



# Fort Cavazos Education Services



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Fort Cavazos Education Services Division  
U.S. Army Installation Management Command

# Fort Cavazos Education Center

The Fort Cavazos Education Center offers walk-in counseling services Mon-Fri from 0900-1530 and Thurs from 1200-1530 in BLDG 33009, 761<sup>st</sup> Tank Bn Ave

- Soldiers/family members can call the front desk at (254) 287-4824/4432



- Email the team at:

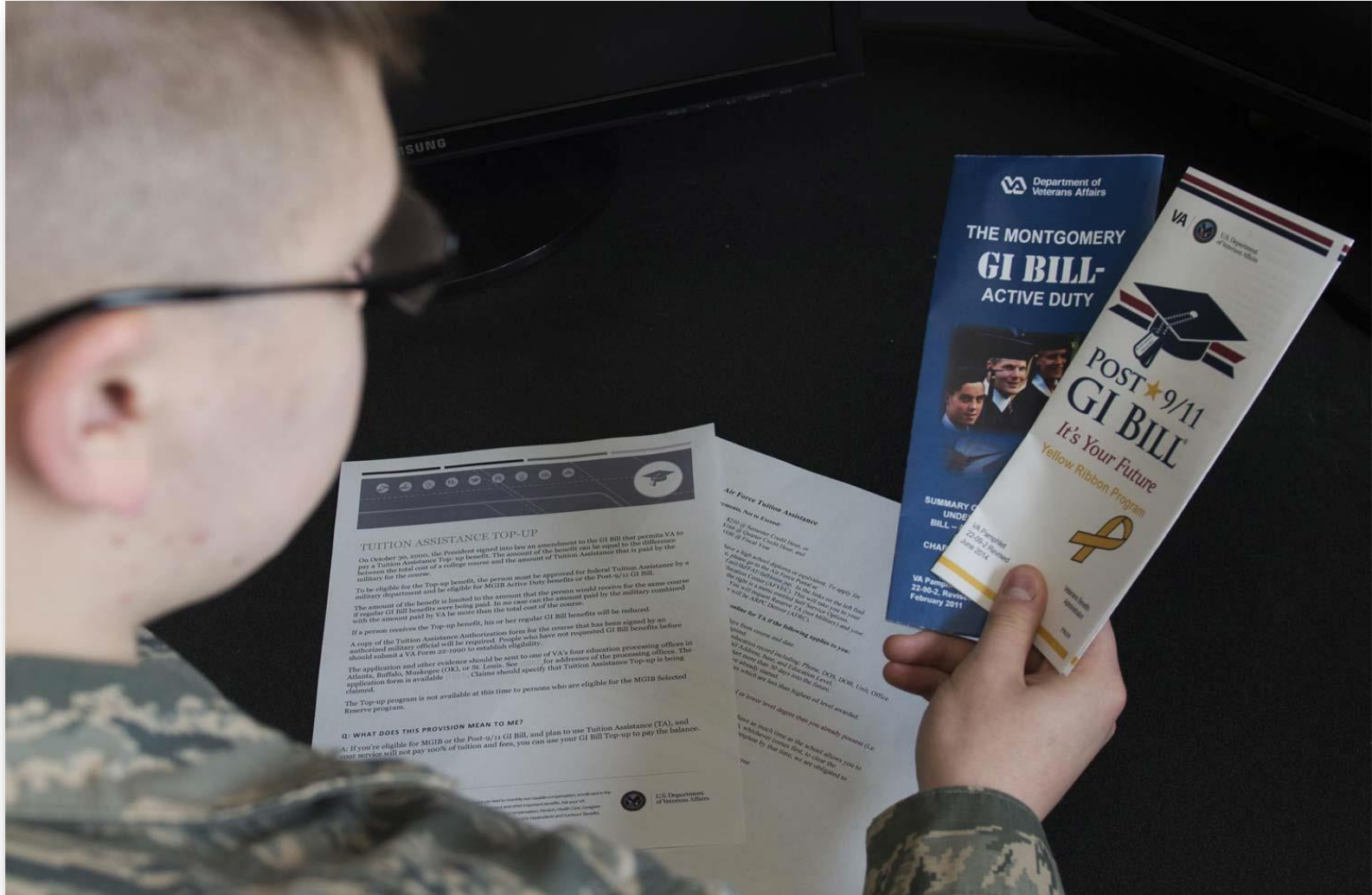
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- Please include the following information in your email:
  - Rank
  - Full name
  - Phone number
  - Email address
  - Detailed description of your presenting issue



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## GI Bill



### TUITION ASSISTANCE TOP-UP

On October 20th, 2008, the President signed into law an amendment to the GI Bill that permits VA to pay a Tuition Assistance Top-up benefit. The amount of the benefit can be equal to the difference between the total cost of a college course and the amount of Tuition Assistance that is paid by the military for the course.

To be eligible for the Top-up benefit, the person must be approved for federal Tuition Assistance by a military department and be eligible for MGIB Active Duty benefits or the Post-9/11 GI Bill.

