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VA Benefits | Briefing Transition GPS



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Getting Started

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- Resources
 - Federal Benefits for Veterans, Dependents, and Survivors
 - Participant Guide
- Agenda
 - Module 1: Education, Training, and Upskilling
 - Module 2: Economic Opportunities
 - Module 3: Estate Planning
 - Module 4: Housing
 - Module 5: Health Care

- Actively participate in classroom activities
- Respect others' opinions and values
- Return from breaks on time
- Hold personal questions for individual assistance
- Use computers as directed
- Utilize parking lot



DD Form 214—Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty

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- Key to VA benefits
 - Nature of discharge
 - Record of service
- Check for accuracy
 - Name
 - Social Security Number
 - Date of birth
 - Block 13
- Safeguard DD-214
 - Ensure family has access



CAUTION: NOT TO BE USED FOR IDENTIFICATION PURPOSES THIS IS AN IMPORTANT RECORD. SAFEGUARD IT ANY ALTERATIONS IN SHADED AREAS RENDER FORM VOID

CERTIFICATE OF RELEASE OR DISCHARGE FROM ACTIVE DUTY

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|--|--------------|--|--|--|--|
| 1. NAME (Last, First, Middle) | | 2. DEPARTMENT, COMPONENT AND BRANCH | | 3. SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER | |
| 4a. GRADE, RATE OR RANK | b. PAY GRADE | 5. DATE OF BIRTH (YYYYMMDD) | | 6. RESERVE OBLIGATION TERMINATION DATE (YYYYMMDD) N/AN/A | |
| 7a. PLACE OF ENTRY INTO ACTIVE DUTY | | b. HOME OF RECORD AT TIME OF ENTRY (City and state, or complete address if known) | | | |
| 8a. LAST DUTY ASSIGNMENT AND MAJOR COMMAND | | b. STATION WHERE SEPARATED | | | |
| 45 SECURITY FORCES SQ (SPC) | | HQ ARPC DENVER CO | | | |
| 9. COMMAND TO WHICH TRANSFERRED | | 10. SGLI COVERAGE | | NONE | |
| USAFR | | AMOUNT: \$250,000 | | | |
| 11. PRIMARY SPECIALTY (List number, title and years and months in specialty. List additional specialty numbers and titles involving periods of one or more years.) | | 12. RECORD OF SERVICE | | | |
| 31P051-Security Forces Journeyman 11 months | | YEAR(s) MONTH(s) DAY(s) | | | |
| | | a. DATE ENTERED AD THIS PERIOD | | | |
| | | 2001 Oct 05 | | | |
| | | b. SEPARATION DATE THIS PERIOD | | | |
| | | 2002 Oct 01 | | | |
| | | c. NET ACTIVE SERVICE THIS PERIOD | | | |
| | | 00 11 27 | | | |
| | | d. TOTAL PRIOR ACTIVE SERVICE | | | |
| | | 04 11 03 | | | |
| | | e. TOTAL PRIOR INACTIVE SERVICE | | | |
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| | | f. FOREIGN SERVICE | | | |
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| | | g. SEA SERVICE | | | |
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| | | h. EFFECTIVE DATE OF PAY GRADE | | | |
| | | 1998 Nov 01 | | | |
| 13. DECORATIONS, MEDALS, BADGES, CITATIONS AND CAMPAIGN RIBBONS AWARDED OR AUTHORIZED (All periods of service) | | 14. MILITARY EDUCATION (Course title, number of weeks, and month and year complete) | | | |
| Air Force Training Ribbon, Air Force Longevity Service Award, Air Force Overseas Short Tour Ribbon, Air Force Outstanding Unit Award, AIR RESERVE FORCES (SEE REMARK) | | NONE THIS PERIOD OF SERVICE. | | | |
| 16. DAYS ACCRUED LEAVE PAID - 0 - | | 17. MEMBER WAS PROVIDED COMPLETE DENTAL EXAMINATION AND ALL APPROPRIATE DENTAL SERVICES AND TREATMENT WITHIN 90 DAYS PRIOR TO SEPARATION | | YES NO | |
| | | | | X YES NO | |
| 18. REMARKS | | | | | |
| ITEM 13: MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL WITH 1 OAK LEAF CLUSTER. ARMED FORCES RESERVE MEDAL WITH 2 HOURGLASS DEVICES. ITEM 18: MEMBER HAS COMPLETED FIRST FULL TERM OF SERVICE. MEMBER SERVED IN SUPPORT OF OPERATION NOBLE EAGLE/ENDURING FREEDOM. TITLE 10, USC SECTION 12302. PARTIAL MOBILIZATION FROM 05 OCT 01 TO 01 OCT 02. PERIOD SERVED UNDER TITLE 10, USC SECTION 12302 IS EXEMPT FROM 5 YEAR CUMULATIVE SERVICE UNDER TITLE 38, CHAPTER 43, SECTION (C)(4)(A).//////////NOTHING FOLLOWS////////// | | | | | |
| The information contained herein is subject to computer matching within the Department of Defense or with any other affected Federal or non-Federal agency for verification purposes and to determine eligibility for, and or continued compliance with, the requirements of a Federal benefit program. | | | | | |
| 19a. MAILING ADDRESS AFTER SEPARATION (Include Zip Code) | | b. NEAREST RELATIVE (Name and address - include Zip Code) | | | |
| 4470 FEATHERS HILL COCOA FL 32927 | | UNKNOWN | | | |
| 20. MEMBER REQUESTS COPY 6 BE SENT TO | | EL DIRECTOR OF VETERANS AFFAIRS | | X YES NO | |
| 21. SIGNATURE OF MEMBER BEING SEPARATED | | 22. OFFICIAL AUTHORIZED TO SIGN (Typed name, grade, title and signature) | | | |
| MEMBER NOT AVAILABLE TO SIGN | | | | | |
| 23. TYPE OF SEPARATION | | 24. CHARACTER OF SERVICE (Include upgrade) | | | |
| RELEASE FROM ACTIVE DUTY | | HONORABLE | | | |
| AFI 36-3209 | | T50 | | NOT APPLICABLE | |
| 28. NARRATIVE REASON FOR SEPARATION | | 29. DATES OF TIME LOST DURING THIS PERIOD (YYYYMMDD) | | | |
| MEMBER RELEASED DUE TO DEMOBILIZATION | | NONE | | | |
| | | 30. MEMBER REQUESTS COPY 4 | | (Initials) | |
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DD Form 214-AUTOMATED, FEB 2000 PREVIOUS EDITION IS OBSOLETE

