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Ref: (a) 38 U.S.C., Chapter 34, Vietnam Era GI Bill (VEGIB)
(b) 38 U.S.C., Chapter 32, Veterans' Educational Assistance Program (VEAP)
(c) 10 U.S.C., Chapter 107, Educational Assistance Active Duty Test Program (EATP)
(d) 38 U.S.C., Chapter 30, Montgomery GI Bill (MGIB)
(e) 10 U.S.C., Chapter 1606, Montgomery GI Bill - Selected Reserve (MGIB-SR)
(f) BUPERSINST 1900.8A
(g) BUPERSINST 1001.39D

Encl: (1) GI Bill Education Benefits Programs

1. Purpose. To update policy, assign responsibility, and provide information to Navy personnel about GI Bill programs authorized under references (a) through (g). This instruction is a complete revision and should be reviewed in its entirety.

2. Cancellation. BUPERSINST 1780.1.

3. Discussion. A member's initial active duty date, 6-year Selected Reserve (SELRES) service obligation, or special separation program, determine eligibility for Federally legislated educational benefits. This instruction describes several benefit programs and their differing eligibility criteria and benefits.

4. Points of Contact

a. For questions regarding this instruction/any of the GI Bill programs, contact

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Comm: (901) 874-4258/DSN 882 or
Toll Free 1-866-827-5672, Ext 4258
Fax: (901) 874-2052/DSN 882

b. For questions regarding the Selected Reserve Montgomery GI Bill (MGIB-SR) program, affiliation with the Selected Reserve to maintain eligibility for the active duty Montgomery GI Bill (MGIB) program, Reserve Transition Benefits (RTB), or recoupment of MGIB-SR benefits, contact

Commander, Naval Reserve Force (Code N12)
4400 Dauphine Street
New Orleans, LA 70146-5000

Commercial: (504) 678-6649/5067/0629/DSN 678 or Toll Free
1-800-621-8853

c. For questions regarding a veteran's educational benefits status, contact the Department of Veterans Affairs (DVA) at 1-888-442-4551. Overseas personnel should direct inquiries to

VA Regional Office
P.O. Box 4616
Buffalo, NY 14240-4616

The Federal Benefits for Veterans and their Dependents, VA Pamphlet 80-94-1, is published annually by the DVA and contains further information on federally legislated educational programs and other VA benefits.

d. For questions regarding pay information or problems, contact a DFAS-Cleveland Customer Service Representative.

Active Duty: 1-800-346-3374
Reserve: 1-800-255-0974

e. For questions regarding Pay/Personnel Administrative Support Systems (PASS) assistance, contact

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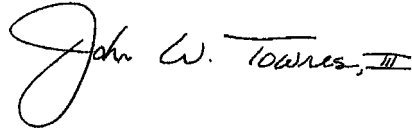
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f. For questions regarding the Transition Assistance
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5. Responsibilities. Appendix A assigns responsibilities and
actions for all subject programs.

6. Forms. See appendix B for forms availability.



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CHAPTER 1
MONTGOMERY GI BILL (MGIB)
(1 JULY 1985 - PRESENT)

101. Background. The Montgomery GI Bill (MGIB) Program is a veterans program under the purview of Department of Veterans Affairs (DVA). This program is governed by Federal law and policies herein cannot be waived by Navy. DVA is the benefit payer and sole determining agency for payment of benefits. Navy Personnel Command (NAVPERSCOM) (PERS-675) is responsible for ensuring Navy compliance with the laws governing the MGIB Program. This instruction is not intended to be all inclusive of every individual's situation. Circumstances not addressed should be referred to NAVPERSCOM (PERS-675) or DVA as appropriate for eligibility or claim processing/payment policies.

102. Who Can Enroll

a. Members must enter active duty other than active duty for training (ADT) for the first time on or after 1 July 1985. If service is terminated in the Armed Forces for reasons of being a minor, for an erroneous enlistment/induction, or for having a defective enlistment agreement, that time period is not considered as part of an individual's initial obligated period of active duty and, if member re-enters the armed services, they may be enrolled.

b. All officer accessions except those listed below are eligible to enroll if it is their initial entry on to active duty.

(1) Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) scholarship graduates who entered on active duty before 1 October 1996 or entered on active duty after 30 September 1996 and received more than \$3,400 per year of participation are not eligible to enroll. This restriction does not apply to ROTC non-scholarship graduates.

(2) Service academy graduates are not eligible to enroll. Service academy graduates who enrolled and established eligibility prior to entering the service academy retain their eligibility. This restriction does not apply to U.S. Merchant Marine Academy graduates.

c. Other enrollment opportunities are described in paragraph 107 and chapters 5 and 6.

d. Members receiving the Loan Repayment Program (LRP) as an enlistment guarantee are eligible for enrollment. LRP members can enroll in the MGIB Program upon initial entry. LRP members must establish MGIB eligibility during a period of enlistment that is separate from the period of enlistment they received LRP. For example, if a member receives LRP upon enlistment, serves the initial term, and reenlists, the MGIB eligibility period begins on date of reenlistment.

e. Members guaranteed Navy College Fund (NCF) must enroll in the MGIB Program to be eligible for NCF benefits. NCF guarantees are found in DD 4/1 (JAN 2001), Enlistment/Reenlistment Document Armed Forces of the United States, and its annexes.

