

Veterans'
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The Post 9/11 Veterans' Education Act of 2008

The new GI Bill will become effective August 1, 2009! The Post- 9/11 Veterans Education Assistance Act of 2008 was signed into law by President Bush on June 30. This new GI Bill benefits those individuals who served on active duty on or after September 11, 2001. There are other older versions of the GI Bill that some service members are entitled to as of now. If you fall into this category, be weary and research the pros and cons of both the current and new GI Bill before making an irrevocable switch. So what exactly is this new GI Bill?

Benefits: Entitlement is based on a percentage, determined by your length of active duty service

- Tuition and fees, not to exceed the most expensive in-State public school (paid to school)
- Monthly housing allowance based on basic allowance for housing (BAH) payable to a military E-5 member residing in the same zip code for the same college or university where the individual is enrolled (not available to active duty students or those whose training is half time or less)
- Yearly books and supplies stipend up to \$1000 per year (paid to student, not available to active duty students)

Other Highlights:

- DOD is offering service members the opportunity to transfer benefits to spouse or dependent children (those who have already served 6+ years and agree to serve 4+ more years)

Applications became available May 1, 2009. The new GI Bill goes into effect for classes taken after August 1, 2009. For applications and up to date information, please visit www.gibill.va.gov.

Iraq/Afghanistan Veterans Return to The Citadel

Welcome Back for the Fall of 2010!

Franklin Borders
 Daniel Corcoran
 Judson Hack
 Scott Monesmith
 James Purgason

Eric Snyder
 Jeffrey Taylor
 Jeremy Ward
 Kenneth Warthen

Although we strive to make sure that the list above is accurate, there are many reasons that we are not made aware of returning veterans. If you have returned for the fall semester and do not see your name on this list, please accept our sincere apologies. Also, please contact the VA Coordinator so that you will be recognized in the next newsletter.



The Five Most Dangerous Things In The Army

1. **A Private** saying, "I learned this in basic . . ."
2. **A Sergeant** saying, "Trust me, sir . . ."
3. **A 2nd Lieutenant** saying, "Based upon my experience . . ."
4. **A Captain** saying, "I was just thinking . . ."
5. **A Warrant Officer** saying, "Watch this . . ."

A true leader has the confidence to stand alone, the courage to make tough decisions, and the compassion to listen to the needs of others. He does not set out to be a leader, but becomes one by the equality of his actions and the integrity of his intent.

Many thanks to those that have served and are still serving in our armed forces.





Keep Us Informed

Some of you may not know it but you must keep your Veterans Coordinator informed of any changes you make. These changes include: a change in your enrollment, change of address, changes to your status, and if you are cross registering at another school.

If you must change your class schedule, including withdrawing from a class, please notify the Veterans Coordinator before making changes with the VA. Failure to do so, could result in an overpayment or a

delay in your monthly payment.

If you need to change your address you can do this by going to the WAVE website. You should also let the Veterans Coordinator know so your file can be updated.

Many students cross register during the summer months. It is important that you complete the necessary paperwork in order to use your benefits at another institution.

Changes made to your status also affects your payment. Say for example, you

are an active duty member and are discharged early. Your benefits may increase because you are possibly eligible for payment under the Veteran status. Leaving the Selective Reserve is also an example of changes in your status. By not contacting the Veterans Coordinator under this scenario, you could possibly incur an overpayment.

A good rule of thumb is that if you are not sure, always ask your VA Coordinator. This can prevent confusion or problems in the future.

Summer Vacations for Service Members

[Shades of Green Resort](#)

An Armed Forces Recreation Center (AFRC) located in Central Florida. The newly expanded Shades of Green is one of two ARFC's located in the continental US. The Shades of Green resort is a true resort destination; offering the perfect mix of exceptional resort accommodations and friendly hospitality.

www.shadesofgreen.org

[Mt. Ranier Scenic Railroad](#)

A two plus hour train ride into the wooden trestle of the Northwest. Catch a glimpse of Mt Ranier as you eat on board a hearty buffet of bbq ribs and chicken, salads, bbq beans, biscuits, and mouth watering desserts!

www.mrsr.com

[EcoDreams Travel](#)

Travel to Costa Rico or Panama. Enjoy the white sand beaches, hot springs, rain forests, shopping dining, and more. Their goal is to help soldiers serving overseas enjoy a vacation with their loved ones.

www.ecodreamstravel.com

It is encouraged to visit www.military.com and look at the myriad of discounts for the military.

Interesting and Useful Web Sites

www.operationhomefront.net	A site dedicated to helping families whose loved ones are in Iraq and Afghanistan
www.legion.org	Largest Veterans organization
www.ncptsd.org/topics/war.html	National Center for PTSD
www.va.gov	Useful for determining eligibility and benefits
www.military.com	Comprehensive site for all services and available benefits

Dates to Remember

May

6th - Maymester/Summer I Online/Summer I Evening payments due

11th- Maymester/Summer I Online/Summer I Evening classes begin

13th - Maymester Drop/Add ends

15th - Summer I Online/Summer I Evening Drop/Add ends

20th - Summer I Day payment due

25th - Memorial Day

June

1st - Summer I Day class begins

3rd - Summer I Day Drop/Add ends

24th- Summer II Online/Summer II Day/ Summer II Evening payments due

29th- Summer II Online/Summer II Evening classes begin

July

2nd - Summer II Online/Summer II Evening Drop/Add ends

3rd - Citadel offices closed

6th - Summer II Day classes begin

8th - Summer II Day Drop/Add ends

26th—CGC Drop/Add Ends

August

15th - Class of 2013 Matriculates

23rd - SCCC upperclassmen report

24th - CGC Fall Classes begin



26th

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Financial Aid

Students receiving benefits through the Dept. of Veterans Affairs, may also receive Financial Aid. Every student is encouraged to fill out a FAFSA. This can be done on-line at www.fafsa.ed.gov. Please remember to file early each year. If you plan on returning in the Fall of 2009, then you should complete a 2009-2010 FAFSA. This is available now.



Please be aware that there are times when you may be asked to complete additional paperwork. Never ignore an email or letter from the Financial Aid Office. If you have ques-

tions, please do not hesitate to contact us. We are here to assist all students.

It is even more important to complete the financial aid process in a timely manner. The Treasurer's Office does not allow Active Duty members to defer payments. For alternatives, Active Duty members should contact the Treasurer's Office at 953-5254.

The Financial Aid Office is located in Bond Hall, Room 138. Office hours are Monday through Friday, 8-5.

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1-888-442-4551 Atlanta VA

1-887-838-2778 Verify Enrollment

1-843-577-5011 Charleston Veterans Medical Center

1-877-838-2778 Direct Deposit

1-843-747-8387 Charleston Vet Center

1-800-669-8477 Veterans Affairs, Benefits Info And Assistance