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Module 1: Education, Training, and Upskilling

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- Wide range of free personalized, educational, and career counseling services
- Servicemembers within six months of discharge
- Veterans within one year after discharge
- Servicemembers or Veterans eligible for education benefit
- Current VA education beneficiary



Post-9/11 GI Bill® (Chapter 33)

www.benefits.va.gov/gibill/

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Benefits

Eligibility Requirements Active Duty

- Honorable discharge
- 90 days aggregate service after 9/10/2001
- Service-connected disability; 30 days active duty

Eligibility Requirements National Guard

- Qualifying members receive payments effective 10/1/2011
- Retroactive payments for attendance 8/1/2009
- Full-time service in National Guard
- Activation in support of national emergency

Tuition and Fees

- Tuition and fees paid to school
- Private and foreign schools cap

Yellow Ribbon Program

- Fee match program
- 100-percent benefit
- Participating schools

Books and Supplies Stipend

- Based on enrollment
- Paid to student

Monthly Housing Allowance

- Based on school zip code
- Based on enrollment
- Paid to student
- Distance learners get ½ national average



- Retention program for DoD
- Additional service may be required
 - Each service has its own rules
- Transfer while in Armed Forces
 - Includes Selected Reserve
- Transferring at least one month to each dependent may allow dependent to receive additional months

Chapters 30, 1606, 1607

www.benefits.va.gov/gibill/

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Benefits

Montgomery GI Bill®-Active Duty (Chapter 30)

- Honorable discharge
- 10 years after discharge
- Paid to student

Montgomery GI Bill® - Selected Reserve (Chapter 1606)

- 6-year commitment
- Eligibility determined by Reserve component

Reserve Educational Assistance Program (Chapter 1607)

- DoD education benefit
- Eligibility

Irrevocable Election

- Must give up eligibility under MGIB-AD, MGIB-SR, or REAP
- Multiple periods of service may add 12 months
- No more than 48 months under two or more programs



