## **Montgomery County, MD - Veterans Network Directory**

# **Maryland Colleges and Universities**

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#### **Bowie State University – Military Resource Center (MRC)**

Thurgood Marshall Library - Suite 1126

301-860-3997 (V)

E-mail: militaryresourcecenter@bowiestate.edu www.bowiestate.edu/academics-research/cert-courses-and-continuing-ed/military-resource-center/

Serve the military student population attending the university by providing linkages to resources and programs designed to assist in the pursuit of a college degree.

- Assistance and guidance: The MRC provides support in the resolution of issues and concerns that a student may have in navigating through their academic career. It assists the student in identifying the appropriate method for resolution and provides assistance and direction in acquiring the solution. The MRC works closely with the university's academic and student services offices to assist the student in creating the pathway to a resolution. The MRC established linkages with all of the various offices to ensure a seamless resolution pathway.
- **Networking**: The MRC is designed to be a Point of Contact for students and veterans. It is a centralized location of information and for the interaction of veterans and the military community. The MRC maintains useful and informative material and resources which are available for assistance as well as an environment which is comfortable for social interaction.
- **Student Organization**: The MRC is the home of the Student Veterans Association. This organization serves as an advocacy and social entity for the veteran students at Bowie State.

### Salisbury University - Veterans Services

Office of Veterans Affairs Holloway Hall 125 410-543-6189 (V)

E-mail: <u>vabenefits@salisbury.edu</u> <u>www.salisbury.edu/veterans</u>

The mission of Veteran Services within the Office of the Registrar is to provide information regarding certification for educational benefits and advocacy support of all Salisbury University Veteran and military affiliated students and to assist them toward graduation. The office aims to increase awareness of and solutions for student Veteran education matters through a "One Door" system of referrals. The office also strongly encourages members to actively participate on campus as well as within the Salisbury community.

The Student Military and Veterans Association (SMVA) assists students at Salisbury University in getting involved in student life through camaraderie, advocacy, and service to community. SMVA is committed to engaging student Veterans, dependents, and supporters in their successful transition through academia and by improving the quality of their university experience.

## **Towson University – Military & Veterans Center**

Psychology Building, Room 107

410-704-2992 (V)

E-mail: tuvetcenter@towson.edu www.towson.edu/veterans/

The Military & Veterans Center provides educational, social and personal enrichment opportunities for the Veteran community of Towson University. The Center seeks to create an enhanced learning environment by providing Veteran students with support and resources in a Veteran-friendly atmosphere, and by addressing the unique issues and challenges that Veteran students face when entering into the university environment. Staff at the Center will assist

Veterans with information regarding the G.I. Bill, VA services, financial aid, and guidance through the university application and enrollment processes. The Center is staffed by the Coordinator of Veterans Services, an administrative assistant and Veteran student assistants. The Veterans Center is the one-stop-shop for securing information necessary to successfully make the transition to college life.

## **Towson University Student Veterans Group**

All students who are Veterans of the military are welcome to join the Student Veterans Group. The group sponsors speakers of interest to Veterans, collects goods from the campus to ship to deployed troops, sponsors other community service activities, and allows Veterans to come together in a risk-free environment. The group provides an opportunity for Veterans to share their experiences readjusting to being on a campus after a life in combat with others in the same situation. To join or attend meetings and events, please e-mail Benz Armstrong, SVG Advisor, at barmstrong@towson.edu.

## University of Baltimore - Bob Parsons Veterans Center

Student Center, Room 303

410-837-5909 (V)

E-mail: <u>veteranscenter@ubalt.edu</u> www.ubalt.edu/campus-life/veterans

The Bob Parsons Veterans Center connects students to the many resources available for military and Veteran students at the University of Baltimore and offers support and resources in a military-friendly atmosphere. They are there to help students: connect with resources, services and support; get involved in University programming; become oriented to a university environment; and navigate the university and its offices - they can point you in the right direction and serve as the student liaison. The Center is a fully staffed campus space where students can connect with military and Veteran resources and students. Inside, you'll find: a computer lab, a resource room, a conference room, a lounge, and a kitchenette.

