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MILITARY & VETERAN AFFAIRS NEWSLETTER



Letter from the Special Assistant

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Dear W&M VET Friends,

We received some exciting news this summer – starting in Jan 2025, W&M will have Naval ROTC options for students! The Hampton Roads Naval Reserve Officer Trainer Corps Consortium and William & Mary are officially partnered via a cross-town agreement with Hampton University. Incoming W&M NROTC students will attend Naval Science Classes, Labs and Physical Training events on the Hampton University Campus, and, once on a national scholarship, W&M midshipmen will train each summer for four-weeks on ships, submarines, aircraft carriers, and in squadrons across the globe.

Most importantly, scholarship Midshipmen will earn a Commission in the United States Navy or Marine Corps upon successful completion of the program. The next step for interested students is to apply to the HRNROTC College Program <u>here</u>. We're excited to spread the news and will be making announcements and updating the website.

Summer flew by as the VET team stayed busy hosting prospective veteran students with <u>Warrior Scholar Program</u> and transitioning service members with our <u>Veteran Career Accelerator Program (VCAP)</u>. Three of the VCAP students were sponsored by the <u>PenFed Foundation</u> and another two, including one Afghan Female veteran, were sponsored through a generous alumni donation. In addition to programming, the VET team was active hosting elected officials and potential corporate and military partners and applying for grants. We were honored that the General Assembly Military and Veteran Caucus (GAMVC) visited campus August 1 to hear updates from our team and learn about William & Mary military and veteran programs. We look forward to further engagement with elected officials through the fall as we continue to showcase W&M groundbreaking work in military and veteran programming.

Inside this issue we're excited to share photos from the ceremony that honored Jim Golden, HON '24, G '24, Brigadier General, U.S. Army (Ret) by naming the Office of Student Veteran Engagement (OSVE) as the Jim Golden Military & Veteran Student Lounge. Jim Golden continues to lead and engage with our military partners and student veterans, and we're honored to have his strategic insights and experience. We also have photos of: our Naval History evening at Swem Library, our partnership w/Dominion Energy during the Flourishing Through Life Transitions class, the NATO and W&M interns out at national security programs, and many other student veteran opportunities.

Looking ahead to the fall semester, we have several exciting events to highlight: our coordination w/the Reves Center for the Afghan Female Tactical Platoon talk on Sep 24, a visit by the CEO of Navy Federal Credit Union on Sept 25, the Military-Connected Alumni breakfast on October 19, and several others.

Please reach out – we love to hear from you and thank you for your support!

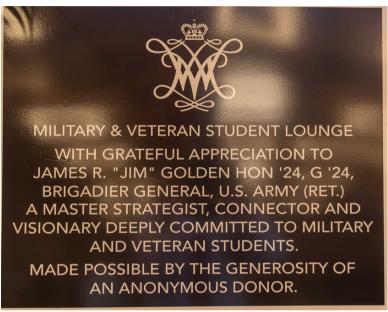
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Go Tribe! Kathleen

Highlights

Military & Veteran Student Lounge Dedication

On June 13, a ceremony to honor James R. "Jim" Golden, HON '24, G '24, Brigadier General, U.S. Army (Ret.) was held to dedicate the Jim Golden Military & Student Veteran Lounge in his name to commemorate his longstanding dedication and service to William & Mary. Remarks from President Rowe, President Reveley and Charlie Foster honored Jim's lasting legacy at W&M for military and veteran students, followed by a speech by Jim Golden. Photos by Skip Roland











Highlights (cont.)

W&M Public Policy Program Army War College Fellows Join Symposium on Critical Infrastructure

Each year, the W&M Public Policy Program hosts a fellow from the U.S. Army War College (AWC). Fellows spend a year with Public Policy, taking courses and immersing themselves in the life of the university to help develop their knowledge and leadership skills while simultaneously enriching the W&M community. In April of this year, Public Policy hosted a one-day symposium entitled "Critical Infrastructure Policy that Inspires Confidence and Delivers Results." The participants included policymakers from across levels of government, including military and civilian agencies. AWC Fellows past, present, and future, pictured here, were among the participants as well. They are (L to R): LTC Christy Licklider (incoming Fellow, 2024-25), COL Nathan Colvin (2023-24), and COL Frank Pera (2021-22).



Navy History in Special Collections

On July 25th, W&M VET and Swem Library partnered for the Naval History in Special Collections reception. Featuring unique and one-of-kind Navy-related materials from W&M's Special Collections, the display included photographs and news clippings documenting WWII's SS William and Mary Victory, and the complete collection of commissioned sketches of US Navy uniforms from 1776-1967, the 1919 and 1924 volumes of Janes Fighting ships, and much more. Photos by Swem Library.