- Accessing Higher Education track
 - Assists with school decisions
 - Shows how to maximize return on GI Bill® benefits
 - Enables preparation to complete an application
 - Prepares for scheduling a meeting with education counselors
- [GI Bill® Comparison Tool](#)
 - Provides aptitude and interest assessment
 - Enables VA-approved institution comparison
 - Offers information about college affordability

- 8 Keys to Veterans' Success
 - Postsecondary institutions that have affirmed their support for Veterans
 - Defined by the Department of Education and endorsed by the White House
- VetSuccess on Campus
 - Professionally trained counselors who assist with Chapter 36 services



- We Can't Wait Veterans initiative
 - Fast track of certifications for Veterans
 - Partnerships between military and manufacturing groups
- Credentialing Opportunities On-Line (COOL) programs
- Information related to military occupation, training, career progression goals
- Relate to equivalent civilian jobs, professional certifications, organizations, funding opportunities

- One free Verified Certificate
 - Hundreds of in-demand courses
 - Offered through universities worldwide
 - Demonstrates course completion
 - Builds professional qualifications
 - Advances education and career
- May help improve employability skills in high-demand fields
- VA Learning Hubs are a blended learning approach
 - Physical network of space, facilitators, and students
 - Build skills through online classes and in-person sessions
- May include networking, discussions, guest speakers, Q&A with experts



Interested in pursuing a technical career after the military?

Attend the Career Technical Training Track

The Career Technical Training Track is designed to assist you and your spouse in:

- Defining technical career goals
- Identifying required credentials
- Finding career technical training opportunities
- Identifying local Veteran resources
- Utilizing your VA education benefits

For an optimal experience in this track, VA recommends completion of the Core GPS program prior to attending. Where available, please bring your Individual Transition Plan (ITP), Military Service Transcripts, O*Net Self-Assessment / MOC Crosswalk results and your personal budget.

- Improve skills in rapidly growing career fields
- VA provides information about Registered Apprenticeship and on-the-job training
 - ALPs and CTTT
- Department of Labor also has several programs

- DoD program to participate in civilian job and employment training
 - Includes apprenticeships and internships
- Can take place up to six months before separation
- Offers high probability of employment
- Training at little to no cost

- PAT Activity
- What tools are available to assist in selecting which GI Bill® benefit to use?
 - Education and Career Counseling, GI Bill® Comparison Tool
- Where can you locate VA education benefit information?
 - Va.gov, Federal Handbook, Participant Guide
- Which form is used to apply for GI Bill® benefits?
 - VA Form 22-1990
- Which form is used to apply for Educational Career Counseling?
 - VA Form 28-8832

- Explain how VA education benefits assist transition
- Locate VA education benefit information using VA resources
- Identify the required form needed to apply for VA education benefits
- Learn about innovative VA programs and partnerships that provide upskilling opportunities



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Module 2: Economic Opportunity

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- Veterans Economic Communities Initiative (VECI)
 - <http://www.benefits.va.gov/VECI/veci.asp>
- Veterans Employment Center™ (VEC™)
 - Profile and resume builder
 - LinkedIn
 - Import profile
 - Job Seeker Premium subscription; featured applicant
 - [VEC™ profile creation](#)
- VA for Vets
 - Assists with finding federal careers
 - Reintegration, retention, hiring at federal agencies

- Single access point to federal programs and local resources
- Find jobs, identify training programs, gain skills in growing industries
- Offer priority services to Veterans
- Access to DOL funded programs



- Identifies transferable skills and interests
 - Equip for civilian workplace
- Offers resources and strategies to get the right job in the shortest time possible
- Uses videos, exercises, discussion, and skills practice

- Veterans' Preference
 - Federal, state, county positions
 - Honorable or general discharge
 - Retirees ineligible
 - Unless disabled
 - Below O-4
- Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment (VR&E, Chapter 31)
 - Assistance for employment or independent living
 - 10-percent service-connected disability
 - Other-than-dishonorable conditions
 - VA Form 28-1900
- SBA Entrepreneurship Workshop

Economic Opportunity Review Questions

- PAT Activity
- What form is used to apply for Chapter 31 benefits?
 - VA Form 28-1900
- What are some VA employment resources?
 - VR&E
 - VEC™
 - VA for Vets
 - Veterans' Preference



