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MILITARY & VETERAN AFFAIRS NEWSLETTER



Letter from the Special Assistant

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Dear W&M VET Friends,

We're channeling all the energy the students bring to campus to make this an impactful autumn with a wide range of programming for military and veteran students, alumni and community members. The programs and events continue full stride through Veterans Day where we have several opportunities for your support and participation. Please sign up for our Military and Veteran Appreciation football game and tailgate Saturday, November 9 – and consider attending one of our Veterans Day events, Monday, November 11. Honoring the service and heritage of William & Mary military and veterans is part of Tribe culture. All the details and links for upcoming events are at the back of this newsletter.

We're fresh off Homecoming weekend and looking forward to continuing to grow the connections and kindle the community that is expanding around our military and veterans. We are so fortunate with leadership and generous alumni support and look forward to growing our partners.

Our semester events began with the opening Tribe football game against VMI. The new Army ROTC Professor of Military Science, LTC Pat Billmann, and his family were introduced to the crowd before the game started. W&M VET hosted alumni and community leaders from both W&M and VMI during the game in one of the new end zone areas. Building on our partnership with Athletics, we've used the football games to highlight military and veteran programs at William & Mary. From our Naval ROTC kick-off during the Hampton University game September 28 to having a William & Mary football alumnus, Ian Kemp, '03 Commanding Officer of VFA-192 Golden Dragons fly over the Homecoming game in his F/A-18 jet, we're excited to showcase the talent and synergies of our students from all service branches. Another Navy flyover along with the coin toss by Navy Rear Admiral Mietus, Commander Patrol Wing is scheduled for the November 9 game.

During the week, our undergraduate and graduate military and veteran students and their directors have been out in conferences and in the community. The MBA student veterans have been focused on internships and recruiting – conference highlights are included. Through their involvement with wear blue: run to remember, the undergraduate students have made connections with our affiliated Native American tribes. In coordination with the Office of Cultural and Strategic Partnerships, some of our military and veteran students and graduates attended the Nottaway Powwow in Surry. A few of the highlights of these engagements are included inside.

Other highlights include a visit and guest lecture by Navy Federal Credit Union CEO Dietrich Kuhlmann, a visit and panel discussion by members of the Afghan Female Tactical Platoon and a visit from the Deputy Commanding Officer of US Army Training and Doctrine Command. We're planning now for visits from Air Combat Command, the Virginia Air National Guard and military programming leads and talent pipeline managers at Syracuse University and Dominion Energy.

Please reach out with programming or other ideas – we're excited to showcase all the efforts underway and so grateful for all your support.

Go Tribe!

Kathleen

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Announcing Naval ROTC

W&M Celebrates Membership with Hampton Roads Naval ROTC Consortium

William & Mary is now a member of the Hampton Roads Naval ROTC Consortium! We started our roll-out at the W&M - HU Football Game on September 28. Our future midshipmen will attend Naval Science at Hampton University. We are thrilled about the opportunities this partnership will bring to W&M Tribe students and the broader HRNROTC unit. Here's to a bright future developing the next generation of Navy and Marine Corps leaders.



📷 Celebrating on the field was W&M President Katherine A. Rowe and First Gentleman Bruce Jacobson; HU President Darrell K. Williams and First Lady Myra Williams; Naval ROTC CO Captain Matt Fraenzimmer, USN; W&M Special Assistant for Military & Veteran Affairs Captain Kathleen Jabs, USN (Ret); and the Hampton Roads NROTC. Photo by Jim Agnew

W&M VET Hosts NROTC Leadership Meet & Greet

On September 20, we hosted a meet and greet with W&M leaders and the Hampton Roads NROTC's Commanding Officer Captain Matt Fraenzimmer, Executive Officer Commander John Drosinos, Officer in Charge Lieutenant Aaron Barnum, and MIDN 1/C Trent Holdcraft.