f. Broadened Opportunity for Officer Selection and Training (BOOST) students usually do not meet the minimum time-in-service requirements for MGIB eligibility due to early discharge upon successful completion of BOOST school. However, attendance in BOOST is considered active duty for MGIB purposes. Students who do not complete BOOST may have the opportunity to establish eligibility for MGIB benefits through continued active duty service. Students who graduate from BOOST are discharged for Convenience of the Government from enlisted service prior to acceptance into the USNA or an NROTC scholarship program. Upon graduation from USNA or an ROTC scholarship program where the student received more than \$3,400 per school year for each year of participation, they lose their MGIB eligibility. Members must have met the 3-year time-in-service requirement prior to attending and graduating from USNA or an NROTC scholarship program to retain program eligibility.

g. Members enlisted under the National Call to Service (NCS) program are not initially eligible for enrollment and will be automatically dis-enrolled from the program when accessed into active duty. NCS participants may become eligible for enrollment if reenlisting/extending on active duty for at least 2 years prior to completion of their NCS initial active duty commitment.

103. Enrollment/Disenrollment Procedures

a. All eligible members will be counseled within 2 weeks of initial entry on active duty, other than active duty for training (ADT), advised of their right to participate and offered the option of disenrollment.

(1) Civilian officer accessions will be afforded the opportunity to make their enrollment election at Officer Candidate School (OCS), Aviation Officer Candidate School (AOCS), Officer Indoctrination School (OIS), etc.

(2) Enlisted members will be afforded the opportunity to make their enrollment election at Recruit Training Command (RTC).

b. Members are enrolled automatically in the MGIB Program unless they elect to disenroll. DD 2366 (JUN 2002), Montgomery GI Bill Act of 1984 (MGIB), is used for this purpose. If a member elects to disenroll, there will be no opportunity to enroll at a later date.

c. Enrolled members agree to a \$100/month pay reduction during their first 12 full months of active duty. This reduction cannot be suspended or stopped as long as the member is entitled to pay.

d. Any contribution for MGIB Program enrollment is non-refundable.

104. Preparation/Distribution of DD 2366

a. Personnel entering active duty for the first time, will complete DD 2366 within the first 2 weeks of active duty. Each copy must be signed by the member and certifying official.

(1) Members not eligible for enrollment; i.e., service academy/ROTC scholarship graduates or prior servicemembers will sign block 2a.

(2) Members electing disenrollment will sign both the Statement of Understanding, block 3a, indicating they understand they are eligible for enrollment and the Statement of

Disenrollment, block 5, indicating they do not desire to participate in the MGIB Program.

(3) A certifying official must sign each form (block 6) in black or blue-black ink. Stamped or facsimile signatures are not acceptable.

b. Completed forms are distributed as follows:

(1) Original to NAVPERSCOM (PERS-312) with accession package.

(2) Copy to field service record (enlisted).

(3) Copy to local personnel office for decline/not eligible coding entry per Navy Integrated Personnel System (NSIPS). If the decline/not eligible code is not entered, the member's pay will automatically be deducted by \$100 per month for 12 months.

(4) Copy to member. Instruct member to retain this copy, as it may be required by the DVA when applying for benefits.

105. Requirements for Eligibility to MGIB Program Benefits

a. Members must serve on active duty for a period of

(1) at least 2 years if on a less than 3-year obligation.

(2) at least 3 years if on a 3-year or longer obligation.

(3) at least 2 years followed by at least 4 continuous years in the Selected Reserve (SELRES) during which the individual participates satisfactorily. Affiliation with a Reserve Unit must occur within 1 year of release from active duty. (The 4-year SELRES requirement is not applicable to a member if, during the SELRES service, the member is discharged or released for hardship, service-connected disability, pre-existing medical condition, or reduction in authorized strength as determined by Secretary of the Navy (SECNAV).)

(4) at least 20 months of a 2-year obligation or 30 months of a 3-year or longer obligation if separating for Convenience of the Government (COG). The full 36 months of basic educational assistance is available to members discharged for COG if the member completes a minimum of 20 months of active duty on 2-year obligation or 30 months of 3-year or more obligation.

b. For the purpose of determining active duty requirements for the MGIB Program, the term "active duty" does not include:

(1) service as a cadet or midshipman at a military service academy. (Students who did not meet time-in-service requirements for eligibility to MGIB Program benefits, and who did not graduate from the military service academy, but return immediately to active duty, can combine their second period of active duty to meet MGIB Program active duty service requirements.)

(2) service in the Army National Guard of the Air National Guard or as a Reserve for service in the Army Reserve, Naval Reserve, Air Force Reserve, Marine Corps Reserve or Coast Guard Reserve. (Full Time Support (FTS), Active Guard Reserves (AGRs) and Marine Corps Active Reserves (MCARs) are considered as active duty.)

(3) service as an officer or enlisted member of the Reserves, where active duty consists solely of initial active duty for training (IADT), active duty for training (ADT), or annual training (AT).

(4) ADT as a Sea and Air Mariner (SAM), ROTC participants who did not graduate, or any other Reservists who were recalled to active duty with less than a 24-month obligation.