Module 2 Review

- Use the VEC™
- Describe VR&E program





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Module 3: Estate Planning

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Life Insurance

www.benefits.va.gov/insurance/overviewInsurance.html

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| Types of Insurance | | *Requires service-connected disability rating |
|---|--|---|
| Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance (SGLI) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • May currently have on active duty • Free coverage 120 days after separation | |
| Veterans' Group Life Insurance (VGLI) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lifetime renewable insurance • One year and 120 days after separation to convert from SGLI • Convert within 240 days + submit first payment, no proof of good health • Totally disabled two year SGLI extension | |
| Servicemembers' Group Life Ins Traumatic Injury (TSGLI)* | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sustain traumatic event in service resulting in qualifying loss • Injury does not need to be combat-related | |
| Veterans' Mortgage Life Insurance (VMLI)* | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must receive SAH or SHA grant • Mortgage protection insurance | |
| Service-Disabled Veterans' Life Insurance (S-DVI)* | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must apply within two years of notification of new service-connected disability | |
| Family Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance (FSGLI) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No VA equivalent • May convert to private insurance within 120 days of separation • Time requirements for converting in the event of divorce, death, or termination of coverage | |



- Burial Benefits
 - Gravesite VA national/state cemetery
 - No cost to family
- Marine Gunnery Sergeant John David Fry Scholarship
 - Up to 36 months
 - Ineligible for Yellow Ribbon Program
 - Eligible beneficiaries

- Survivors and Dependents Education Assistance (Chapter 35)
 - Education/training opportunities
 - Eligibility
- Dependency and Indemnity Compensation (DIC)*
 - Survivor benefit
 - Service-connected disability
- Survivors Pension
 - Survivor benefit
 - Income requirement

*Requires service-connected disability



- PAT Activity
- What is the time limit to convert SGLI to VGLI?
 - One year, 120 days
- What is covered under the burial benefit at no cost to the family?
 - Gravesite, opening/closing of grave, long-term care, government headstone or marker, medallion, burial flag, Presidential Certificate

- Describe VA life insurance benefits
- Explain VA memorial and survivor benefits



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Module 4: Housing

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- Home Loan Guaranty
 - Little to no down payment; limited closing costs
 - Funding fee
 - May use multiple times
- Specially Adapted Housing (SAH) Grant*
 - Build or modify home
 - Apply against unpaid mortgage

*Requires service-connected disability

- Special Housing Adaptation (SHA)*
 - Modify current home
 - Modify new home
 - Purchase previously adapted home
- Temporary Residence Adaptation (TRA)*
 - Eligible for SAH or SHA
 - Modify home owned by family
- Home Improvement and Structural Alterations (HISA) Program*
 - Improvements and alterations to primary residence
 - For specific purposes

*Requires service-connected disability

Housing Review Questions

- PAT Activity
- What VA program allows the purchase of a home?
 - Home Loan Guaranty
- Which housing grant is for adapting a home owned by a family member?
 - Temporary Residence Adaptation



Describe VA housing benefits





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Module 5: VA Health Care

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- Inpatient Care
- Preventive Care Services
 - Immunizations
 - Physical examinations
 - Health care assessments
 - Screening tests
- Specialty Care Services
 - Example: cardiology, neurology, oncology

- Health Promotion and Disease Prevention
 - Immunizations, early disease detection, counseling
- Mental Health Care
 - Inpatient and outpatient
- Patient-Centered Care Teams
 - Accessible, coordinated, comprehensive care
 - Managed by primary care provider
 - Allows patients active role in care

- Veterans
 - Served on active duty
 - Other than dishonorable conditions
- Reserves and National Guard
 - Called to active duty by federal order
 - Completed full period of active duty
- Eligibility determined through patient enrollment system
 - Based on unique factors: combat Veteran, service-connected disability

- Minimum Duty Requirements
 - Served 24 continuous months or
 - Full period for which called to active duty
- Treatment related to Military Sexual Trauma
 - No length of service requirement
 - May receive treatment even if ineligible for other VA health care benefits

- Covers non-VA care for eligible Veterans enrolled in VA Health Care
- Veterans may be eligible if:
 - VA appointment availability is > 30 days from preferred appointment date
 - Current residence is > 40 miles from closest VA facility
 - Requires travel by plane or boat to nearest VA facility
 - Unusual or excessive burden to travel
- Eligible Veterans will receive Choice Card by mail

