experienced;
- having difficult discussions with people you want to reunite with;
- and more...

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