

CAMPUS KIT

FOR STUDENT VETERANS



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PURPOSE

This Campus Kit is designed to provide information to student veterans and assist student veterans and college administrators form student veteran organizations on college campuses across the United States.

VA EDUCATION PROGRAMS

Post 9/11 Veterans Educational Assistance Act (Chapter 33):

The Post 9/11 Veterans Educational Assistance Act signed into law on June 30, 2008 will take effect August 1, 2009. The new chapter will provide up to 36 months of educational benefits for qualifying veterans up to 15 years following discharge or release from the last period of active duty. For more information, www.gibill.va.gov.

Link: http://www.gibill.va.gov/S22/Post_911_Factsheet.pdf

Montgomery GI Bill Active Duty (Chapter 30):

The MGIB program provides up to 36 months of education benefits. This benefit may be used for degree and certificate programs, flight training, apprenticeship/on-the-job training and correspondence courses. Remedial, deficiency, and refresher courses may be approved. Your benefits are payable for 10 years following your release from active duty.

Link: http://www.gibill.va.gov/GI_Bill_Info/Info/Text/Active/Active_Menu.htm

Payment Rates: http://www.gibill.va.gov/GI_Bill_Info/rates.htm

Montgomery GI Bill Selected Reserve (Chapter 1606):

The MGIB-SR program may be available to you if you are a member of the Selected Reserve. The Selected Reserve includes the Army Reserve, Navy Reserve, Air Force Reserve, Marine Corps Reserve and Coast Guard Reserve, and the Army National Guard and the Air National Guard. This benefit may be used for degree and certificate programs, flight training, apprenticeship/on-the-job training and correspondence courses. Remedial, deficiency, and refresher courses may be approved under certain circumstances.

Link: http://www.gibill.va.gov/pamphlets/CH1606/CH1606_Pamphlet_General.htm

Pamphlet: http://www.gibill.va.gov/pamphlets/CH1606/CH1606_Pamphlet.pdf

Payment Rates: http://www.gibill.va.gov/GI_Bill_Info/rates.htm

Reserve Educational Assistance Program (REAP):

REAP (Chapter 1607 of title 10, U.S. Code) is an education program that provides up to 36 months of education benefits to members of the Selected Reserves, Individual Ready Reserve (IRR), and National Guard, who are called to active service.

Link: http://www.gibill.va.gov/GI_Bill_Info/benefits.htm#MGIBSR

Payment Rates: http://www.gibill.va.gov/GI_Bill_Info/rates.htm

FAQ: http://www.gibill.va.gov/pamphlets/CH1607/REAP_FAQ.htm

Veterans Educational Assistance Program (VEAP):

Chapter 32, VEAP is available if you first entered active duty between January 1, 1977 and June 30, 1985 and you elected to make contributions from your military pay to participate in this education benefit program. Your contributions are matched on a \$2 for \$1 basis by the Government. This benefit may be used for degree and certificate programs, flight training, apprenticeship/on-the-job training and correspondence courses.

Remedial, deficiency, and refresher courses may be approved under certain circumstances.

Link: http://www.gibill.va.gov/pamphlets/CH32/CH32_Pamphlet_General.htm

Pamphlet: http://www.gibill.va.gov/pamphlets/CH32/CH32_Pamphlet.pdf

Survivors' and Dependents' Educational Assistance (Chapter 35):

Dependents' Educational Assistance provides education and training opportunities to eligible dependents of certain veterans. The program offers up to 45 months of education benefits. These benefits may be used for degree and certificate programs, apprenticeship, and on-the-job training.

Link: http://www.gibill.va.gov/pamphlets/CH35/CH35_Pamphlet_General.htm

VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION & EMPLOYMENT

Vocational Rehabilitation (Chapter 31):

The Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment (VR&E) Program is authorized by Congress under Title 38, Code of Federal Regulations, Chapter 31. The mission of VR&E is to help veterans with service-connected disabilities to prepare for, find, and keep suitable jobs. Also, Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment Service provides vocational-educational counseling to veterans and certain dependents. VR&E can provide a wide range of vocational and educational counseling services to service members still on active duty, as well as veterans and dependents who are eligible for one of VA's educational benefit programs.