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Warrior Scholar Program

William & Mary hosted a Warrior Scholar Project Humanities Boot Camp June 10-14. The project partners with highly selective colleges and universities to simulate the rigor of finals week, including lectures from our world-class faculty, writing instruction from staff and student tutors, and study skills and support from project alumni. William & Mary hosted a boot camp last year and expanded this year to accommodate eight transitioning service members and veterans in on-campus housing and using state-of-the-art academic facilities.





General Assembly Military and Veteran Caucus (GAMVC)

On August 1, the General Assembly Military and Veteran Caucus (GAMVC) visited campus to hear updates from our team and learn about William & Mary military and veteran programs. Provost Agouris gave the opening remarks. We look forward to further engagement with elected officials through the fall as we continue to showcase W&M groundbreaking work in military and veteran programming.





Flourishing Through Life's Transition Program

From July 8-12, William & Mary VET -- led by the Center for Military Transition and the Center for Mindfulness and Authentic Excellence -- hosted our third cohort of transitioning service members and veterans as part of our Flourishing Through Life Transitions program. Eighteen transitioning service members and veterans participated in the weeklong residential program that focused on empowering them as individuals and professionals as they navigate their shift to civilian careers. The program continues to focus on fostering physical and mental resilience, developing sought-after leadership skills, and corporate cultural understanding. Supported by a generous grant from Dominion Energy, the program trained veterans and transitioning service members to perform with high degrees of productivity, fulfillment, and resilience as they transition to civilian management positions. And this year's cohort continues to meet in a series of virtual classes designed to foster professional networks, connect with opportunities, and continue to flourish in their transitions.





If you are interested in learning more about this groundbreaking program, to include sponsorship opportunities and ways to connect with remarkable military talent that comes through the program, please contact JD Due at jonathan.due@mason.wm.edu.





Military and Veteran Student Spotlight



Shandricka E. Jackson (Ericka), MBA '24

IN HER OWN WORDS

CPT Ericka Jackson, '24 MBA, is a highly accomplished Logistics Officer currently serving as a Marketing Officer for the United States Army Recruiting Command (USAREC). She enjoys reading, running, and sharing her Army story with the younger generations in hopes that it will inspire them.

An Opportunity of a Lifetime

I joined the Army in 2010, to pay for my undergraduate education.

I attended a junior college for two years. I wasn't "college bound" and I didn't receive any acceptance letters upon graduating high school. I took the ACT 6 times and only scored a 16. Applying to Raymond A. Mason School of Business at William & Mary as a Major General James Wright Fellow wormed its way into my confidence. Like many others, I decided early on that I wouldn't attempt what I could not win. After all, my childhood predicted just that... poor black girl and from the wrong family and the wrong side of the tracks.

William & Mary is such a special place. It has helped me find my "Tribe." A host of men and women who I know will always be here for me and help guide me through challenges. Years later, I channeled that energy into finding and being the light.

Overcoming adversity, blazing my own trails, and using those perceived failures to become the woman I am today.

My life motto: "Sankofa". A West African term which teaches us that we should reach back and gather the best of what our past has to teach us, so that we can achieve our full potential as we move forward. An immense amount of gratitude for W&M's Center for Military Transition for providing a space to help me become the very best version of myself.

Major General James Wright MBA Program

CPT Jackson, featured above, is one of 203 Major General James Wright Fellows to graduate from W&M's MBA program in the last decade. As Ken White, *Associate Dean, MBA & Executive Programs* describes, "W&M partners with the United States Army Training and Doctrine Command (TRADOC) in the Advanced Civil Schooling program to deliver an accelerated 15 month MBA program to a group of high performing active duty officers, generally captains and majors. The accelerated program allows them to return quickly to the operational army." To learn more about the projects and impact this program has on the Army and students, please click on the video icon o the right or click here.



Military & Veteran Opportunities

Outcome/One Management Consulting Internship

Passionate about national security and technology? The Whole of Government Center of Excellence invites motivated senior or junior undergraduates to apply for the Fall 2024 remote internship with outcome/one. Support client projects and gain research and analysis experience in accelerating growth across the defense and government sectors. With flexible hours and the potential to continue into spring 2025, it's the perfect opportunity to launch your management consulting career. Applications due by Sunday, Sept. 8th. Apply now via TribeCareers!



New Course! Flourishing for Military & Vets

Instructed by W&M VET's own veteran graduate assistant, Brandon Parker, this course is open to military and veteran populations, including military spouses and dependents and anyone supporting the military. In this course, we will implement the Authentic Excellence Initiative, a multi-layered program designed to promote flourishing and resilience. We will explore the difference between "fear-based excellence" and "authentic excellence," and how they relate to resilience, fulfillment and productivity through the lens of military populations. The course will use an experiential process, called dynamic blueprinting, that fosters five paradigm shifts for effective values expression that aligns with our personal vision of wellness. Last day to register is September 9th.

