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Veterans Affairs Newsletter

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

CSM's 2nd Annual Veterans Week

CSM hosted our 2nd Annual Veterans Week Nov. 4-8 to honor all our veteran and military-connected students and their families. CSM President Dr. Yolanda Wilson kicked off the festivities with an inaugural breakfast and we were **joined by** guest speaker Maryland Secretary of Veterans Affairs and Military Families Anthony



Woods.

Our veteran and military students had the opportunity to take advantage of Priority Registration Sessions for Spring 2025, the St. Mary's County Veteran Resource Day, and a Microsoft certification course, provided free of charge by Project Veteran House. On Nov. 11, CSM Veterans Affairs marched in Leonardtown's Annual Veterans Day Parade, which is the largest in the state of Maryland.

Register Now for Spring 2025

Spring classes start **Jan. 21**, so be sure to register if you haven't already! Course sections can fill up fast, so sign up as soon as possible to get the class schedule you want. If you need help registering, check out our [registration help resources](#), including helpful how-to guides and videos, or contact our CSM Veterans Affairs team at veteransbenefits@csmd.edu.

Useful Links

[Registration Help and How-To](#)

[Build Your Schedule to Maximize Benefit and MHA Payments](#)

CSM VA Team at Prince Frederick Campus on Jan. 13

The college's Veterans Affairs team will be available for in-person services at the Prince Frederick Campus on **Jan. 13**. Drop by Building B, Room 109A from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. to get assistance with registration, ask questions, or just hang out! Email us at veteransbenefits@csmd.edu for more information.

Veteran Spotlight



CSM Veterans Affairs is proud to recognize the hard work, perseverance, and success of our veteran graduates. Gulf War veteran and St. Mary's County native Dennis Allen from the class of 2024 earned his Associate of Applied Sciences in Human Services to continue working toward his life's calling as a substance use disorder counselor. Congratulations, Dennis!



"I see great things in my future. My motto is, if I can help just one person a day, my job is complete."

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Veteran Events

Maryland Department of Labor Information Session

Each month, the Maryland Department of Labor Veterans Services hosts informational sessions on workforce development, employment opportunities, how to file claims with the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), and other resources available to veterans and servicemembers. Join us [Dec. 18 at the La Plata Campus](#) or [Jan. 15 at the Leonardtown Campus](#).

Wreaths Across America

On **Dec. 14**, more than two million volunteers and supporters across the country and around the globe will honor and commemorate the sacrifice of fallen servicemembers for National Wreaths Across America Day.

Join **Wreaths Across America** as we place wreaths on veterans' graves at more than 4,000 participating locations as part of our mission to remember the fallen, honor those who serve, and teach the next generation the value of freedom.

Southern Maryland Veterans Empowerment Expo

On **Jan. 25**, regional veterans organizations are bringing all sorts of services to servicemembers, veterans, and their families at the Southern Maryland Veterans Empowerment Expo. Get set up with support services, enjoy family-friendly activities, file claims at a claims clinic, and relax with wellness activities like massage and acupuncture.

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