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Spotlight on...

Montgomery GI Bill:

Educational benefit of \$1034 per month X 36 months to full-time, qualified veteran student after honorable discharge.

The purpose of the Montgomery GI Bill (MGIB) is: to provide an educational assistance program to assist in the readjustment of members of the Armed Forces to civilian life after their separation from military service; to promote and assist the All-Volunteer Force program and the Total Force Concept of the Armed Forces by establishing an educational assistance program based upon service on active duty or a combination of service on active duty and in the Selected Reserve; to aid in the recruitment and retention of highly qualified personnel for both the active and reserve components of the Armed Forces.

The MGIB is a participatory educational assistance program which provides education and training opportunities for individuals who first entered active duty on or after 1 July 1985. All eligible active duty individuals are to be counseled on their right to participate and offered the opportunity to decline within the first 14 days of active duty. Individuals who did not decline enrollment into the MGIB had their pay reduced by \$100 per month for the first 12 months on active duty (maximum contribution \$1,200). THESE ENROLLMENTS ARE IRREVOCABLE AND PAY REDUCTIONS ARE NONREFUNDABLE. Basic eligibility requirements for participants are as follows:

- ▶ Must complete 36 months of active duty service to become entitled to the current rate of monthly benefits for a period of 36 months.
- ▶ Or, if obligation is less than 36 months, must complete 24 months of active duty to become entitled to that current rate of monthly benefits for a period of 36 months.
- ▶ Or, must complete 24 months of active duty service and must join and serve honorably in the Selected Reserve for a minimum of 48 months in order to receive the current rate of monthly benefits for members who completed 36 months of service.
- ▶ And, if a non-high school graduate, must complete a high school diploma (or equivalency) or completion of 12 semester hours of college credit before applying for benefits.

For more detailed information on education benefits available to Veterans, visit the VA Education Benefits web page, www.gibill.va.gov, or call 1-888-GI-BILL1 (1-888-442-4451). You may also call your local education office, especially for questions about "MGIB-Active Duty" and "Top Up".

ATTENTION! ATTENTION!

The MCRD and MCAS Libraries have new databases that can be used by active duty and family members to research thousands of topics. They include:

GALE VIRTUAL REFERENCE LIBRARY

It is a database of encyclopedias, almanacs, and specialized reference sources for multidisciplinary research.

HEALTH AND WELLNESS RESOURCE CENTER AND ALTERNATIVE HEALTH MODULE

Find alternative medicine-focused magazines, journals, newspapers, definitions, directories, videos and reference information on: Medicine, Nutrition, Diseases, Public Health, Pregnancy, Herbal Remedies, etc.

MASP SCHEDULE *Military Academic Skills Program*

MCRD Aug 7 – Aug 25

MCAS Sept 5 – Sept 25

Come by the Education Offices to pick up the registration form.



OPPOSING VIEWPOINTS RESOURCE CENTER

Opposing Viewpoints Resource Center is a one-stop source for information on today's hottest social issues.

STUDENT RESOURCE CENTER – GOLD

A fully integrated database containing thousands of curriculum-targeted primary documents, biographies, topical essays, background info, critical analyses, full-text coverage of over 1,000 magazines, newspapers, over 20,000 photographs and illustrations, and more than 8 hours of audio and video clips.



*The roots of education are bitter, but the fruit is sweet.
- Aristotle*

TESTING SCHEDULES

MCAS TESTING INFORMATION

DLPT/DLAB – AUGUST 1 & 22 at 0800
TABE – AUGUST 2, 8, 15 & 29 at 0800
CLEP – AUGUST 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30 at 1400
and AUGUST 9, 17, 24 & 31 at 0800
DSST – AUGUST 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30 at 1400
and AUGUST 9, 17, 24 & 31 at 0800
ACT – AUGUST 7 & 21 at 0800
ASVAB – AUGUST 14 & 28 at 0800

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