(5) Reservists drawing active duty pay while attending college prior to commissioning.

c. Midshipmen or cadets who did not establish eligibility to MGIB Program benefits prior to entering a service academy (except for the Merchant Marine Academy) and are commissioned as officers, forfeit eligibility for MGIB Program benefits.

d. Members separated for service-connected disability, pre-existing medical condition, hardship or reduction in authorized strength as determined by SECNAV may receive 1 month of benefits for each full month served on active duty up to 36 months.

e. Members who were enrolled in the MGIB Program and separated for hardship, disability or reduction-in-force with no more than 12 months of active service, and who later return to active duty, will be allowed to combine the two periods as if they were continuous.

f. Members honorably discharged/separated who did not meet minimum active duty requirements may regain eligibility on a subsequent period of service by serving an additional period of obligated service. If full payment of the required \$1,200 was not paid during the members first period of service, they must pay the remaining amount in the subsequent qualifying period of service.

g. Members cannot use the same period of service to qualify for the MGIB and MGIB-SR programs.

h. The Character of Service for members separated from active duty must be "HONORABLE." This does not include "GENERAL UNDER HONORABLE CONDITIONS." If a member reenlists and later receives a Character of Service other than "Honorable," the last discharge prior to immediate reenlistment can be used to establish eligibility for MGIB Program benefits. The period of "honorable" service must be for at least 3 years.

i. Members must earn a high school diploma, an equivalency certificate, or successfully completes 12 semester hours of college prior to applying for benefits.

(1) Members who while on active duty receive a high school diploma or equivalency certificate should have their educational level updated when they complete high school using NSIPS.

(2) A high school equivalency certificate may be earned through any State-accredited program including: test-based equivalency diploma; i.e., General Equivalency Diploma (GED), high school certificate of attendance, adult education diploma,

correspondence school diploma, occupational program certificate, or home study diploma.

106. Opportunities for Certain VEAP Participants to Enroll

a. Two legislated opportunities were available for members who participated in VEAP to enroll in the MGIB Program.

(1) Members with contributions in a VEAP account on 9 October 1996 and serving on active duty on that date, may have elected to enroll in the MGIB Program during a one-year period beginning on that date. Members were required to contribute \$1,200 to become entitled to MGIB Program benefits.

(2) Members who participated in VEAP on or before 9 October 1996, and served continuously on active duty from that date through at least 1 April 2000, may have elected to enroll in the MGIB Program during a one-year period beginning on 1 November 2000. Members were required to contribute \$2,700 within 18 months of the election to complete their enrollment. Upon discharge or release from active duty, those who converted to the MGIB Program must receive an "honorable" character of service to be eligible for their benefits.

107. MGIB Program Benefits

a. The MGIB Program provides 36 months of benefits for full time school enrollment in a DVA-approved program of education. Benefit payments for less than full time attendance are pro-rated equally for three-quarter time, one-half time and one-quarter time enrollment. In certain instances, DVA may approve courses offered in a shortened time frame to qualify for an accelerated educational program. These are awarded on a case-by-case basis. Benefit rates increase annually or as directed by Federal law. All those eligible for MGIB Program benefits will automatically receive these increases. Current rates can be found on DVA website www.gibill.va.gov; NAVPERSCOM (PERS-675) website www.bupers.navy.mil/pers604/index/html or by calling 1-888-GIBILL-1.

b. Personnel may qualify for benefits under both the active duty MGIB Program and the SELRES MGIB-SR Program for different periods of service; however, the total amount of benefits paid from a combination of all DVA programs cannot exceed 48 months.

Additionally, benefits from the MGIB Program and MGIB-SR Program cannot be drawn at the same time.

108. Use of Benefits

a. The MGIB Program may be used for programs in colleges, universities, technical or business schools, residency courses in non-college degree schools, correspondence courses, work-study, apprenticeship, on-the-job training, cooperative programs, refresher, remedial and deficiency courses, tutorial assistance, flight training, licensing and certifications. Payment for apprenticeship, on-the-job training and cooperative programs is authorized only for veterans separated from active duty. Programs not authorized under the MGIB include elementary or secondary courses. DVA has sole responsibility for determination of approved programs of education. Information on programs approved for MGIB Program payments is available on DVA website <http://www.gibill/va.gov>.

b. MGIB Program benefits were intended to be used after leaving active duty. In-service use of benefits is limited to the lesser of the actual cost of tuition and fees, or the maximum rate payable when off active duty. Members should carefully consider use of benefits while on active duty, as they may be using months of entitlement, but receive a much lower rate if tuition and fees are lower than the normal rate payable off active duty.

c. Members may use their MGIB Program entitlement while on active duty if

(1) they paid the required \$1,200.

(2) they completed 2 years of active duty.

(3) they completed the requirements of a high school diploma or equivalency certificate, or 12 semester hours of college prior to applying for benefits.

(4) no financial assistance is provided by the armed services for education expenses except for Tuition Assistance (TA) as the Tuition Assistance Top Up (TATU) Program (see paragraph 110).

d. Flight training, including solo flight hours, is authorized for individuals who have a private pilot's license and who meet the medical requirements for a commercial pilot's license. Flight school courses must be approved by the Federal Aviation Administration and the State-approving agency. Benefits for flight training will be the lesser of the amount of assistance authorized or 60 percent of the established charges for tuition and fees. Members are urged to personally consult with DVA prior to enrolling in flight training.

109. MGIB Program Increased Benefit Option (MGIB Booster)

a. Reference (d) provides an opportunity for members who originally enrolled in MGIB Program upon initial entry onto active duty (usually within 2 weeks) to contribute up to \$600 any time while on active duty to receive an increased monthly benefit. If the maximum of \$600 is contributed, members can receive \$5,400 in additional MGIB Program benefits. Opportunity to enroll and contribute funds to this program could be discontinued at any time if reference (d) is amended or repealed.

b. Eligibility must be verified by the DD 2366 in the field service record for enlisted, or for officer, by contacting an MGIB Program Customer Service Representative 1-866-827-5672, Ext 4258 or DSN 882-4258. Members who were guaranteed NCF are eligible to participate.