University of Baltimore is part of the Yellow Ribbon Program, an agreement with the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs to fund tuition and fee expenses that exceed those payable under the Post-9/11 GI Bill. UB will offer \$1,000 to 10 qualified students, and the VA will match those funds.

#### University of Maryland Baltimore County - Veteran Student Services

E-mail: <u>veterans@umbc.edu</u> http://ocss.umbc.edu/veterans 410-455-2770 (V)

Offers social networking opportunities, special events, and workshops to support students as they transition from "soldier to student."

**Veteran Peer Mentors:** The Veteran peer mentor program is established to aid in the transition to life as a college student. By pairing experienced Veteran students with incoming Veterans, new students will have assistance from someone who understands their challenges as they enter life at UMBC.

#### University of Maryland College Park - Veterans Student Life

David Reese, Coordinator, Veteran Student Life

301-314-0073 (V)

E-mail: vetstudentlife@umd.edu

http://thestamp.umd.edu/veteran student life

Supports a seamless transition from military life to civilian college life and provides support for continued growth in mind, body, and spirit, carrying the pride and confidence established in the military into the college experience as well as future careers for veteran alumni. Programs include Veterans Health and Human Services Program – individual counseling, group counseling, financial management guidance, and Veterans Affairs (VA) advisement; Transition Assistance Program – military to civilian, civilian to military, and college to career; and Terp Vets Program – a student run organization with VSL oversight; outreach – recruitment and community service; social events; family events; and a mentorship program. The Veterans Center includes computers and printers; free coffee; kitchenette, study lounge; televisions/gaming; tutoring/study assistance; and graduate peer support.

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### University of Maryland Eastern Shore (UMES) - Education Benefits for Veterans

www.umes.edu/Admissions/Pages/Military-Affiliated-and-Veteran-Students/

410-651-6412 (V)

UMES is fully accredited for accepting Veteran students and assisting them in their needs for certification. Credit is given for any work done during the service related to their major field of study. The Admissions Office coordinates veteran services, and veterans are advised to contact the office for further information on admissions, tutorials, and special programs.

#### University of Maryland University College - Vessey Veterans Resource Center

E-mail: vrc@umuc.edu 1-855-655-8682 (Toll Free)

www.umuc.edu/military-veterans

www.umuc.edu/military-and-veterans/why-umuc/veterans-resource-center/index.cfm

The **Vessey Veterans Resource Center** offers separating servicemembers, Veterans, and their families a complete inventory of timely information, insight, and support to help make informed decisions for a successful transition to civilian life.

**UMUC's Office of Veterans Initiatives and Outreach** provides support for university-wide student services and ensures Veterans receive the resources, support, and advocacy needed to succeed in transitioning after the military, earning a degree, and starting a successful civilian career.

In the **Col. Floyd G. and Lt. Col. Dona R. Hildebrand Student Veterans Lounge**, students can take advantage of local, state, and Federal resources from the Department of Veterans Affairs and other third-party organizations. They can also meet with dedicated military and Veteran staff who can help them with transitioning out of the service and into the classroom and a civilian career. Plus, they can use the computers and study room. The lounge is also home to the Veterans Resource Center and is located in Room 1441 in the Academic Center at Largo.

The **One2One Mentorship** program at University of Maryland University College provides individualized, peer-to-peer support to Veterans, servicemembers, and their families. The One2One Mentorship program offers opportunities for mentors and mentees to develop and maintain long-term positive relationships. Mentors can provide guidance on navigating Veterans benefits as well as career advice, encouragement, and general support to help the military and Veteran community successfully transition from the military to UMUC's academic experience and civilian life. Please note that this is not a tutoring service.

The **VetSuccess on Campus** helps veterans transition from military service to college. The program is designed to ensure that veteran students at University of Maryland University College have the support and assistance they need to be successful in higher education, their careers, and their lives. Services are also available for military personnel, military spouses, and dependents.

The **Veterans Assistance Fund** is designed to help student veterans enrolled at UMUC cover costs related to education when Federal financial aid and VA benefits are unavailable or exhausted. The purpose of the fund is to offset costs related to academics, completion, or transition for individuals who demonstrate financial hardship.