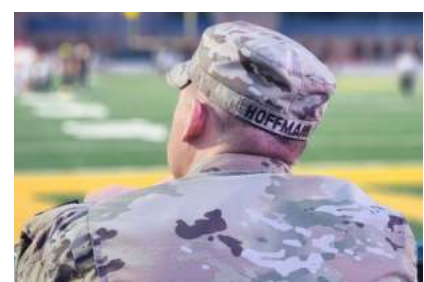
Trent Holdcraft is not only a senior at Old Dominion University and HRNROTC Battalion Recruiting Officer, but he is also the son of Kelly Holdcraft, W&M's Executive Director, Alumni Success (pictured). Trent will be on W&M's campus throughout the fall providing information to current students and parents on NROTC opportunities. Please say hello if you see him 🙌



Highlights

W&M Football Campaign Kickoff

William & Mary's 2024 football campaign started off with a tribute to new Army ROTC Professor of Military Science LTC Patrick Billman and his family. Welcomed onto to the field to start the season, LTC Billmann and his family were able to celebrate with W&M Military and Veteran Affairs in the new Tribe Touchdown Club as W&M started the season with a 41-7 win over VMI! Also joining them in the Touchdown Club was Brigadier General Jenn Walkawicz, Deputy Chief of Staff, G-3/5/7 for TRADOC, and husband Timothy; Charlie Lyon, Maj. Gen, USAF(retired); Drew Warren; Fred Caprio, '85; Steve Huebner, '76, P '09 and wife Diane Huebner, '76, P '09; and military and veteran students and alumni.



W&M Alumnus Performs Flyover at Homecoming

Navy Commander Ian Kemp '03, W&M football alumnus and CO of the VFA-192 Golden Dragons performed a flyover in his F/A-18 Super Hornet to kick-off the Homecoming football game against Elon University. CDR Kemp, his sister, Casey Kemp Slaughter '05, a four-year Tribe cheerleader and their parents were celebrated on field later in the game.



Highlights (cont.)

W&M Military & Veterans Breakfast

At our recent Homecoming Military & Veteran Breakfast hosted by the Association of 1775 and W&M VET, attendees were treated to a moderated Q&A with W&M's Chancellor Robert M. Gates '65, L.H.D. '98. After an introduction by President Rowe, Lindsay Blount, Ed.D. '24 moderated a discussion that covered key insights on national security, education and employment opportunities for military families, as well as leadership lessons. It was an inspiring morning of thought-provoking dialogue with one of the nation's foremost defense and education leaders. Photos by Skip Rowland.



Highlights (cont.)

W&M Student Veterans MBA and MSBA Attend Conferences

The student veterans at the Mason School of Business have been busy during this year's early professional development and hiring season. Whether it was in Washington, DC last month at the National Black MBA Association Career Conference or last week in Atlanta at the MBA Veterans Career Conference, our military-connected MBA and MSBA students took their initial steps and made important connections in their journey to a new chapter of service. The Center for Military Transition supported a total of 15 students from all our graduate business school programs as they prepared, attended, and followed-up on the opportunities they created at these conferences.



National Association of Veterans' Program Administrators Conference

Charlie Foster, M.Ed. '17, Director of Student Veteran Engagement, presented with Jana Moser Moore, Director, Virginia Tech's Office of Veteran Services, and Stephen Ross, Director of VCU's Military Student Services, at the National Association of Veterans' Program Administrators (NAVPA) Conference in Kansas City. The title of their session was "Green Zone: From Conception to Launch."



Highlights (cont.)

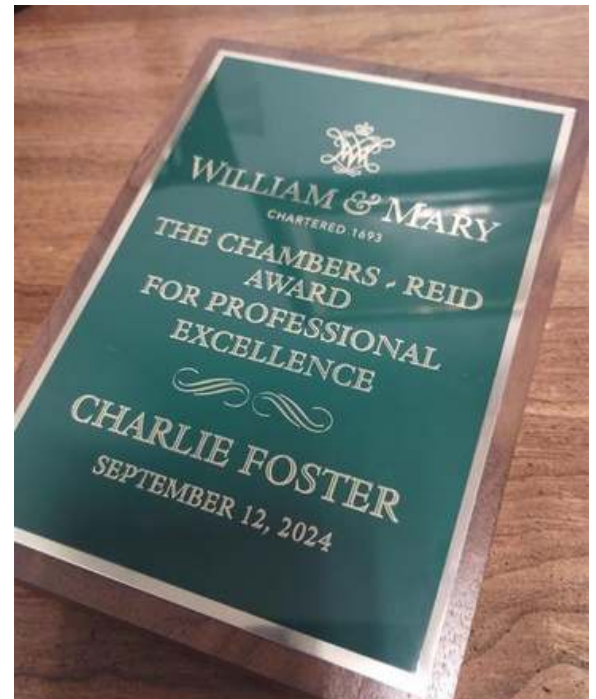
Navy Federal Credit Union CEO Visit

On September 26, Navy Federal Credit Union CEO Dietrich Kuhlmann visited William & Mary to speak with our military and veteran students about navigating career transitions following military service. Following his presentation, Mr. Kuhlmann met with William & Mary's School of Business Dean Todd Mooradian, Brigadier General Jim Golden (Ret.), HON '24, G '24, Kathleen Jabs, and JD Due to explore potential opportunities for collaboration.