(1) The following are not eligible for this option:

(a) Members enrolled in the MGIB Program during the "open period" from 31 December 1988 through 30 June 1989.

(b) Members converted to the MGIB Program from VEAP.

(c) Members converted to the MGIB Program from Vietnam-Era GI Bill.

(d) Members enrolled in MGIB Program due to involuntary separation.

c. Participation Procedures

(1) Members can elect to participate in this program and contribute the additional amount only while on active duty. This is governed by Federal law and cannot be waived by the Navy.

(2) Members opting to contribute to increase their monthly MGIB Program benefit must sign DD 2366-1 (Jun 2002), Montgomery GI Bill Act of 1984 (MGIB) Increased Benefit Contribution Program.

(3) Members must make payment arrangements through their disbursing office by presenting them a copy of their DD 2366.

(4) Members must retain copies of their DD 2366 and evidence of payment; i.e., Leave and Earnings Statements (LES) or DD 1131 (Apr 57), Cash Collection Voucher, in case documentation is required by DVA.

d. Preparation/Distribution of DD 2366-1

(1) Member reads block 2, Statement of Understanding for Increased Benefit Option, and signs block 2a. Note: DD 2366 with publication date prior to Jun 2002 are acceptable; however, block 3, "Service Unique Education Assistance Options," must contain the following statement: "Authorized under P.L. 106-419 to contribute an additional \$600 maximum toward my existing GI Bill benefit. The minimum contribution is \$20, increased by \$20 increments. Contributions are non-refundable."

(2) A certifying official must sign each form (block 3) in black or blue-black ink. Stamped facsimile signatures are not acceptable.

(3) Completed forms are distributed as follows:

(a) Original to NAVPERSCOM (PERS-312).

(b) Copy to field service record (enlisted).

(c) Copy to member.

e. Benefits

(1) Members may contribute from a minimum of \$20 to a maximum of \$600 to receive an increased MGIB monthly benefit. The amount of the increased benefit is equal to \$1 per month for each \$4 contributed. This amount is paid in addition to the current basic MGIB Program benefit.

(2) To calculate the amount of additional monthly benefit, divide the contribution amount by 4; i.e., \$600 contribution divided by \$4 equals \$150 additional monthly benefit; \$300 contribution results in an additional \$75; \$200 contribution results in an additional \$50; \$100 contribution results in an additional \$25.

(3) The monthly benefit increase is payable by DVA beginning the term following payment.

110. MGIB Program TATU

a. Reference (d) permits DVA to pay a TATU 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 (TA) paid by the military for a course. If the tuition and expenses are more than the amount the Navy will pay, a member eligible for MGIB Program can elect to receive MGIB Program benefits for all or a part of the remaining expenses.

b. To be eligible for the TATU benefit, the member must be approved for Federal TA by a military department and be enrolled in the MGIB Program with at least 2 full years of active duty service. TATU benefits are not available to persons who are eligible for the MGIB-SR.

c. Active duty members who converted from VEAP and VEGIB to the MGIB Program are also eligible for TATU.

d. Active duty members who have NCF are also eligible for TATU.

e. The amount of benefit is limited to the amount the member would receive for the same course if regular MGIB Program benefits were being paid. In no case can the amount paid by the military combined with the amount paid by DVA be more than the total cost of the course. If a member receives TATU benefits, their 36 months of MGIB Program benefits will be reduced. The

amount of entitlement charged to TATU payments is determined by dividing the amount of the payment by the member's full-time monthly rate. Additional information on TATU can be obtained from the DVA website at www.gibill.va.gov.

f. To apply for TATU benefits, see paragraph 111b below.

111. Application for GI Bill Benefits

a. Application for benefits, whether the claimant is on active duty or not, is made to DVA. Prior to enrollment in a DVA-approved course and education institution, those eligible for education benefits must complete VA 22-1990 (7/00), Application for VA Education Benefits.

b. To apply for TATU benefits, the member must submit a NETPDTTC 1560/3 (Rev. 01/04), Tuition Assistance Application, available at <https://www.navycollege.navy.mil/tal.html> for the course that has been signed by an authorized military official. If this is the member's initial application for TATU, a VA 22-1990 form is also required to establish MGIB Program eligibility. These forms should specify TATU is being claimed. Annotating the TA Form "Top-Up" or "TATU" is acceptable.

c. Completed applications for GI Bill benefits should be sent to the DVA Regional Processing Office for the geographic area in which the education institution is located. The Regional Processing Offices, the geographic area included in their region and their addresses are as follows:

(1) Eastern Region (Connecticut, Delaware, District of Columbia, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Vermont, Virginia, and West Virginia)

VA Regional Office
PO Box 4616
Buffalo, NY 14240-4616

(2) Southern Region (Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Maryland, Mississippi, North Carolina, Puerto Rico, South Carolina, and Tennessee)

VA Regional Office
PO Box 100022
Decatur, GA 30031-7022

(3) Central Region (Colorado, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota, Wisconsin, and Wyoming)

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PO Box 66830
St. Louis, MO 63166-6830

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VA Regional Office
PO Box 888
Muskogee, OK 74402-8888

112. Delimiting Date

a. The delimiting date for using MGIB Program benefits is 10 years from the date of the member's last discharge or release from active duty. The 10-year delimiting date may be extended by DVA if the member was prevented from going to school during this period (i.e., disability, held by a foreign government or missing-in-action).

b. If the veteran's Character of Service at the time of discharge or release from active duty was not "Honorable," but was later upgraded to "Honorable," the 10-year period begins on the date the discharge was upgraded.

c. If eligibility is based on 2 years active duty plus 4 years SELRES, the veteran's eligibility will end 10 years from release from active duty or 10 years from completion of the 4-year SELRES obligation whichever is later.

