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## President signed improvements to Post-9/11 GI Bill

To bring the educational benefits of the Post-9/11 GI Bill closer to more veterans and service members, President Barack Obama signed legislation Jan. 4 that streamlines the 18 month-old education program administered by the Department of Veterans Affairs.

"Since the first GI Bill in 1944, this unique educational program has adapted to the needs of America's veterans, active-duty personnel, reservists and guardsmen," said Secretary of Veterans Affairs Eric K. Shinseki.

"Like its forbearers, the Post-9/11 GI Bill is growing to ensure the men and women who serve this nation in uniform receive valuable education benefits from a grateful nation," he added.

Among the provisions of the legislation are:

- Paying for on-the-job training, some flight training; apprenticeship training and correspondence

courses;

- Allowing reservists and guardsmen to have their time supporting emergencies called by their state governors credited to the time needed to qualify for educational benefits;

- Providing half of the national average for the program's housing allowance to students enrolled in distance learning;

- Pro-rating the housing allowance to exclude payments when students are not in class;

- Allowing students on active duty to receive the stipend for books and supplies;

- Allowing people eligible for the Post-9/11 GI Bill, but participating in VA's Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment benefits to choose between the GI Bill's housing allowance or VRE's subsistence allowance;

- Permitting reimbursement for more than one license and certifica-



tion test;

- Reimbursing fees to take national admission tests, such as SAT, ACT, GMAT and LSAT; and

- Establishing a national cap of \$17,500 annually for tuition and fees in a private or a foreign school, not including contributions by edu-

ational institutions under the "Yellow Ribbon" program.

More information about the new provisions to the Post-9/11 GI Bill is available on the Internet at <http://www.gibill.va.gov>.

(Courtesy of Veterans Affairs Public Affairs)

### Win free mess dress from Top 3

The 512th Airlift Wing Top 3 is giving away a free mess dress uniform to the winner of a patriotic essay contest. Anyone is eligible to enter; however, the winner must ensure the uniform prize will be given to a Liberty Wing reservist, officer or enlisted.

"No matter how many stripes or bars you have, we understand the Air Force mess-dress uniform is a pricey investment," said Master Sgt. Veronica Aceveda, 512th Top 3 vice president. "We know there are Airmen out there who want to wear a mess dress uniform to some of the wing's formal events but simply can't because of cost."

For 12 weeks, beginning on Veterans Day and running until Feb. 3, writers can turn in their 300-word essay entitled, "Why do veterans deserve our support, respect and understanding?" to the 512th AW Public Affairs Office, located in Bldg. 520, Room 203. Essays can also be e-mailed to [512aw.pa@us.af.mil](mailto:512aw.pa@us.af.mil).

The Top 3 will select the winners no later than Feb. 6.

### Confirm March, July lodging dates

There will not be a Unit Training Assembly in May. The 512th Airlift Wing will make up these days with two three-day UTAs in March and July. For those who already had reservations in the Automated Res-

ervation Lodging System for March or July, an additional night has been added to the reservation. If reservists do not need the additional night, they must call the ALRS and cancel the additional night.

### ESGR offers employment assistance

There is a free employment workshop being hosted for Guard and Reserve members from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Jan. 20 at the Smyrna Readiness Center.

At the workshop, participants can expect to: create a resume or update an existing one, learn ef-

fective job search techniques, gain successful interviewing skills and more.

National Guard and Reserve members must pre-register to attend by calling the Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve office at (302) 326-7582.

### Wing Commander's Call scheduled

The 512th Airlift Wing Commander's Calls will be Feb. 6 at 7:15 a.m. for the 512th Mission Support Group and 512th AW staff agencies and at 3 p.m. for the 512th Operations and Maintenance Groups and 512th Aerospace Medicine Squadron. Both events are at the base theater.

### Tickets available for awards banquet

The 512th Airlift Wing Annual Awards Banquet is scheduled 6 p.m., March 5 at the Sheraton hotel. The quarterly award winners will be recognized and the annual award winners will also be announced at the event. Tickets can be purchased from unit first sergeants. The cost is \$35 for ranks E-7 and above; \$25 for ranks E-6 and below. Checks should be made payable to the 512th AW Dining Out Committee. The required uniform for servicemembers attending the awards banquet is mess dress or semi-formal for enlisted and mess dress for officers.