Charlie Foster Receives the Chambers-Reid Award

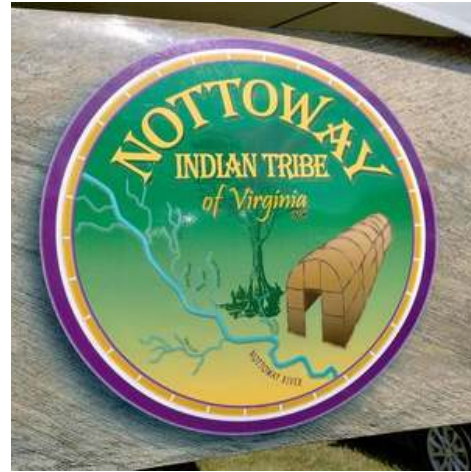
The Chambers-Reid Award was created in 1994 to recognize superior performance by a member of the professional staff in Student Affairs. It is an acknowledgment of exemplary service performed through selfless commitment during a time of unusual challenge or through years of consistent excellence and dedication. This year, Charlie Foster, M.Ed. '17, Director of the Office of Student Veteran Engagement was presented the award by Ginger Ambler, Vice President for Student Affairs.



Highlights (cont.)

W&M Student Veterans at Nottoway Indian Tribe of Virginia Powwow

On September 21, student veterans, friends, and family enjoyed the Nottoway Indian Tribe of Virginia Powwow. Special thank you to the W&M Office of Strategic Cultural Partnerships for introducing us and forging these great connections!



Wear Blue: Run to Remember

On September 6 and October 5 at the Mason School of Business, W&M military & veteran students, staff, and community gathered together to participate in the Wear Blue: Run to Remember run/walk. Held each first Saturday of the month, we gather to honor the service and sacrifice of the American military through active remembrance.



Highlights (cont.)

Panel Discussion-The Afghan Female Tactical Platoon: Three Years after The U.S. Withdrawal

The Reves Center for International Studies presented a panel discussion, The Afghan Female Tactical Platoon: Three Years After The U.S. Withdrawal, on Wednesday, September 25. Panelists included Mahnaz Akbari, Former Commander, Female Tactical Platoon; Rebekah Edmondson, US Army Veteran, NXT Mission; Kathleen T. Jabs, USN (ret.), Special Assistant to the President for Military & Veteran Affairs. It was moderated by Teresa Longo, Associate Provost for International Affairs & Executive Director of the Reves Center.

The panel was co-sponsored by the Reves Center, W&M Vet, Whole of Government Center of Excellence and the Society of 1918.

To watch the recorded conversation, click on the icon to the right



Military Affairs Committee for the Virginia Peninsula Chamber



In her role as Chair of the Military Affairs Committee for the Virginia Peninsula Chamber, Kathleen Jabs was honored to participate in the Chamber's annual Military Recognition Breakfast Thursday, September 19, 2024 in Newport News. Chamber President Bob McKenna and CNU President Bob Kelly also participated. The event recognized local military personnel for their exemplary contributions to our community and nation.

Student Spotlight

Shijun Zeng '23, MBA '25 Recipient of Student Veteran Leadership Award

W&M Navy veteran student Shijun Zeng was awarded the 2024 Student Veteran Leadership Award. He was also chosen to be on the cover of G.I. Jobs Magazine with a featured article and interview about his journey as a student veteran pursuing an MBA at William & Mary School of Business. Click below to watch the interview and follow the link to read the full article on page 12: <https://www.gijobs.com/magazine/current-issue/>



Graduate Student Veteran Teaches Flourishing for Military & Veterans Class

W&M class "Flourishing for Military & Veterans" is taught by our very own Graduate Assistant and Marine veteran Brandon Parker. His students are already implementing the 8 dimensions of wellness. In particular, number 3, environmental wellness, i.e. comfort in class. To find out more about all things Flourishing, check out: <https://www.wm.edu/offices/wellness/ohp/cmax/>





at **William & Mary**

Thursday, November 7th

Veterans Day Brunch, 9:30-11:30a.m. (Sadler Center, Chesapeake Room)

The Offices of Student Transition Engagement Programs and Student Veteran Engagement are inviting military and veteran students, faculty, and staff to brunch in the Sadler Center's Chesapeake Room. We honor your bravery, your sacrifice, and your service!

