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MAY 2024

Check out these featured events and resources for veteran and military-connected students at CSM for the month of May. If you have valuable information concerning VA news or updates, please email veteransbenefits@csmd.edu.

Veterans Academic and Community Resource Day

All veteran and military-connected students are invited to join CSM's Veterans Affairs team on **June 8** for Veterans Academic Day. New and returning students can take advantage of in-person services, including fall registration assistance; academic, career, and transfer advising; prior learning assessments; Joint Services Transcript (JST) evaluation; community resources; and more!

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Get Your Full Housing Allowance—Register for Summer Classes!

If you receive a Monthly Housing Allowance (MHA) as part of your military education benefits, you can **maximize the benefit payment** by registering for summer classes.

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) only pays MHA for months when you are actively taking classes, which means that you won't receive MHA if you aren't taking classes between the Spring and Fall Semesters.

In-Person Classes for Summer

Having trouble finding in-person classes for Summer 2024 to fulfill the VA's requirements and receive your full benefit payment? Contact CSM Veterans Affairs Coordinator Rebecca Collins at rmcollins2@csmd.edu.

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Operation Base Camp Veterans Career and Resources Fair

Prince George's County Memorial Library System is hosting career fairs for veterans **May 15 and 22**. These events will focus on workforce-related skill building, digital literacy, employment opportunities, and resources that will support you in your career development. To learn more, please visit the event links below or contact work.dev@pgcmls.info.

- **May 15, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.**
South Bowie Branch Library

- **May 22, 1 – 2:30 p.m.**
Online via Zoom

Mission BBQ Military Appreciation Days



Celebrate Armed Forces Week at **Mission BBQ May 13-18**. All veterans and active duty servicemembers will receive a free sandwich as a token of gratitude for your service and sacrifice.

May 13: Army

May 14: Marine Corps

May 15: Navy

May 16: Air Force and Space
Force

May 17: Coast Guard

May 18: Lunch with the Heroes
(11 a.m. - 2 p.m.)

Women Veterans and Servicemembers Kayaking Event

On **May 18**, the Women Veterans of Southern Maryland, Operation Second Chance, and Team River Runner present a kayaking event for women veterans and servicemembers at St. Mary's Lake. Beginners and avid kayakers alike can enjoy the calm waters, paddle, and meet other women veterans, with a complimentary lunch. All kayaking

equipment will be provided by Team River Runner, but you are welcome to bring your own equipment.

Please note that this event is **only open to women veterans and servicemembers**, and advance registration is required.

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Veterans Disability Claims Clinic

The Four-County Veterans Collaborative and the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) will be hosting a Veterans Disability Claims Clinic on **June 3** at Saint Sophia Greek Orthodox Cathedral. The VA's knowledgeable team will guide you through the claims process, helping you access the support you deserve. Learn about and apply for military educational benefits, meet fellow veterans, connect with VA representatives, and get answers to your questions.

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RESOURCES

Charles County Mediation Center Services for Veterans and Military Families

The Charles County Mediation Center is here to support veterans and their families in building honest, loving, and resilient bonds. We can help you navigate the strain that military



service can put on relationships, including old and new family dynamics; conflict that may arise due to physical or emotional trauma you experienced; having difficult discussions with people you want to reunite with; and more.



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Apply Now for the Conroy Memorial Scholarship

Applications are open for the Edward T. & Mary A. Conroy Memorial Scholarship. **These scholarships award financial assistance to:**

- Disabled veterans who have exhausted or are no longer eligible for federal VA educational benefits
- Survivors or family members of service members who died as a result of military service or who have a 100% service-connected disability.

Apply by July 15 for the 2024-25 academic year!

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Community Resource: Operation Second Chance

Operation Second Chance (OSC) is an organization committed to serving wounded, injured, and ill veterans and their families. OSC can

provide assistance including financial support, retreats, morale groups, hospital visits, scholarships, and more.

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