- Five years of VA Health Care and medications
- No cost for illness or injury related to combat service
- All returning combat Veterans are screened by clinical case managers
 - Provide early intervention and assistance for those at risk
- Case managers are experts at identifying and accessing resources

| Types of Facilities | Services |
|--|--|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Medical Centers | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Traditional hospital-based services• All 50 states, Philippines, and U.S. territories• Wide range of medical services |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Community-Based Outpatient Clinics (CBOCs) | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Most common outpatient services• Health and wellness visits• Closer to home |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Residential Care Facilities (Domiciliary Care) | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Safe, secure, home-like environment• Medical, psychiatric, and illness services• Vocational, educational, or social problems |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Community Living Centers (VA Nursing Homes) | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Short- and long-term nursing home care• Medically and mentally stable• Service-connected status• Level of disability• Income |

Special Groups—Women Veterans

| Eligible to Receive | Additional Services and Programs |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Complete medical benefits package | Comprehensive women's health care |
| Complete reproductive health services | Women Veterans Program Managers |
| Preventive health care | Mental health services |
| Women-only clinics in some locations | Women's call center |



VA Health Care Special Groups

- Complex Care Coordination
 - Care Management Teams
 - Interagency Comprehensive Plan
 - Meet specific criteria

- Family Caregiver Program
 - Support and assistance to caregivers
 - Comprehensive training
 - Other services



- Foreign Medical Program
 - Reimbursed for medical services
 - Service-connected disabilities
 - Traveling or living abroad
- Homeless Services
 - Health care
 - Housing assistance
 - Mental health services
 - Employment and job training

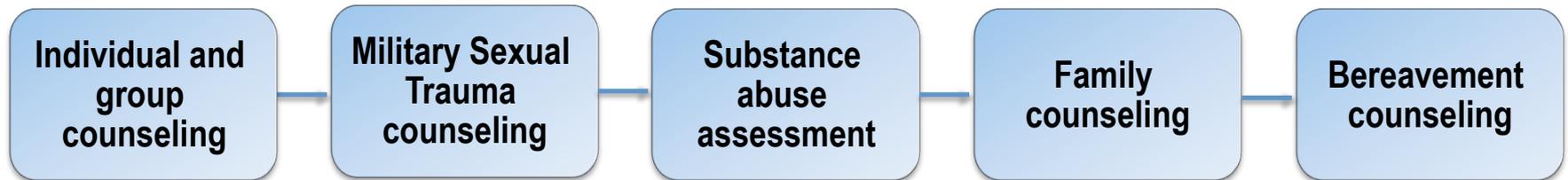


www.vetcenter.va.gov



Vet Centers

- Offer a safe and protected place to talk in complete confidentiality
- Vet Center services include:



Vet Center Combat Call Center

1-877-927-8387 (WAR-VETS)



- Types of Trauma
 - Violence and abuse (e.g., Military Sexual Trauma)
 - Terrorism, disaster, war
- Treatment and Counseling
 - VA medical facility or Vet Center
 - Does not have to be formally reported or documented
 - May claim compensation for related condition
- Veterans Crisis Line
 - Toll free, available 24/7
 - Available for Servicemembers, Veterans, and families
 - Qualified, caring counselors
 - Veterans Crisis Line 1-800-273-8255

- Dental Care
 - DD-214 Block 17 allows for one-time treatment
 - Apply within 180 days of separation
- VA Dental Insurance Program (VADIP)
 - Enrollees in VA Health Care and CHAMPVA beneficiaries
 - Voluntary
 - Metlife and Delta Dental
 - Three-year trial period, ends January 2017

- PAT Activity
- What are two services that Vet Centers offer?
 - Family and bereavement counseling, outreach and education, screening, and referral
- What is the Foreign Medical Program?
 - Health care benefits program for U.S. Veterans with a VA-rated service-connected condition living or traveling abroad
- What form is used to apply for VA Health Care?
 - VA Form 10-10EZ

Module 5 Objectives Review

- ✓ Describe the types of VA Health Care services and programs available to Veterans
- ✓ Identify services offered to women Veterans
- ✓ Identify services available at Vet Centers
- ✓ Describe counseling and services offered for coping with traumatic experiences





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Moving Forward

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- Attend VA Benefits II Briefing
- Take Ownership
 - Review and research benefits
 - Remember timelines
- Leverage VA resources
 - VSOs and VA Representatives
- Schedule individual assistance
- Complete Transition GPS Participant Assessment

**Thank you for your service
and welcome to the VA family!**