113. Survivor Benefit

a. A benefit will be paid to survivors if a member dies while on active duty or within 1 year of separation from active duty for service-connected causes.

b. The survivor benefit will equal the amount reduced from the member's pay (less any educational benefit already used) to the person(s) first listed below on the date of the member's death.

(1) The beneficiary or beneficiaries designated on the member's Servicemen's Group Life Insurance (SGLI) policy.

(2) The surviving spouse.

(3) The surviving child or children in equal shares.

(4) The surviving parent or parents in equal shares.

(5) If none of the above survives the member, no benefit will be paid.

c. Beneficiaries will apply by letter to

Department of Veterans Affairs
400 South 18th Street
St. Louis, MO 63103-2271

A copy of the death certificate or DD 1300 (MAY 2000), Report of Casualty, must accompany application. If submitting DD 1300, it must be the "final" report. DVA will not normally pay the death benefit with an interim DD 1300.

CHAPTER 2
MONTGOMERY GI BILL - SELECTED RESERVE (MGIB-SR)
(1 JULY 1985 - PRESENT)

201. Background. Both officer and enlisted members of the Selected Reserve (SELRES), who obligate for 6 years and participate satisfactorily in required reserve drills are eligible for MGIB-SR benefits.

202. Eligibility. To qualify for the MGIB-SR, members

a. must enlist, reenlist, or extend drill obligation in the SELRES for a period of not less than 6 years on or after 1 July 1985, and must participate satisfactorily in the SELRES during that time.

b. must have earned a high school diploma or its equivalency prior to completing Initial Active Duty for Training (IADT). Recruits who are scheduled to complete IADT in two phases, known as "split (or alternate) trainers," must complete the requirements of a high school diploma or equivalency, prior to completion of the second phase of training.

c. must complete required IADT under prescribed regulations. Personnel who have received a high school diploma or equivalency are considered to have completed IADT after the first portion of their training plan. For example, members who completed basic training and are awaiting orders for further assignment ("A" school, Split Trainers) are considered to have completed IADT for purposes of qualifying for the MGIB-SR. There is no required IADT for members accessed under the Advanced Pay Grade (APG) and the Accelerated Initial Accession (AIA) programs.

d. must complete high school or achieve a high school equivalency certificate. If high school requirements are obtained later, personnel must execute a new 6-year obligation either by reenlisting, or extending current enlistment or drilling obligations for the number of months needed to make a 6-year obligation.

e. must not be receiving financial assistance for a NROTC scholarship.

f. may qualify for benefits under both the active duty MGIB and the MGIB-SR. However, serving in the SELRES as a "2x4" or in any program, which establishes eligibility for the active duty MGIB, makes members ineligible for MGIB-SR benefits until such time as they meet MGIB requirements. By combining two or more programs, a maximum total of 48 months can be received. For example, a 2-year active duty veteran enlists in the Naval Reserve to drill for a period of 4 years to establish active duty MGIB benefits (36 months). After the 4-year obligation is completed, the member can reenlist for 6 years to establish MGIB-SR benefits for 12 months. This gives the member a maximum of 48 months.

g. entitled to the MGIB-SR prior to 29 November 1989, maintain their reserve benefits during any period of active duty served as a SELRES. These personnel may qualify for benefits under the active duty and MGIB-SR for the same period served. However, members reenlisting in a regular military service component terminate eligibility for MGIB-SR, but may qualify for active duty benefits (see chapter 1).

203. Enrollment Procedures

a. Members become immediately eligible for MGIB-SR benefits and will receive a DD 2384-1 (1 JUN 1998), Selected Reserve Educational Assistance Program (GI Bill), Notice of Basic Eligibility, at the time of enlistment, reenlistment or extension of SELRES service. Members must execute a Statement of Understanding agreement on a NAVPERS 1070/613 (Rev. 10-81), Administrative Remarks (page 13), entry as shown in figure 2-1. For officers, this 6-year period of service must be in addition to any other existing obligation.

b. When DD 2384-1 is issued, the SELRES Naval Reserve Activity (NRA) will report MGIB-SR eligibility coding per current procedures.

204. Benefits

- a. The present basic educational assistance benefits are
- (1) \$276/month - full-time training.
 - (2) \$207/month - three-quarter-time training.

(3) \$137/month - half-time training.

(4) \$69/month - less than half-time training.

b. The maximum educational assistance is 36 months. Increases in benefits are tied to the Consumer Price Index.

c. Educational assistance is available for attendance at an institution of higher education (i.e., college, university) as approved by DVA.

d. Educational assistance may be provided for the pursuit of any program of education that is an approved program for chapter 30 benefits as outlined in chapter 1. To be eligible for benefits under the vocational/technical programs, the 6-year obligation must be on or after 1 October 1990.

205. Use of Benefits

a. Eligible members may draw MGIB-SR benefits only while satisfactorily meeting drilling requirements, except if separated for a disability (not the result of willful misconduct) or, if involuntary separated under the Reserve Transition Benefits (RTB).

b. If benefits are combined with another veterans educational benefit program, the total number of months of benefits cannot exceed 48 months.

