



Military and Veterans Resource Center (MAVRC)

About Us



- UWM has the largest military-related student population in the UW System
- The Military and Veterans Resource Center opened as a student lounge in November of 2012 and expanded in 2015 to include a computer/study area and staff offices
- MAVRC is located in the Student Union, Room WG99
- MAVRC is staffed by a Director, Assistant Director and VA Work Study student staff



MAVRC STAFF



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Director
(US Marine Corps)

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Military and Veterans Resource Center

MISSION:

- Serve as the first stop of support for all military-related students
- Educate the UWM campus and Milwaukee community about military service, support and awareness programs
- Offer a safe space on campus for military-related students
- Establish community partnerships that provide opportunities for student veterans to build bridges into the Milwaukee community for future employment, as well as civic and cultural engagement





MAVRC Resources

“MAVRC Hours”

Mondays, Wednesday, and Thursdays

0900 – 1500

By appointment.



- Provide resource referrals
- Offer Signature Events: Veterans Week, Graduation Ceremonies, Project 22, Military & Veterans Ball
- Create programming and partner with campus groups for: orientations, employment services, scholarship application assistance, corporate partners networking sessions and more



Campus Resources

In partnership with MARC...



- Student Veterans of America UWM Chapter (SVA)
- Military Education Benefits Office (MEBO)
- Career Planning and Resource Center (CPaRC)
- VetSuccess on Campus (VSoC)
- Veterans Upward Bound (VUB)
- Accessibility Resource Center (ARC)
- Panther Academic Support Services (PASS)
- Norris Health Center (You@UWM)
- UWM Libraries
- Honors College and academic departments



Community Resources

In partnership with MARC...

- Milwaukee VA Regional Benefits Office
- Clement J. Zablocki VA Medical Center
- Milwaukee Vet Center
- American Legion
- Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW)
- And more!



Executive Order 13607:



Principles of Excellence for Educational Institutions Serving Service Members, Veterans, Spouses and Other Family Members

3/29/2018

Dear Colleagues:

In 2012, UWM signed an agreement to comply with the Executive Order 13607: "Establishing Principles of Excellence for Educational Institutions Serving Service Members, Veterans, Spouses and Other Family Members." The Executive Order from former President Obama establishes additional steps for institutions to best serve this population. The majority of the Principles of Excellence Agreement is administrative and operational, but there is an important part that requires faculty compliance. An institution must take additional steps to accommodate short absences (for less than 30 days) due to service obligations, provided that satisfactory academic progress is being made by the service members and reservists prior to suspending their studies.

Below is a list of typical short absences due to service obligations. Please note that the list is not all-inclusive.

- 1.Extra-long weekend drill commitments, which are normally Saturday /Sundays but can include other days as well.
- 2.Mandatory attendance at Service Schools for a student's military job (assuming absence for attendance does not impact overall semester work or grade).
- 3.Attendance for initial military training (boot camp) normally only if absence overlaps the start of a term or end of a semester.

You can also see the Questions & Answers from the Department of Education regarding this Executive Order. If you have additional questions or need information, please contact James Schmidt (jds99@uwm.edu, 414-229-6692), Financial Aid, Student Employment and Military Education Benefits Specialist.

Take care,
Johannes
Johannes Britz
Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs

Military Education Benefits Office (MEBO)

Mellencamp Hall #168A

Online access only until further notice

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The MEBO is dedicated to providing accurate information and timely processing of their state and federal military educational benefits.

MEBO will work with you to answer any specific questions regarding Federal and State benefits, the National Guard Tuition Grant, VetEd Tuition Reimbursement, Students called to Active Duty, and Withdrawal policies.

Open year-round to assist you with certification of your military education benefits.



James Schmidt
Services Coordinator (Army)

The Different Types of GI Bill's

- Post 9/11 GI Bill (Ch.33)
- Montgomery GI Bill (Ch.1606)
- Montgomery GI Bill (Ch.30)
- Vocational Rehabilitation (Ch.31)
- Dependents Educational Assistance (Ch.35)
- Federal Tuition Assistance (FTA)
- WI GI Bill
- National Guard Tuition Reimbursement Grant
- VetEd Tuition Reimbursement Grant



Most Popular Options

Veterans:

Post 9/11 GI Bill (Ch.33)
Vocational Rehabilitation (Ch.31)
WI GI Bill
VetEd Tuition Reimbursement Grant

Dependents/Spouses:

Post 9/11 GI Bill – TOE (Ch.33)
Dependents Educational Assistance (Ch.35)
WI GI Bill

Reserves / Guard:

Montgomery GI Bill (Ch.1606)
Federal Tuition Assistance (FTA)
WI GI Bill
National Guard Tuition Grant



One Stop Enrollment and Financial Services

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VETERANS SERVICES

UWM is proud to join the ranks of select campuses across the country that have been classified as military friendly. Only the top 15% of schools in the nation achieve this designation each year.

Our office is dedicated to providing current and past members of the military, as well as their qualifying dependents, with accurate information and timely processing of their state and federal military educational benefits.

Federal Benefits

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A close-up, slightly blurred image of a FAFSA form. The text 'SA' is prominent in large letters. Below it, 'APPLICATION for FEDERAL STUDENT AID' is visible. Further down, 'One (Student): For questions' is partially seen. At the bottom, a grid of boxes is visible, with the text 'full name (exactly as it appears on your' and 'Last name' nearby.

GET MORE \$\$\$

**The Free Application for Federal Student Aid
(FAFSA)**

<https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa>

FAFSA FAQ's

<https://militarybenefits.info/fafsa-veteran-education-benefits/>



VETSUCCESS on CAMPUS

Encouraging, promoting and supporting Veterans, Active Duty and Dependents to be successful in their educational and career

What is VSOC?

The VSOC program provides a VA Veteran Readiness & Employment Counselor (VREC) to each VSOC school. These VRECs are called VetSuccess on Campus (VSOC) Counselors. A VA Vet Center Outreach Coordinator is also provided, and co-located on many campuses, to provide peer-to-peer counseling and referral services. **UWM is the only university in the state with this program.**

What types of services are available?

- Guidance and support with your VA education benefits – Chapter 31
- Exploring options when you face academic difficulties
- Career exploration and assistance
- Coordinating with school faculty/staff to provide Veteran Readiness & Employment specific services referrals for readjustment counseling for eligible Veterans and their families
- Federal Resume, Job Seeking, & Interview Preparation assistance
- Information and referral for other VA benefits (i.e. Disability Compensation, Life Insurance, Home Loan Guaranty, and Vocational Rehabilitation)





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VetSuccess on Campus Coordinator:

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Things to Know

- Joint Service Transcript
 1. Transfer Credits for Military Service.
 2. Satisfactory Academic Progress
- VR&E Degree audit/academic worksheet
 1. Start/Stop Date of the Program
 2. Cost of the Program
 3. Academic Plan/ Approval
- Best to advise Veterans or dependents using VA education benefits to seek assistance from the SCO, MAVRC, VA education dept, VSOC, or VR&E Case manager prior to dropping classes. Due to possible financial hardship.
- VA payment for classes that are in-person or online.





Student Veterans of America
UW - Milwaukee

Student Veterans of America UW-Milwaukee

Mission

Our social organization strives to support the transition and educational success of members, volunteer within the community and reach out to those in need, advocate for student veteran concerns and build awareness of veteran specific issues and provide a network of individuals that share a common past, a desire for success, and a willingness to support each other to reach our goals.

Officers

- President: Corey Washington
- Vice President: Vacant
- Secretary: Brett Geilenfeldt
- Treasurer: Margret Hinze

QUESTIONS?