Saturday, November 9th

Military Appreciation Tailgate & Football Game, 10:00a.m.-12:00p.m. (Alumni House, Zable Stadium)

Tailgate with William & Mary's Association of 1775 and Military & Veteran Affairs before the Tribe takes on Elon University! The Military Appreciation Game Tailgate will begin at 10 a.m. on the Alumni House Lawn. Admission is free for current military and veteran students and \$10 for others. [Register here](#). Admission includes appetizers, beer and non-alcoholic drinks. Registration required. Tickets to the 14th annual Military Appreciation Game, which begins at 1:00 p.m., must be [purchased separately here](#).

Veterans Day - Monday, November 11th

Veterans Day Bell-Ringing Ceremony, 10:45am (Wren Building)

The ringing of the Wren Bell has become a Veterans Day tradition at William & Mary. On the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month, a William & Mary student veteran will ring the Wren Bell slowly to commemorate Armistice Day, the original inspiration for Veterans Day. All around the nation, bells will toll in unison at 11 a.m. on Veterans Day. William & Mary is proud to be among the institutions observing this time-honored tradition.

Law School Veterans Day Observance, 11:30-12pm (Law School flagpole and patio)

Join us for a Veterans Day observance as Law School Dean and U.S. Army Reserve Major A. Benjamin Spencer recognizes and honors the military veterans who are members of the Law School community.

Raymond A. Mason School of Business Veterans Day Celebration, 12:45-1:30 p.m. (Alan B. Miller Hall (Business School) Brinkley Commons)

The Raymond A. Mason School of Business, the Center for Military Transition, the MBA Programs Team, and the Mason Military Association will recognize our military and veteran students, faculty, staff, and executive partners who have served our Republic and our allies in uniform. Attendees who have served in the U.S. Armed Forces are encouraged to wear uniforms or other attire representative of their branch. There will be a group photo at the end of the event for all military students, executive partners, faculty, and staff.

November Wellness for Veterans

Military and veteran students have free access to Therapeutic Modalities at the McLeod Tyler Wellness Center. The modalities include: Acupuncture, Reiki, Yoga Therapy, and Massage. Specifically, the code is VET2024. Appointments are limited by availability; questions can be sent to wellness@wm.edu. For more information and to schedule an appointment, visit <http://bit.ly/modalitiesWM>.

Internship Opportunities

2024-25 U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command (TRADOC) Internship Program

The Whole of Government Center of Excellence announces the U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command (TRADOC) Internship Program for the 2024-25 Academic Year. Newly expanded projects include virtual, hybrid, and in-person opportunities at Headquarters U.S. Army TRADOC, Ft. Eustis, Newport News, Virginia. Gain valuable experience in market research and data analysis, improve methods for applying machine learning, and publish or produce work while developing defense analyst skills to help deliver the Army's Operational Environment for soldier and leader training and further dialogue and initiatives shaping future multi-domain operations. Positions available in the following directorates: [G-2 Intelligence](#), Engagement, Production/Data Analytics, and the [Mad Scientist blog](#) and [Convergence podcast](#). Visit [TribeCareers](#) to learn more and apply by Wednesday, October 30th, 2024. U.S. citizenship is required. WGC [National Security Internship Program](#) funding available for eligible students. Contact wgc@wm.edu for more information.

Spring 2025 American Academy of Diplomacy (AAD) Internship

The Whole of Government Center of Excellence announces [The American Academy of Diplomacy](#) Spring 2025 internship. AAD is seeking a passionate individual interested in American foreign policy, diplomacy, and nonprofit operations. This internship offers a unique opportunity to become an essential part of their team, perfect for students or recent graduates interested in the Foreign Service. Engage with distinguished members, assist with social media and events, and gain insights into foreign policy. Commit 20-40 hours per week throughout the entire spring term, in-person or virtually. Applications accepted on a rolling basis until Nov. 1, 2024. [Visit TribeCareers](#) for more information. WGC [National Security Internship Program](#) funding available for eligible students. Contact wgc@wm.edu for more information.