Link: <http://www.vba.va.gov/bln/vre/vrs.htm>

VA FORMS

All VA Forms

Link: <http://www.va.gov/vaforms/>

VA Healthcare Form

Link: <https://www.1010ez.med.va.gov/sec/vha/1010ez/>

VA Education Forms

Link: http://www.gibill.va.gov/GI_Bill_Info/education_forms.htm

VA Education Website

Link: <http://www.gibill.va.gov/>

Question/Answers: https://www.gibill2.va.gov/vba/vba.cfg/php.exe/enduser/std_alp.php

Approved Education Programs

Link: <http://inquiry.vba.va.gov/weamspub/buildSearchInstitutionCriteria.do>

Education Programs Covered by GI Bill

Link: http://www.gibill.va.gov/GI_Bill_Info/programs.htm

Application for VA Education Benefits (VA 22-1990)

Link: <http://www.vba.va.gov/pubs/forms/22-1990.pdf>

Link: <http://vabenefits.vba.va.gov/vonapp/main.asp>

Application for Request for Change of Program or Place of Training (VA 22-1995)

Link: <http://vabenefits.vba.va.gov/vonapp/main.asp>

Application for Survivors' and Dependents' Educational Assistance (VA 22-5490)

Link: <http://vabenefits.vba.va.gov/vonapp/main.asp>

Application for VA work study (VA 22-8691)

Link: <http://www.vba.va.gov/pubs/forms/22-8691.pdf>

Student VA Work Study Agreement (VA Form 22-8692)

Link: <http://www.vba.va.gov/pubs/forms/22-8692.pdf>

MILITARY TRANSCRIPTS

Army

Army/American Council on Education Registry Transcript System (AARTS)

AARTS is a computerized transcript system that produces official transcripts for eligible soldiers upon request by combining a soldier's military education and job experience with descriptions and college credit recommendations developed by the American Council on Education (ACE).

Link: <http://aarts.army.mil/>

Coast Guard Transcripts

Official transcript request form for those leaving the Coast Guard

Link: http://www.uscg.mil/hq/cgi/downloads/forms/CG_Form_1564.pdf

Community College of the Air Force Transcript Request Forms (CCAR)

Offer and award job-related associate in applied science degrees and other academic credentials that enhance mission readiness, contribute to recruiting, assist in retention and support the career transitions of Air Force enlisted members.

Link: <http://www.maxwell.af.mil/au/ccaf/transcripts.asp>

Navy/Marines

Sailor/Marine American Council on Education Registry Transcript (SMART)

SMART is now available to document American Council on Education (ACE) recommended college credit for military training and occupational experience. SMART is an academically accepted record that is validated by ACE. The primary purpose of SMART is to assist service members in obtaining college credit for their military experience.

Link: <https://www.navycollege.navy.mil/transcript.html>

Defense Activity for Non-Traditional Education Support (DANTES)

DANTES is a Department of Defense (DoD) activity, located at Saufley Field, Pensacola, Florida. Its mission is to support the off duty, voluntary education programs of the Department of Defense and to conduct special projects and developmental activities in support of education-related functions of the Department.

Link: http://www.dantes.doded.mil/Dantes_web/DANTESHOME.asp

STARTING A STUDENT VETERAN ORGANIZATION

(SAMPLE CONSTITUTION FORMAT)

Name of Club

Name of College of University

Article I

Name:

Article II

Purpose and Goals:

Goals:

Outline what you want the clubs goals to be.

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

Article III

Membership:

Outline who can join the club, how many credits do they need to take, can membership be revoked, etc?

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Officer Positions:

- *President*
- *Vice president*
- *Secretary*
- *Treasurer*

Duties for Officers:

- Outline the duties for the officers, ex) who does what and for how many semesters.

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

Faculty Advisor:

This position will be filled by an interested faculty or staff member of the college and will oversee the group. The officers will decide who this position will be filled by.

Duties for Faculty Advisor:

The advisor should know the laws and rules that student clubs must follow within each college or university

- 1.
- 2.

Articles IV

Elections:

When will your elections be held either Fall or Spring, how long are the terms for the officers, can an officer hold dual roles?

Article V

Finances:

Who will handle the finances? If a business major is part of the group it could give them experience.

TIPS ON STARTING A STUDENT VETERAN ORGANIZATION

Step One:

Contact the VA Certifying Officials at your university, this person can tell you how many people are receiving veterans' benefits at your respective institution. *This person can also mass email all those people receiving benefits to help you find members.*

VA Certifying Officials

Find your college or university VA certifying official listed in the link below.

