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Educational Benefits

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Overview



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EDUCATION BENEFIT PROGRAMS

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- Montgomery GI Bill[®] Selected Reserve-Chapter 1606
- Dependents' Educational Assistance (DEA)-Chapter 35
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- Fry Scholarship
- Training Time/Rate of Pursuit and Pay Rates
- Vocational Rehabilitation (Chapter 31)

Montgomery GI Bill® Active Duty Chapter 30

- Service Members who have at least two years of active duty
- Did not decline the MGIB or accepted it during an open season
- Had military pay reduced
- Entitlement is generally 36 months of full time benefits payments
- Delimiting date is 10 years after last release from active duty
- Receives a monthly stipend based on units and dates of enrollment

Montgomery GI Bill® Selected Reserve Chapter 1606

- The reservist must have an obligation to serve for a period of not less than 6 years after 6/30/85
- Have a high school diploma or equivalent
- Completed Initial Active Duty Training (IADT)
- Member must maintain satisfactory participation
- Entitlement is 36 months of full-time benefits
- Eligibility for the program normally ends the day you leave the Selected Reserve
- Receives a monthly stipend based on units and dates of enrollment

Training Time

(Chapters 30, 1606 and 35)

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VA benefits are paid based on training time. In a standard semester, VA measures training time as follows:

- 12 credits is full-time
- 9-11 credits is $\frac{3}{4}$ time
- 6-8 credits is $\frac{1}{2}$ time
- 4-5 credits is less than $\frac{1}{2}$ time
- 1-3 credits is $\frac{1}{4}$ time or less

Post-9/11 GI Bill® Chapter 33

- Program came into effect **August 1, 2009**
- Provides up to 36 months of full time benefits
- Generally payable for 15 years following the release from active duty
- Some service members have the opportunity to transfer their GI Bill to their dependents



Post-9/11 GI Bill® Chapter 33

Service Requirements:

- Served on active duty on or after 09-11-01
- Served a minimum of 90 aggregate days (excluding entry level and skill training), or
- Service Connected Disability discharge: eligible if served at least 30 continuous days on active duty

Post-9/11 GI Bill® Chapter 33

Payments:

- Pays tuition and fees directly to the school
- May pay Yellow Ribbon Program payments to the school
- Pays books and supply stipends, monthly housing allowance, kicker, and rural payments to students
- Payments are determined by the student's Post-9/11 GI Bill benefit level

Payable Amount (Chapter 33)

Individuals serving an aggregate period of active duty after September 10, 2001, of:	Percentage of Maximum Amount Payable
At least 36 months	100%
At least 30 continuous days on active duty and discharged due to service-connected disability	100%
30 months to 36 months	90%
24 months to 30 months	80%
18 months to 24 months	70%
12 months to 18 months	60%
6 months to 12 months	50%
90 days to 6 months	40%

Rate of Pursuit (Chapter 33)

VA calculates rate of pursuit based on the training time reported by the school. The monthly housing allowance is paid if the rate of pursuit is more than 50%.

- 12 units – 100% rate of pursuit – receive 100% of BAH
- 11 units – 91% rate of pursuit – receive 90% of BAH
- 10 units – 83% rate of pursuit – receive 80% of BAH
- 9 units – 75% rate of pursuit – receive 80% of BAH
- 8 units – 67% rate of pursuit – receive 70% of BAH
- 7 units – 58% rate of pursuit – receive 60% of BAH
- 6 units - 50 % rate of pursuit - NO BAH

Effective October 1, 2011, monthly housing allowance benefits are payable to students (other than those on active duty) enrolled solely in distance learning (online), at one-half the national average BAH for an E-5 with dependents.

Education & Counseling Program

VA's Education and Career Counseling program is a great opportunity for Servicemembers, Veterans and dependents to get personalized counseling and support to help guide their career paths, ensure most effective use of their VA benefits, and achieve their goals.

Eligibility:

- Transitioning Servicemembers within six months prior to discharge from active duty
- Veterans within one year following discharge from active duty
- Any Servicemember/Veteran currently eligible for a VA education benefit
- All current VA education beneficiaries

Services Include Assisting the Servicemember/Veteran with:

- Career Choice - understand the best career options for you based on your interests and capabilities
- Benefits Coaching - guidance on the effective use of your VA benefits and/or other resources to achieve your education and career goals
- Personalized Support - Academic or adjustment counseling and personalized support to help you remove any barriers to your success

Education & Counseling Program

To Apply:

- Log in to your eBenefits account at <https://www.ebenefits.va.gov>
- Select "Apply"
- Select "Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment Benefits"
- Apply for "Educational and Career Counseling"
- If it is determined that you are eligible, you will be invited to attend an orientation session at the nearest VA Regional Office

If you do not have access to eBenefits you may:

- Open and Print VA Form 28-8832
- Complete and mail the form to your nearest VA Regional Office - Attention: Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment
- If it is determined that you are eligible, you will be invited to attend an orientation session at the nearest VA Regional Office