Summer 2025 EUCOM & AFRICOM Internship Program

The Whole of Government Center of Excellence announces the Summer 2025 EUCOM Volunteer Internship Program, with opportunities at Headquarters U.S. European Command ([HQ USEUCOM](#)) and Headquarters U.S. Africa Command ([HQ USAFRICOM](#)), both located in Stuttgart, Germany. Develop skills and explore career options in your field of study while learning about Department of Defense (DoD) missions and responsibilities. Applicants must have U.S. citizenship or U.S./dual citizenship and must be able to successfully complete a DoD security clearance background investigation. WGC [National Security Internship Program](#) funding available for eligible students. [Visit TribeCareers](#) to learn more and to apply by Friday, November 15th, 2024. [Register here](#) to join a virtual information session about this opportunity held on Tuesday, Oct. 29th at 12:30 p.m. Questions? Contact wgc@wm.edu.

W&M Law School

Military Veterans and Active Duty Service Members Welcomed to William & Mary Law School's Class of 2027

by W&M Law School Staff | August 19, 2024

On August 15, William & Mary Law School welcomed military veterans and active duty service members of the Class of 2027 to the home of the citizen lawyer during orientation activities prior to the beginning of their formal legal education.

Comprised of veterans and members of the United States Army, Marine Corps, Navy, Air Force, and the Army National Guard, this unique group of students brings a wide variety of experiences, skills, and talents to the Law School.

The briefing was conducted under the auspices of the Law School's Office of Military and Veteran Affairs, directed by Clinical Associate Professor of Law Michael Dick, J.D. '06, Colonel, USMC (Ret.) who also serves as Director of the Lewis B. Puller, Jr. Veterans Benefits Clinic.

"We're trying to be a one-stop shop for information about what you need in order to succeed at the Law School," Dick told the new arrivals. "We want to be that centralized font of information and coordinator of things you may need support for."

Student veterans and active duty service members received presentations on the specific William & Mary offices, resources, and key players focused on veterans and military issues at William & Mary

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ROTC Updates

Brigadier General King Visits W&M

On Oct 2, Brigadier General King, TRADOC DCO, visited William & Mary and met with ROTC and Military & Veteran Affairs. During his visit he also recognized two cadets (not pictured), Cadet Caleb Foug and Cadet Andrew Jones, with coins and noted the following: Cadet Caleb Foug for outstanding leadership and commitment in the William & Mary ROTC program as a two-time Ranger Challenge Team Captain. Cadet Foug standardized the Revolutionary Guard Battalion's OPORD program, creating a clearer and more efficient process for planning and executing operations. Cadet Andrew Jones was lauded for exceptional leadership in the ROTC program. He ranked 3rd of 40 in his platoon at Advance Camp, where he stood out for his tactical skills and strong performance, and he was an MSIII leader at Basic Camp. Beyond ROTC, Cadet Jones completed a half Ironman competition.



Workout of the Day

The Revolutionary Guard Battalion (RGB) started the month with the Mogadishu Mile "Workout of the Day" on October 3 in tribute to the 19 UN combined forces (18 US Soldiers and one Malaysian) lives lost at the Black Hawk Down Incident in Mogadishu during the Somali Civil War in 1993.



Military & Veteran Student Wellness

Register for this FitWell Series online at wellness.wm.edu, search "stress" in the top bar.

Movement & Breath for Chronic Illness & Stress

Utilizing Yoga Therapy, this small group class will focus on ways you can manage Chronic Illness and Stress in your everyday life.

Every movement will have modifications offered and interaction will be encouraged to find what works best for your body.

Wednesdays @ 6:30-7:15
October 23, 30, November 6, 13
McLeod Tyler Wellness Center



Inclusive

This class is designed for students with chronic illness and will be adapted to individual abilities and needs

Supportive

Connect with others on campus who manage chronic illness and stress

Professional Guidance

Led by Certified Yoga Therapist with specialized training in Chronic Pain, PTSD, and Functional Movement, **Patti DeBlass**. She has a deep love of teaching movement and breath for her clients to be aware of their needs in movement patterns throughout their lives.

Register for this FitWell Series:

W&M Wellness App
Select the Series Icon

Online: wellness.wm.edu