(1) Members eligible for benefits under references (a) through (d), or any other Veterans Education Assistance Program, may not receive benefits under both programs concurrently.

(2) Members eligible for the active duty MGIB based upon 2 years active duty followed by 4 years in the SELRES, cannot establish concurrent eligibility for the MGIB-SR.

c. Members receiving either enlistment bonus installments or educational assistance as a guarantee from a previous enlistment (i.e., SAM Program Enlistment Bonus (EB) or Educational Assistance (EA) program, Reserve Allied Medical Program (RAMP)) may receive concurrent benefits under the MGIB-SR.

206. Application Procedures

a. Application for benefits is made through the financial aid office or the veterans' affairs representative at the college the member is attending. VA 22-1990 and VA 22-1999 (Rev. 8-98), Enrollment Certification, must be completed and forwarded to the nearest DVA regional office for processing.

b. MGIB-SR participants are required by DVA to validate their eligibility status monthly.

207. Recoupment

a. Failure to participate satisfactorily in required drills per reference (g) may result in recoupment of all or a portion of previously paid benefits. Commander, Naval Reserve Forces Command (COMNAVRESFORCOM) may waive the requirement to recoup previously paid benefits or may reduce the amount of the recoupment if it is determined that the failure to participate satisfactorily was not voluntary or due to misconduct or willful negligence by the member.

b. Recoupment of benefits will not affect the member's responsibility to serve any remaining obligated commitment in the SELRES.

c. The amount to be recouped is calculated (plus interest) by

(1) dividing the number of months of obligated service remaining for the MGIB-SR by the original number of months of the obligation.

(2) multiplying that ratio by the total amount of member's benefits already received.

c. For example, if a member satisfactorily drilled for 36 of the 72 required months and received \$3,000 in MGIB-SR benefits ($36/72 = .50 \times \$3,000 = \$1,500$). In this case \$1,500 will be recouped (plus interest) from the member.

208. Delimiting Date. MGIB-SR benefits end either 10 or 14 years from the date of basic eligibility as shown on DD 2384-1. If the member became eligible on or after 1 October 1992,

benefits end in 14 years, and if they became eligible prior to 1 October 1992, benefits end in 10 years. If the member is currently enrolled in college on the delimiting date, that date may be extended to the end of the present course of instruction or 12 weeks, whichever is less.

209. Termination of Eligibility. MGIB-SR benefits are terminated when a member

a. receives educational assistance through a ROTC scholarship program.

b. is declared an unsatisfactory participant in the SELRES per reference (g). MGIB-SR eligibility cannot be regained once a member is declared unsatisfactory by the Navy or any other military service.

c. has a basic eligibility date of 29 November 1989 or later, obligates for 2 years or more of active duty to organize, administer, recruit, instruct, or train the Naval Reserve, and is paid from funds appropriated for reserve personnel. (These personnel may qualify for active duty MGIB (see eligibility guidelines in chapter 1). Examples include

(1) Full Time Support (FTS).

(2) Active Duty for Special Work (ADSW).

(3) Canvasser Recruiters (CANREC).

(4) Recalled to active duty under 10 U.S.C., section 265.

d. separates from the SELRES, with the following exceptions:

(1) Released for a disability, not the result of misconduct or willful negligence. The member remains eligible for benefits through the original delimiting date.

(2) Prevented from pursuing an educational program because of a physical or mental disability incurred or aggravated in the line of duty. The member must apply to DVA

for an extension of the delimiting date, or by the last day of the disability, whichever is later.

(3) Recalled for less than 2 years active duty as a SELRES.

210. Regaining Eligibility. Members who are released from the SELRES for valid reasons following a period of satisfactory participation may regain eligibility provided requests are made for an approved period of benefits suspension. For cases greater than a 1-year period of absence from the SELRES, except for authorized missionary work, requests must be submitted to COMNAVRESFORCOM (N12) via the member's chain of command.

211. Required Documents

a. NAVPERS 1070/613.

(1) All members, officer and enlisted, initially affiliating in the SELRES, must be advised of their potential eligibility for the MGIB-SR. Commands must counsel and provide the member with a Statement of Understanding on the MGIB-SR program as illustrated in figure 2-1.

(2) The Statement of Understanding will become part of the member's official record.

b. DD 2384-1.

(1) When a member meets the MGIB-SR eligibility criteria the DD 2384-1 must be completed and issued. The DD 2384-1 will be computer generated at the NRA. This must be originally signed in black or blue-black ink and delivered to the member no later than the next regularly scheduled drill.

(2) Distribution is

(a) Original - NAVPERSCOM (PERS-312)

(b) 1st Copy - field service record

(c) 2nd Copy - personal drill folder

(d) 3rd Copy - member

(2) Members will be informed that if they make any unauthorized change or alteration to the form, the form will be void.

(3) DD 2384-1, commonly referred to as the Notice of Basic Eligibility (NOBE), is the source document used to validate MGIB-SR eligibility and is vulnerable to fraudulent use. Since the NOBE is crucial, it must be safeguarded at all times. All NOBE forms will be transmitted, stored and destroyed in a manner, which will prevent unauthorized use. The following procedures for control of the NOBE are mandatory:

(a) All forms will be secured after duty hours.

(b) All obsolete forms will be destroyed.

(c) All forms to be discarded will be destroyed. No forms will be discarded intact.

