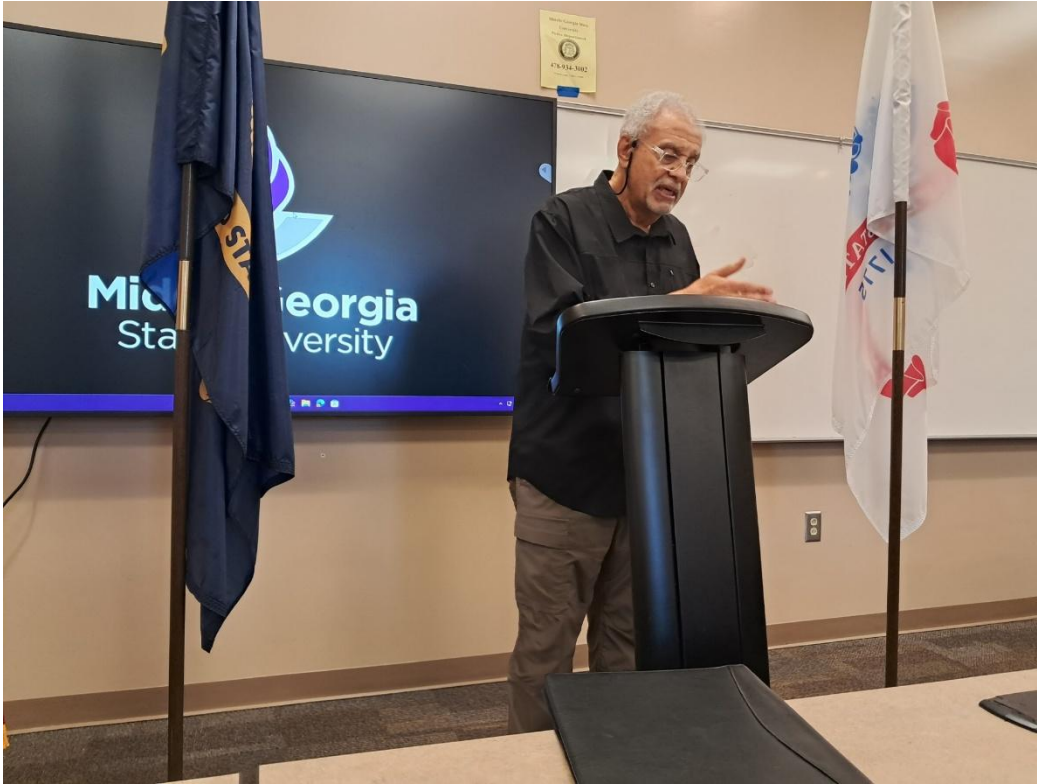


American Government Class pays Tribute to Our Vietnam Veteran

On Tuesday, November 4, 2025, Dr. Grace Adams-Square Hybrid American Government class on the Warner Robins campus had the opportunity to hear a presentation from a Viet Nam Veteran Dr. James Hall. Upon entering the classroom in Oak Hall, Dr. Hall received a standing ovation from students and other guests. The room was decorated with three flags, the American flag, the United States Navy flag and the United States Army flag representing his military service in two armed forces.



Dr. Hall, although a humble man shared with the class his impressive career both during the time spent serving in Vietnam war as well as his adjustment to civilian life. Here reflects Dr. Hall's military career as a Vietnam veteran serving in both the United States Navy and the United States Army:



Military Career Experience

- U.S. Navy – Mobile Construction Battalion 12/69 to 12/73. Tours of duty in Vietnam, Thailand, Guam, Okinawa, and California. Medical MOS and Legal Administration.
- U.S. Coast Guard – Marine Safety Office & Coast Guard Headquarters 07/75 to 07/79. Coast Guard administration MOS. Stationed in San Francisco and Washington, DC.
- U.S. Army – Walter Reed Army Medical Center and Recruiter 10/79 to 05/92. Behavioral Science Specialist, Researcher, and Recruiter. Washington, DC, Germany, and Detroit Recruiting Command.

Dr. Hall stated he currently has PTSD obtained during his time in Vietnam but at that time was not clinically labeled as PTSD. He asked the audience to be sensitive to the questions asked because some he would not be able to answer to avoid triggers.

After his tours of duty, Dr. Hall embarked on a prestigious career and obtained numerous degrees and certifications along with other accomplishments:

Doctor of Education Degree - Counseling Psychology
Master of Science Degree – Counseling Psychology
Bachelor of Science Degree – Behavioral Science
Bachelor of Arts Degree – Biblical Studies
Associate of Science Degree – Education

Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC) in Georgia; National Certified Counselor (NCC); Board Certified Professional Christian Counselor (BCPCC) (AACC); Board Certified Life Coach; American Association of Christian Counselors (AACC); Member of the American Psychological Association, Community College Teacher Affiliate; Member of the American Counseling Association and Member of the American Mental Health Counselors Association.

One aspect of Dr Hall's career that sparked the interest of the American Government students was the time Dr. Hall worked at Montgomery College in Maryland as a Counseling Faculty Professor & Interim Associate Dean. In this capacity Dr. Hall was skilled in analyzing and solving problems of students and working with at-risk students. He was able to recognize and evaluate student issues and determine the best means for resolution. Several American Government students met with Dr. Hall after class to discuss their career aspirations. Dr. Hall is currently working as a Private Practice Therapist and conducts individualized therapy sessions with clients.



The program was coordinated by American Government student Kyanna Meadows an actual veteran herself. Other veterans were in attendance and participated in presenting gifts of appreciation thanking Dr. James Hall for his service. Special thanks to Dean Wooten for coordinating with food services for refreshments and veteran Ike Taylor for securing the three flags.



The purpose for

studying Vietnam begins with President Obama issuing a presidential proclamation officially designating the period from May 28, 2012, through November 11, 2025, as the 50th Anniversary of the Vietnam War Commemoration (whitehouse.gov). The study of Vietnam concluded with an examination of the Supreme Court case *Gillette v. United States*. In the 1971 case *Gillette v. United States*, the Supreme Court ruled that the draft exemption for conscientious objectors applies only to those who

oppose all wars, not just a specific war. The Court held that the Military Selective Service Act of 1967 was a valid interpretation of its constitutional authority and did not violate the Establishment or Free Exercise Clauses of the First Amendment. The ruling upheld the denial of draft exemption to individuals whose objections were based on moral opposition to a particular conflict, such as the Vietnam War (<https://supreme.justia.com/cases/federal/us/401/437>).