



Military and Veterans Resource Center

[MAVRC and MEBO]

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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"

Monday – Thursday

0800-1630 (4:30pm)

Friday

0900 – 1500 (3:00p.m.)

- 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 MARVC...

- 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!



Adjustment to Campus



Things to consider...

Environment

- Four-year, public, brick and mortar campus
- Formal structure and procedures do exist, but they are not always obvious

Culture

- Classmate behaviors based on generational behaviors: arriving late, texting and using social media, talking during class

Circumstances

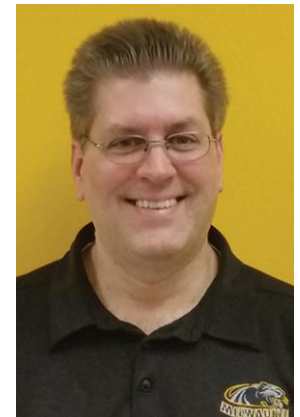
- Variation in instructors' roles: full-time faculty, part-time instructors, and teaching assistants (graduate students)
- Academic advisors help with choosing classes needed for your academic program - May only be familiar with courses in your major.

MEBO

- **Location:**
Mellencamp Hall #168A
2442 E Kenwood Blvd
Milwaukee, WI 53211
- **Hours:**
Mon-Thur: 9am – 4:30pm
Friday: 9am – 3pm
- **Phone:** [\(414\) 229-6627](tel:414-229-6627)
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James Schmidt
Veteran Services Coordinator (Army)



The MEBO is dedicated to providing accurate information and timely processing of State & Federal military educational benefits. Our office will work with you to answer any specific questions you may have regarding the Post 9/11 GI Bill, the Federal Montgomery GI Bill, the Wisconsin GI Bill, 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.

Which Benefit is right for me?



- a) Post 9/11 GI Bill (Ch.33)
- b) Montgomery GI Bill (Ch.1606)
- c) Montgomery GI Bill (Ch.30)
- d) Veterans Readiness & Employment - VRE (Ch.31)
- e) Dependents Educational Assistance (Ch.35)
- f) Federal Tuition Assistance (FTA)
- g) WI GI Bill
- h) National Guard Tuition Reimbursement Grant
- i) VetEd Tuition Reimbursement Grant



Most Popular Options



Veterans:

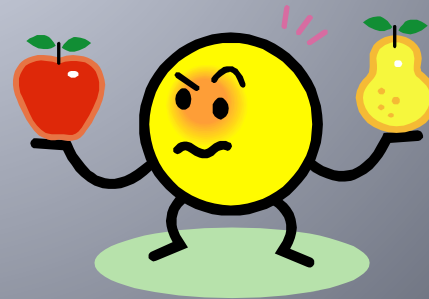
Post 9/11 GI Bill (Ch.33)
Veteran Readiness & Employment (Ch.31)
WI GI Bill
VetEd Tuition Reimbursement Grant

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



Get More \$\$\$!



The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)

UWM Active Military Duty Policy



Who is Eligible?

- ☐ Students called to Active Duty under Federal Title 10 or Title 32 State missions authorized by the Governor i.e., COVID missions , disaster relief, etc.
- ☐ Missions can be for any length of time up to 1+ years

Student Options:

- ☐ Full Refunds of Tuition & Fees
- ☐ Grade Options > Withdrawal, Incompletes, Final Grade based on work completed

QUESTIONS? Please contact either the MAVRC or MEBO or for more information: <https://uwm.edu/onestop/students-called-to-active-duty/>

Executive Order 13607:

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



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.

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, please contact James Schmidt (jds99@uwm.edu), 414-229-6392), Financial Aid, Student Employment and Military Education Benefits Specialist.



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:

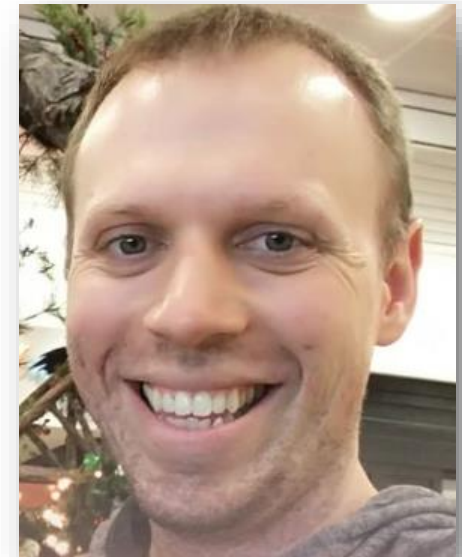
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Mission

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: Autumn C. Carroll - Army Veteran
- Vice President: Kevin Grisales – USMC Veteran
- Secretary: Lucas Patron - Army National Guard
- Treasurer: Manuel Garmendez – Navy Veteran

- Advisor: Groovy - Navy Veteran

QUESTIONS?