(d) The CO or OIC of each unit or activity authorized to issue NOBEs, is ultimately responsible for the form, but may appoint someone who has "By direction" authority to requisition, control, sign, and issue blank or automated NOBEs.

(e) The preferred method for using the NOBE is through NSIPS.

(f) If an error is discovered after distribution of the NOBE, do not reissue a new one. Any necessary corrections will be made on the field service record or personal drill folder copy. Type or stamp "CORRECTED COPY" on top. Reproduce the corrected NOBE three more times and redistribute as a new issue. All corrections will be neat, legible, and originally signed and dated by the CO or designee and the member on each copy.

(g) If members have lost their copy, the command will produce a certified copy of the NOBE from the field service record or personal drill folder. At the top of the form, the words "REISSUED on (date)" must be typed, stamped or neatly handwritten. The CO or designee and member will initial it and the copy is given to the member.

(h) When a member reaffiliates with SELRES after an approved period of authorized absence, the gaining command will

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report the NSIPS per current procedures. Entries can be made from the original Date of Basic Eligibility, as verified from the NOBE, from the field service record, or from the personal drill folder.

(i) If there is a question of authenticity or if the local NOBE cannot be furnished, the official NAVPERSCOM copy from the member's permanent service record must be requested and recognized as the official record copy.

STATEMENT OF UNDERSTANDING (PAGE 13)

ADMINISTRATIVE REMARKS
NAVPERS 1070/613 (Rev 10-81)
S/N 0106-LF-010-6990

ACTIVITY NAME

STATEMENT OF UNDERSTANDING

(Date) I agree to remain a satisfactory participating member of the Selected Reserve (DRILLING RESERVE) for a period of 6 years to become eligible for the Montgomery GI Bill -Selected Reserve (MGIB-SR). Receipt of benefits is conditional upon satisfactory participation. I have received and have read DD 2384-1 dated (yymmdd). I understand that this entitlement does not guarantee my drill-pay assignment or take precedence over forced attrition.

I. L. GETTIT

WITNESSED:

M. L. DOE, CDR, USNR
Personnel Officer

Figure 2-1

MGIB-SR ELIGIBILITY CHECKLIST

(Instructions): To determine eligibility, questions one through four must be answered "Yes." Question five must be answered "No."

1. On or after 1 July 1985, did you agree to serve in the Selected Reserve for 6 years in addition to any Selected Reserve obligation already incurred? Yes No

2. Did you sign both the DD 2384-1, Selected Reserve Educational Assistance Program (GI Bill) Notice of Basic Eligibility, and a service record page 13, Statement of Understanding? Yes No

3. Did you complete the requirements for a high school diploma (or equivalency certificate) or 12 semester hours of college prior to the action taken in question #1? Yes No

4. Did you complete any required IADT, if applicable?
 Yes No

5. Are you receiving financial assistance (not a stipend) under 10 U.S.C., section 2107 as a member of the Naval Reserve Officers Training Corps (NROTC) Program? Yes No

Figure 2-2

CHAPTER 3
NAVY COLLEGE FUND (NCF)
(1 JANUARY 1990 - PRESENT)

301. Background. The Navy College Fund (NCF) was implemented on 1 January 1990. It is an enlistment incentive awarded only by the classifier, not the recruiter. Not all members are offered NCF since it is subject to budget and quota constraints. Those considered for NCF are entering "critical or hard-to-fill" ratings and obligating for specific periods of time. NCF is not a separate fund from MGIB Program. Members who are guaranteed NCF will receive an additional amount referred to as a "kicker" to their monthly MGIB Program benefit. Kicker amounts are subject to Navy policy. Guarantee of NCF must be documented on the enlistment document, DD 4 or an annex to DD 4.

302. Qualifications to be Considered for NCF Guarantee

- a. Non-prior service enlistee.
- b. Entered active duty on or after 21 November 1989.
- c. Graduated from high school - no equivalency accepted.
- d. Achieved an AFQT score of 50 or higher.
- e. 17-35 years of age.
- f. Agreed to serve on active duty for a minimum of 3 or 4 years (depending on the program for which the individual is considered).

303. NCF Benefits

a. To be eligible for NCF benefits, the member must be enrolled in the MGIB Program and retain eligibility to MGIB Program benefits. Like MGIB Program benefits, NCF kicker payments are also based on enrollment basis; i.e., full-time, three-quarter time; half-time. Members who retain eligibility to MGIB Program benefits, but do not serve the period of active duty for which they contracted, will receive a reduced kicker payment.

b. To determine the amount of an NCF kicker, the value of the MGIB Program at the time of entry onto active duty must be known. This can be obtained from DVA (1-888-442-4551) or NAVPERSCOM (PERS-675) (1-800-962-1425). To calculate the NCF kicker, subtract the value of the MGIB Program at the time of entry onto active duty from the contracted NCF value (a range of \$25,000 to \$50,000). The remainder represents the actual NCF. Divide that amount by 36 (months of MGIB Program eligibility) to determine the monthly kicker. Example of a member entering active duty in July 1999:

| | |
|---------------------|------------------------------------|
| \$30,000.00 | Contracted NCF Value |
| <u>-\$19,008.00</u> | Value of MGIB Program in July 1999 |
| \$11,992.00 | NCF |
| <u>36</u> | Months of MGIB Program Eligibility |
| \$ 333.11 | Monthly NCF Kicker |

CHAPTER 4
NAVY SEA COLLEGE PROGRAM (NSCP)
(1 OCTOBER 1986 - 30 SEPTEMBER 1988)

401. Background. The Navy Sea College Program (NSCP) was established in 1986 to provide an additional educational benefit (or "kicker") to attract high-quality recruits into "hard-to-fill or critical ratings." A kicker is an additional amount to be paid monthly as long as the person is in school. NSCP eligibles were required to enlist for a total of 8 years: 2 years active duty, 4 years in the Naval Reserve, and 2 years in the Individual Ready Reserve (IRR). This program was terminated to new accessions on 1 October 1988.