Choosing A School - Assistance



Student FAQ Sheet

CSAAVE

Know Before You Go

Choosing A School - Assistance



National Association of Veterans Upward Bound

<http://www.navub.org>

Service 2 School

<http://service2school.org/>

State's Public School Systems

Financial Assistance



FAFSA

<https://fafsa.ed.gov/>

Apprenticeship Programs – Dept. of Labor

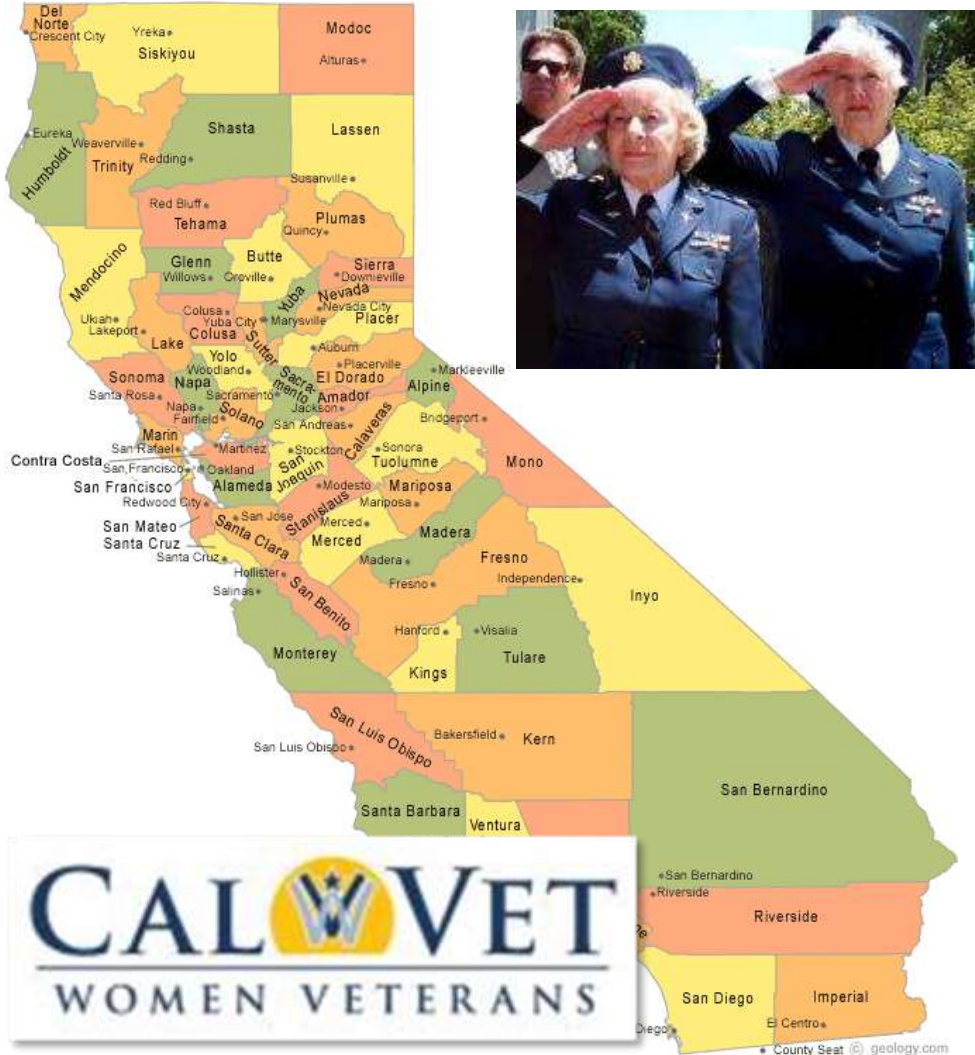
<https://doleta.gov/oa/veterans.cfm>

Veteran Service Organizations

VFW, DAV, AMVETS

<https://www.vfw.org/assistance/student-veterans-support>

What Do We Do?



Provide Direction & Resources

- Where to Start/What to Do
- Web-based & In-Person Outreach

Advocate

- Policy
- Education & Training

Build Relationships

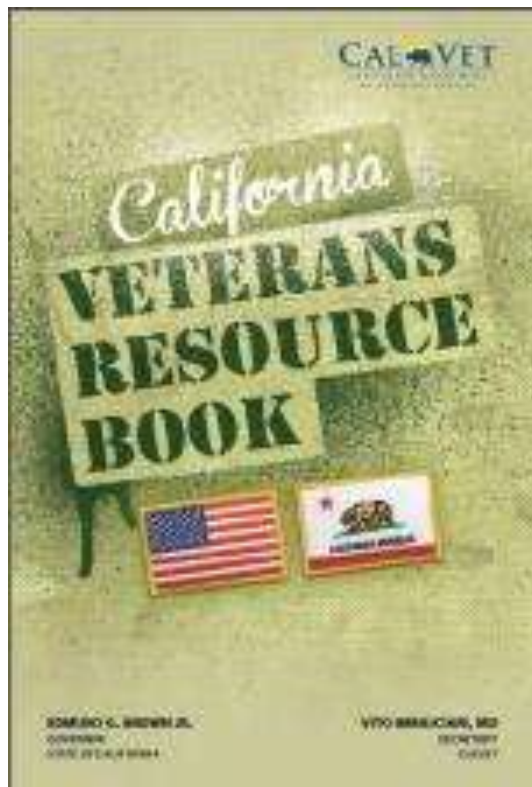
- Women's Organizations
- Veterans Organizations
- USDVA

Women Veterans Roster

- Asks Women Veterans to sign up and stay connected with program.
- Collects demographic information about Women Veterans in California.
- Since its launch in December, 2013 over 7600 Women Veterans have joined.
- Outreach brochures are the main method of promotion for the Roster.



Additional CalVet Resources & Benefits



The image is a promotional graphic for "myCalVet". It features the "my CAL VET" logo at the top, where "my" is in a script font and "CAL VET" is in a bold, sans-serif font. The "O" in "CAL" is replaced by a silhouette of a bear walking towards a rising sun. Below the logo, the text reads: "Receive veteran benefit information specific to your needs! Register with myCalVet today!". A smaller line of text states: "myCalVet provides veterans and their families the opportunity to create a customized profile which targets the benefits, resources, and services available in their community and throughout the State." At the bottom, the website address "WWW.CALVET.CA.GOV" is displayed in a bold, sans-serif font. A small logo for the State of California is visible at the very bottom.

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