The amount of the benefit is limited to the amount that the person would receive for the same course if regular GI Bill benefits were being paid. In no case can the amount paid by the military combined with the amount paid by VA be more than the total cost of the course.

If a person receives the Top-up benefit, his or her regular GI Bill benefits will be reduced. A copy of the Tuition Assistance Authorization form for the course that has been signed by an authorized military official will be required. People who have not requested GI Bill benefits before should submit a VA Form 22-1990 to establish eligibility.

The application and other evidence should be sent to one of VA's four education processing offices in Atlanta, Buffalo, Muskegon (OK), or St. Louis. See [http://www.va.gov/education](#) for addresses of the processing offices. Claims should specify that Tuition Assistance Top-up is being claimed.

The Top-up program is not available at this time to persons who are eligible for the MGIB Selected Reserve program.

**Q: WHAT DOES THIS PROVISION MEAN TO ME?**  
A: If you're eligible for MGIB or the Post-9/11 GI Bill, and plan to use Tuition Assistance (TA), and your service will not pay 100% of tuition and fees, you can use your GI Bill Top-up to pay the balance.

Department of Veterans Affairs

### THE MONTGOMERY GI BILL- ACTIVE DUTY

SUMMARY OF THE MONTGOMERY GI BILL UNDER THE ACTIVE DUTY PROVISIONS

VA Form 22-553, Revision 2014

VA Form 22-553, Revision February 2011

VA Department of Veterans Affairs

### POST 9/11 GI BILL

It's Your Future

Yellow Ribbon Program



- Effective 5 January 2023, the Johnny Isakson and David P. Moe, M.D. Veterans Health Care and Benefits Improvement Act of 2020 will prevent Regular Army (RA) Soldiers from making the by-law selection to opt-in or opt-out of the MGIB (Chapter 30) until they reach 180 days after their Basic Active Service Date (BASD).
- **RA Soldiers will have between 180 and 270 days after their BASD to decide whether they want to opt-in or opt-out of the MGIB. If no selection is made, RA Soldiers will automatically be enrolled into the MGIB on day 271.**

## WHAT DOES THIS MEAN?

- If a RA Soldier is enrolled into the MGIB, a \$100 contribution will be automatically deducted each month for one year towards the MGIB and the Soldier will have access to the MGIB once they have paid a total of \$1200.



# HOW DOES THE MGIB WORK?

- 36 months of education benefits
- 10 years from last date of AD to exhaust the benefit
- Must certify enrollment each month to the VA
- VA pays Soldier directly
  - MGIB payments will be paid after the fact (the following month)
- Monthly payment dependent on time in service (TIS) and rate of pursuit



# POST 9/11 GI BILL

- 36 months of education benefits
- VA pays tuition and fees directly to the school
- Maximum payment may not exceed the maximum amount charged for in-state tuition and fees at a public school
  - The VA will pay in-state graduate rates for graduate school
- Pays up to **\$28,937.09** at a private or foreign school
  - If you are attending a school that costs more than the annual cap, you may be eligible for extra payment under the Yellow Ribbon Program
- MHA paid at the E-5 with dependent rate based on the zip code of the school where you attend the majority of your classes in-person
  - To calculate your housing rate, visit the GI Bill Comparison Tool at <https://www.va.gov/gi-bill-comparison-tool>
  - AD Soldiers do not receive MHA with the Post 9/11 GI Bill
- MHA is not available for half-time attendance or less
- MHA is prorated for students between half-time and full-time status





# YELLOW RIBBON PROGRAM

- Participating schools may voluntarily enter into an agreement with the VA to cover tuition and fees not covered by the Post 9/11 GI Bill. The school will pay a set amount of additional money and the VA will match the amount.
- Not all schools have Yellow Ribbon agreements with the VA. To locate participating schools, visit: [https://www.benefits.va.gov/gibill/yellow\\_ribbon.asp](https://www.benefits.va.gov/gibill/yellow_ribbon.asp)
  - Even participating schools may not offer the Yellow Ribbon Program to every Post 9/11 GI Bill beneficiary
  - The Yellow Ribbon Program may not always cover the entire cost of tuition and fees
- Available to Veterans and Veteran family members who are eligible at the 100% payable rate
- Available to Purple Heart recipients
- Available to AD and AD spouses who are eligible at the 100% payable rate and enrolled over half-time



# POST 9/11 GI BILL TRANSFERABILITY INFORMATION

- Must be eligible for the Post 9/11 GI Bill (have at least 90 days of qualifying service)
- Cannot be flagged for negative action
- Have at least 6 years of service in the armed forces
  - All service counts towards the 6 year eligibility requirement (ROTC Scholarship, Service Academy, LRP)
- Must be on AD or a member of the Selected Reserves (SELRES) at the time of transfer and agree to a 4 year ADSO (which can be served on AD, in the ARNG, or USAR)
- A Soldier on AD or in the SELRES with a Purple Heart may submit a Transfer of Education Benefits (TEB) request and it will **ALWAYS** be approved. Purple Heart recipients will not receive an Additional Service Obligation (ADSO)





