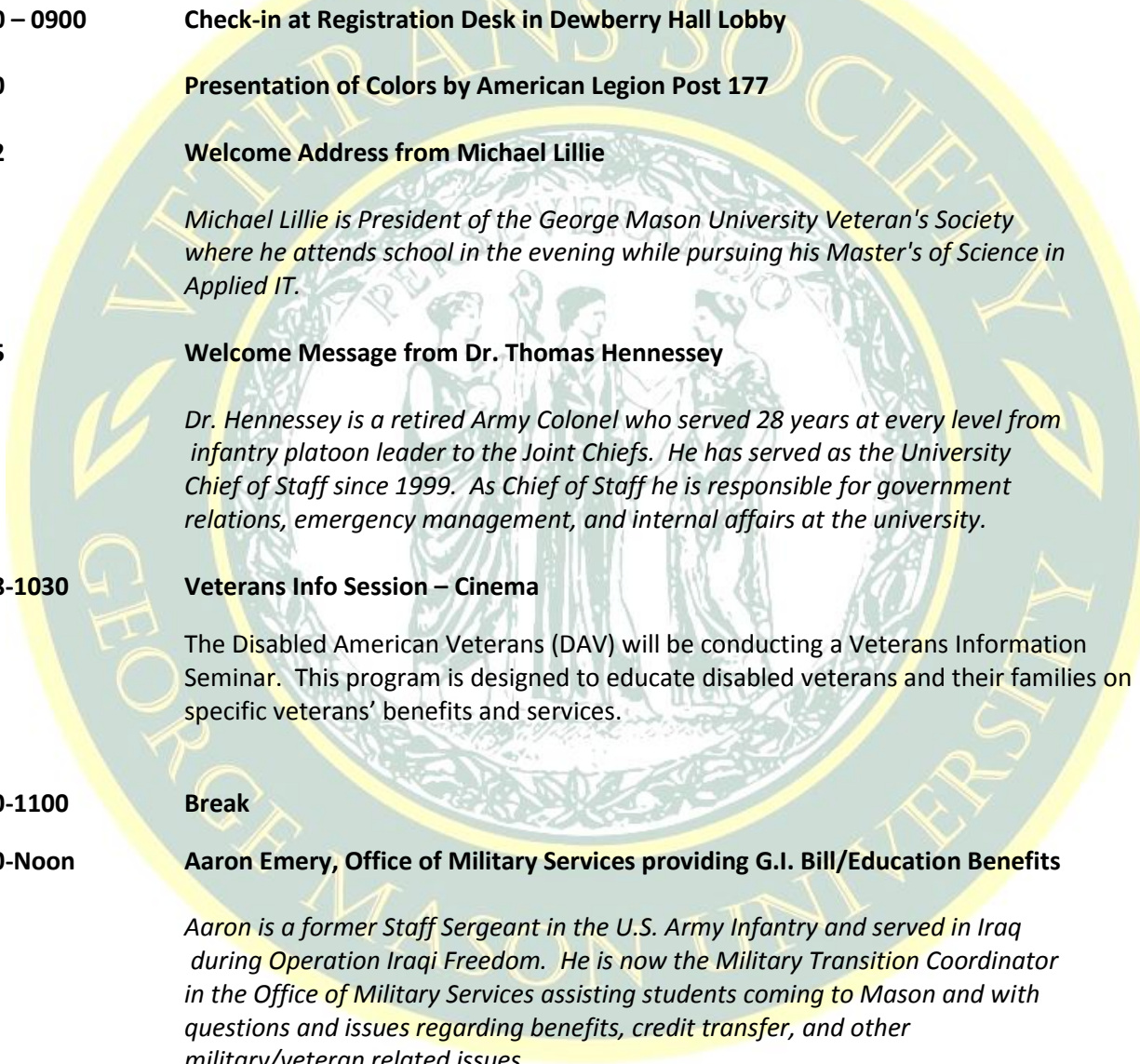


VA Benefits Seminar and Community Support Symposium

November 6, 2011

Johnson Center
George Mason University

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- 0830 – 0900** **Check-in at Registration Desk in Dewberry Hall Lobby**
- 0900** **Presentation of Colors by American Legion Post 177**
- 0912** **Welcome Address from Michael Lillie**
- Michael Lillie is President of the George Mason University Veteran's Society where he attends school in the evening while pursuing his Master's of Science in Applied IT.*
- 0915** **Welcome Message from Dr. Thomas Hennessey**
- Dr. Hennessey is a retired Army Colonel who served 28 years at every level from infantry platoon leader to the Joint Chiefs. He has served as the University Chief of Staff since 1999. As Chief of Staff he is responsible for government relations, emergency management, and internal affairs at the university.*
- 0918-1030** **Veterans Info Session – Cinema**
- The Disabled American Veterans (DAV) will be conducting a Veterans Information Seminar. This program is designed to educate disabled veterans and their families on specific veterans' benefits and services.
- 1030-1100** **Break**
- 1100-Noon** **Aaron Emery, Office of Military Services providing G.I. Bill/Education Benefits**
- Aaron is a former Staff Sergeant in the U.S. Army Infantry and served in Iraq during Operation Iraqi Freedom. He is now the Military Transition Coordinator in the Office of Military Services assisting students coming to Mason and with questions and issues regarding benefits, credit transfer, and other military/veteran related issues.*
- Noon - 1300** **Dr. Laurie Sloan - "PTSD and Community Support"**
- Dr. Laurie Slone is Associate Director for Information and Communication for the VA's National Center for PTSD and an Assistant Professor at Dartmouth Medical School. She obtained her PhD in Social Psychology and has a BS in Business*

Administration. She manages the National Center for PTSD's extensive educational Website, which is visited by approximately 2 million visitors each year, and directs the Center's other online services. Her position involves strategizing and implementing methods of communicating what the field has learned from research on trauma and PTSD to the public, as well as assisting with the development of other educational products and materials. Dr. Slone's research efforts focus on community and family interventions. Together with Dr. Matthew Friedman, she coauthored the book "After the War Zone: A Practical Guide for Returning Troops and Their Families".

1300 - 1400 Buffet Lunch - Dewberry Hall

1300 - 1600 Symposium

Symposium or trade show-like atmosphere for the event's attendees to meet an array of community support services within the Fairfax and Northern VA area.

1300 - 1600 VA Medical Screenings – Gold Room

1300- 1345 45-minute Walking Tours led by 8 Student Ambassadors – Dewberry Lobby

1400 – 1445 45-minute Walking Tours led by 8 Student Ambassadors – Dewberry Lobby

1500 – 1545 45-minute Walking Tours led by 8 Student Ambassadors – Dewberry Lobby

Thank you for coming.