<http://inquiry.vba.va.gov/weamspub/buildSearchInstitutionCriteria.do>

Step Two:

Contact your student senate or student activities office to get the paperwork started to be recognized as an official club on campus. *Find an academic advisor, someone you trust and knows the college or university system. Normally you need between 5-10 members to start an organization on campus.*

Step Three:

Draft your club or organization's constitution and bylaws. Included are samples of other colleges student veterans' clubs constitutions.

Sample Constitutions:

San Diego State Constitution:

Link: <http://www.svosdsu.org/constit.html>

Florida State Constitution:

Link: http://fsu.edu/~cva/documents/CVA_constitution.pdf

University of Indiana (Bloomington):

Link: <http://www.indiana.edu/~iuvet/constitution.htm>

Step Four:

Apply for your club to be officially recognized by the Student Senate or Student Government at your college.

Step Five:

Once your club is officially recognized by your university you can then apply for membership to the Student Veterans of America (SVA), www.studentveterans.org.

QUICK LINKS AND RESOURCES

VA & DOD Hotlines

VA Education Office	1-888-442-4551
VA Healthcare Office	1-877-222-8387
VA Benefits	1-800-827-1000
WAVE (Verify Your Attendance)	1-877-823-2378
VA Gulf War Help Line	1-800-273-8387
DOD Direct Veterans Hotline	1-800-497-6261
Suicide Hotline	1-800-273-8255

VA Websites

GI Bill	http://www.gibill.va.gov
Apply for GI Bill Benefits	http://vba.va.gov/pubs/forms/VBA-22_1990.pdf
GI Bill WAVE	https://www.gibill.va.gov/wave/
Veterans Online Application (VONAPP)	http://vabenefits.vba.va.gov/vonapp/main.asp
VA Hiring – Student Programs	http://www.va.gov/JOBS/hiring_programs.asp#5
VA Medical Centers	http://www1.va.gov/directory/guide/home.asp
VA Compensation & Pension	http://www.vba.va.gov/bln/21/
Vocational Rehab & Employment	http://www.vba.va.gov/bln/vre/index.htm
Women Veterans Information	http://www1.va.gov/wvhp/

Military Transcripts

Army/American Council on Education Registry Transcript System (AARTS)	https://aartstranscript.army.mil/
Community College of the	http://www.maxwell.af.mil/au/ccaf/transcripts.asp

Air Force Transcript
Request Forms (CCAR)

Sailor/Marine American
Council on Education
Registry Transcript (SMART)

<https://www.navycollege.navy.mil/transcript.html>

Coast Guard Military
Transcripts

http://www.uscg.mil/hq/cgi/downloads/forms/CG_Form_1564.pdf

Additional Resources

Servicemembers Opportunity Colleges (SOC)
SOC Consortium member institutions provide flexibility to service members, their families, and veterans seeking college degrees.

<http://www.soc.aascu.org/>

Defense Activity for
Non-Traditional Education
Support (DANTES)

http://www.dantes.doded.mil/Dantes_web/DANTESHOME.asp

Troops to Teachers

<http://www.proudtoserveagain.com/>

National Center for PTSD

<http://ncptsd.va.gov/ncmain/index.jsp>

Defense and Veterans
Brain Injury Center

<http://www.dvbic.org/>

VA Benefits Booklet

http://www1.va.gov/OPA/vadocs/current_benefits.asp

Veterans Service Organizations

Student Veterans of America

<http://www.studentveterans.org>

AMVETS

<http://www.amvets.org/>

1-877-726-8387

Disabled American Veterans

<http://www.dav.org/>

1-877-426-2838

Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans
of America (IAVA)

<http://www.iava.org/>

1-212-982-9699

The American Legion

<http://www.legion.org/>

1-800-433-3318

Veterans of Foreign Wars

<http://www.vfw.org/>

1-800-VFW-1899

Vietnam Veterans of America

<http://www.vva.org/>

1-800-882-1316

VA Regional Offices

Eastern Region-Buffalo

VA Regional Office
P.O. Box 4616
Buffalo, NY
14240-4616

Southern Region-Atlanta

VA Regional Office
P.O. Box 100022
Decatur, GA
30031-7022

Western Region-Muskogee

VA Regional Office
P.O. Box 8888
Muskogee, OK
74402-8888

Central Region-St. Louis

VA Regional Office
400 South 18th Street
St. Louis, MO 63103