# POST 9/11 TRANSFER OF EDUCATION BENEFITS (TEB)

- Requests must be submitted prior to separation or retirement with sufficient time to fulfill the Transfer of Education Benefits (TEB) Active Duty Service Obligation (ADSO)
- A Soldier on AD or in the SELRES with a Purple Heart may submit a TEB request and it will **ALWAYS** be approved. Purple Heart recipients will not incur an ADSO/RDSO
- After approval Soldier may revoke or modify the TEB request at any time
- Veteran may not add new family members to TEB after separation or retirement
- Veteran may modify months for any family member who was awarded at least one month prior to Veteran's separation or retirement



# POST 9/11 GI BILL TRANSFERABILITY INFORMATION

- Transferred benefits are not marital property
- Eligible family members include spouse and/or children enrolled in DEERS (to include foster children and a ward in the Soldier's care)
  - Children ages 21-22 who were not awarded benefits prior to their 21<sup>st</sup> birthday may receive benefits only if the sponsor is still on AD or in the SELRES and children are enrolled in school.
- Spouse may use the GI Bill after the Soldier completes 6 years TIS. Children may use the benefit after Soldier completes 10 years TIS
- Children have until they turn 26 to use the GI Bill. Spouses have lifetime use
- Request to transfer benefits through <https://www.dmdc.osd.mil/milconnect/>



# VETERAN READINESS AND EMPLOYMENT (CHAPTER 31)

- Assists entitled Veterans with service-connected disabilities and an employment handicap to prepare for, obtain, and maintain a job.
- VR&E Counselors provide ongoing services to include:
  - Tutorial assistance
  - Job skills training or education
  - Other services required to help achieve a career and live as independently as possible

## THE FOLLOWING ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA MUST BE MET IN ORDER TO QUALIFY FOR VR&E

- Have a VA service-connected disability rating of 10% with a serious employment handicap
- Have a VA service-connected disability rating of 20% or more with an employment handicap
- Determined by VR&E to need rehabilitation services



## CHAPTER 35

### **The Marine Gunnery Sergeant John David Fry Scholarship**

- For children and spouses of:
  - Active-duty service members who died in the line of duty on or after 11 September 2001
  - Members of the Selected Reserve who died from a service-connected disability on or after 11 September 2001

### **The Survivors' and Dependents' Educational Assistance (DEA) Program**

- Offers education and training to qualified dependents of Veterans who:
  - Are permanently and totally disabled because of a service-related condition
  - Died while on active duty or as a result of a service-related condition



# THE VA IS THE FINAL DETERMINING AUTHORITY FOR THE GI BILL

## GI BILL HOTLINE

- [888-442-4551](tel:888-442-4551)  
Available M-F from 0800-1500

## VA BENEFITS HOTLINE

- [800-827-1000](tel:800-827-1000)  
Available M-F from 0800-1700



<https://www.va.gov/contact-us>

The Hazlewood Act is a State of Texas benefit that provides qualified Veterans, spouses, and dependent children with an education benefit of up to 150 hours of tuition exemption, including most fee charges, at public institutions of higher education in Texas. This does NOT include living expenses, books, or supply fees.



**The Institution of Higher Education (IHE) is the final decision-making authority on student eligibility.**



[tvc.texas.gov/education/hazlewood/](https://tvc.texas.gov/education/hazlewood/)



# COLLEGE 101

- ✓ I've never attended college
- ✓ I don't know what career I want to pursue or what education I need to prepare
- ✓ I don't know where to go to college
- ✓ I don't know how to pay for college
- ✓ I don't know where to begin!



For first time college students and high school seniors (with parent).

**ATTEND THE COLLEGE 101 BRIEF**

**Wed @ 1000**

***Strongly Recommended***



# Which brief is ----- for you?



**1.**  
VA EDUCATION  
BENEFITS  
ETS/RETIREMENT  
MON 1330  
TUES, WED, FRI  
0930

For new Soldiers who need to opt in/out of the MGB. Mandatory if you are retiring or ETSing.



**2.**  
BSEP  
MON 1045

For Soldiers who want to raise their GT score and prepare for college.



**3.**  
NEW  
DATE & TIME  
COLLEGE 101  
WED 1000

For first time college students and high school seniors (with parent).



**4.**  
ARMYIGNITED  
MON 0900  
WED 1300  
FRI 0900

For Soldiers using ArmyIgnited for the first time.

### COMMISSIONING BRIEFS



GREEN TO GOLD  
2ND & 4TH TUES  
1300

For Soldiers who want to become Officers.



AMEDD  
ARMY MEDICAL  
DEPARTMENT  
CONTACT US  
FOR THE  
SCHEDULE

For Soldiers interested in becoming medical Officers.

Soldier Development Center  
Building 33009 761st Tank Bn Ave  
Phone: 254-287-4824

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# QUESTIONS?



**Thank you for your time  
and attention**