INTR 110-03, CRN 14483 M/W 3:00-3:50 PM 1 Credit Hour (Pass/Fail) McLeod Tyler Wellness Center, Studio A Max enrollment: 25

Course Fee: \$100 (standard for all Wellness Application Courses)

MBA Veterans Career Conference

The Center for Military Transition will sponsor a group of student veterans and recent graduates as they attend next month's MBA Veterans Career Conference in Atlanta, GA. "MBA Veterans" is a 2-day career expo exclusively for Veterans who have or are pursuing an MBA, MSBA, or MAcc (to include recent graduates). Over 100 leading national companies will be on site conducting interviews, providing information sessions, hosting career panels, and available to connect and explore specific opportunities. There is also a virtual component of this conference if you cannot attend in person. Please contact JD Due if you are interested in attending or sponsoring one of our student veterans. Additional information about the opportunity can be found here.



W&M Whole of Government Center of Excellence

Summer Internship Recap

This summer, we proudly facilitated over 30 internships worldwide, offering William & Mary students invaluable hands-on experience. Our students had the opportunity to work with prestigious organizations such as the Federal Innovators Salon, Air University, U.S. Army War College, U.S. European Combatant Command, U.S. Indo-Pacific Combatant Command, U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command (TRADOC) G-2, and TRADOC Mad Scientist, gaining insights and skills that will shape their futures in national security and beyond. Photos provided by WGC.

"At INDOPACOM I've been able to think creatively to contribute my ideas on how USINDOPACOM can engage with partners on the country and regional level to achieve a free and open Indo-Pacific. I've also been able to attend high-level meetings and take career advice from military professionals and staff at USAID and the State Department while conducting in-depth research on my countries of focus, mainly in South Asia. Collaborating with the other interns in the program has also been a main highlight because everyone is incredibly intelligent and motivated." -Sarah Wozniak, USINDOPACOM Summer 2024 Intern, W&M Gymnast & master's student

UNITED STATES INDO-PACIFIC COMMAND

"My work this summer focuses on how the army can adapt to defending Taiwan in a situation without air superiority, using Ukraine as a case study for this type of fighting. So far, this experience has given me exciting and new ways to think about national security and realistic strategies. It has also been a great learning experience for policy writing in security. I am grateful to be able to practice my passion and desire to improve U.S. national security through the work I do." - Luke Miller, TRADOC G-2 Summer 2024 Intern. W&M Student





Skillbridge Program Intern

WGC is honored to welcome Daryl A. Chamberlain, a transitioning Army Strategist with over 26 years of service, as our fall intern through the DoD's Skillbridge program. Daryl, who reached the rank of Colonel, was the Director of the Joint and Combined Warfighting School at the National Defense University. With a Bachelor's in French & German from West Point, a Master's in Campaign Planning & Strategy from NDU, and another in Human Resources Management from Webster University, Daryl is now working toward a Doctorate in Strategic Leadership. Why WGC? "Educating national security professionals for today's challenges and tomorrow's uncertainties was my most rewarding assignment. I'm thrilled to continue this mission with WGC and contribute to the security of our Nation."

Association of 1775 & ROTC

ROTC & Ao75 Introductions



W&M ROTC's newest Executive Officer, USA Major Jerad Nolan Hoffmann met with the following Ao75 members at the Alumni House to learn more about the mission of A075: Mr. Charles Bowery '92, Director for US Army Center for Military History (SES), former US Army Aviation; Mr. Matt Fine '94, former US Army Infantry, retired FBI Special Agent; Mr. Thornton Ray '13, former Medical Service Corps; Ms. Mary Wheeler '83; COL Brit Erslev '97, former US Army Military Intelligence; Kelly Holdcraft, Executive Director, Alumni Success, Alumni Association.

1LT Mackenzie Corcoran '21, Now a Triple Tabbed Soldier and 8th Female Ranger



1st Lt. Mackenzie Corcoran poses with her Jungle, Sapper and Ranger certificates at Schofield Barracks, Hawaii, June 6, 2024. (Sgt. Johanna Pullum/Army)



Celebrate the 250th Anniversary of W&M's College Company

In 2025, celebrate the 250th Anniversary of W&M's College Company, the namesake of our Association of 1775 military, veteran and government service alumni and friends network on a Seine River cruise featuring distinguished lecturer, Ao75's president, Charles Bowery '92, Executive Director, U.S. Army Center of Military History. Delve into the dramatic history of the D-Day invasion at Normandy's beaches and the Caen Memorial Museum while expert guides add context to your visit. Delight in the historic maritime cities of Honfleur and Rouen, and discover the beauty of coastal Étretat. Walk through bountiful gardens at Claude Monet's home, gaze at majestic Versailles and explore timeless abbeys. Spend sunny days relaxing aboard your exclusively chartered first-class ship and enjoy a generous meal plan. No supplement for single travelers! Book here now!

Military & Veteran Student Wellness

Campus Recreation is now open for the Fall Session! See our hours or register for our programs online at <u>wm.edu/rec</u>

