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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 February.

If you have valuable information concerning VA news or updates, please email veteransbenefits@csmd.edu.

Join the CSM Peer Mentoring Program

CSM is looking for students to join the Peer Mentoring pilot program for the spring semester! Get one-on-one mentoring from an experienced and knowledgeable CSM student employee; receive personalized, relatable advice and support; and easily navigate the transition into life as a college student with the help of someone who's been there. **The pilot**



program will run March 17 to
May 5; apply by March 5!



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Notify the VA if You Withdraw from a Class

Any veteran or military-connected student using educational benefits who withdraws from a course must complete the [Notification of Withdrawal](#) form to notify the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) of the relevant [mitigating circumstances](#). Failure to complete this form could result in an increase in debt from the VA.

PACT Act Update: Exposure to Jet Fuels

The VA recently submitted to Congress a [report on the possible health effects of exposure to jet fuel](#) that servicemembers may experience, including health effects by length of exposure to various types of jet fuels and immediate symptoms of jet fuel exposure that may indicate future health risks. ([Summary of the report](#))

GI Bill® Benefits Expanded for Multiple Periods of Service

The VA has updated the process for awarding GI Bill® benefits, making many [veterans who served multiple periods of military service](#) eligible for up to an additional 12 months of education benefits.

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. To learn more, please fill out the [Veterans Club Interest Form](#).

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 [Feb. 19 at the Prince Frederick Campus](#) for job search assistance, resume development, and more.

Microsoft Teams Training

Courtesy of Project Veteran House, Microsoft Teams training sessions will be offered on [March 27, 28, and April 1](#) from 6-8 p.m.

Axe the Struggle: Project Veteran House Axe Throwing Fundraiser

Join Project Veteran House and Bad Axe Throwing on [Feb. 22 for a fundraiser in support](#) of our mission to bridge the gap for veterans struggling with housing, employment, and mental health support.

Enjoy two hours of guided axe throwing, mystery raffles, and refreshments as we support our brothers and sisters in building stable and fulfilling lives.



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