402. Eligibility. To qualify for NSCP benefits members must:

- a. be a non-prior service enlistee.
- b. have entered active duty between 1 October 1986 through 30 September 1988.
- c. have a high school diploma. (No equivalency certificate).
- d. have achieved an AFQT score of 65 or higher.
- e. have enlisted between the ages of 17 to 22.
- f. be a United States citizen.
- g. serve on active duty for a period of 2 years followed by 4 years in the SELRES as an Individual Mobilization Augmentee (IMA) outlined in reference (f). The SELRES obligation was solely based on affiliation and performance of at least 12 days AT each fiscal year.
- h. received an "HONORABLE" character of service upon separation from active duty. (This does not include a "GENERAL UNDER HONORABLE CONDITIONS" discharge).
- i. be enrolled in and contributed to the MGIB. The MGIB enrollment form, DD 2366, must have been completed with the statement "NSCP Participant" marked in the "Service Unique Education Assistance Options" block. Members who lost

entitlement or disenrolled from the MGIB, also lost all "kicker" benefits.

403. Service Obligation

a. Members must contact their local NRA and identify themselves as NSCP participants within 30 days of separation from active duty.

b. The member, when affiliated and required to perform AT of at least 12 days each fiscal year, will be identified as a "zero-drill" IMA, and placed in a training and retirement category (TRC) "B".

c. The member may affiliate with the SELRES in a drilling unit (TRC "A"). SELRES participation is contingent upon the member meeting Naval Reserve affiliation criteria (for example, body fat standards). Members who do not qualify for affiliation in the Naval Reserve may request a waiver from NAVPERSCOM (PERS-49).

d. Members must notify their affiliated NRA immediately of any change in medical status, home address, or telephone number.

e. A member who elects to drill (TRC "A") and subsequently becomes unsatisfactory in drill participation, will not be terminated from the SELRES, but transferred back to IMA (TRC "B") to complete any remaining SELRES obligation. If the 4-year SELRES obligation is satisfactorily completed and the member later becomes unsatisfactory in drill participation, process the member for separation per reference (f). "Kicker" benefits are not lost.

f. Upon completion of the 4-year SELRES obligation, the member is either affiliated as TRC "A" (if accession criteria were met) or is transferred to the IRR to complete the remainder of the required military service obligation.

g. The "kicker" is contingent upon the satisfactory completion of the SELRES obligation. Failure to meet and maintain SELRES affiliation criteria and to perform required AT will result in

(1) immediate termination of additional educational assistance benefits.

(2) a reduction of the basic educational benefit to the MGIB rate based solely on 2 years active duty.

(3) a possible involuntary recall to active duty under 10 U.S.C., section 270(b) for up to 45 days.

(4) member reenlists as USN or extends on active duty without affiliating in the SELRES, provided the member continuously serves 3 years or more, the member will lose the "kicker" but will be paid at the 3 year or greater MGIB rate.

404. Benefits

a. Basic educational assistance MGIB.

(1) \$404.88/month for 36 months based on 2 years active duty followed by 4 years in the SELRES. Starting 1 October 1993, this applies if a member continues on active duty for 12 months or longer with no further service in the SELRES.

(2) \$328.97/month for 36 months based on an initial obligation of 2 years with no further extension of active duty, no further service in the SELRES, or the SELRES affiliation is terminated.

(3) Members separated for the COG after 20 months of active service who affiliate with the SELRES will be entitled to the 3-year or greater basic MGIB rate of \$404.88 with a reduced "kicker" for 36 months.

(4) Members separated for COG with less than 20 months active duty are not entitled to any basic MGIB benefit or "kicker."

(5) Members separated for a service-connected disability, hardship, reduction-in-force, or a pre-existing medical condition who do not meet the minimum time-in-service requirements are entitled to 1 month of basic educational assistance for each month of active duty served, up to a maximum of 36 months, at the 3-year MGIB rate with the "kicker" benefit.

(6) If the 4-year SELRES affiliation occurs within 1 year of separation, then the basic MGIB rate will be paid at the 3-year rate plus the "kicker" for 36 months.

b. The "kicker" is

(1) an additional \$222.22/month for 36 months or an \$8,000 total increase to the basic MGIB educational benefit.

(2) reduced for servicemembers discharged early from active duty for COG with at least 20 months of active duty.

c. NSCP participants are not eligible for MGIB-SR (chapter 1606) benefits because the current period of service establishes eligibility for active duty MGIB benefits. Upon completion of the current 4-year SELRES obligation, the member may be eligible to reenlist for a 6-year obligation in a TRC "A" drilling unit in exchange for 12 months of MGIB-SR benefits (see chapter 2).

d. The educational programs approved for MGIB benefits also apply to the NSCP.

CHAPTER 5
VOLUNTARY SEPARATION INCENTIVES/SPECIAL SEPARATION BENEFITS
(VSI/SSB) MGIB ENROLLMENT
(5 DECEMBER 1991 - PRESENT)

501. Background. Effective 5 December 1991, VSI/SSB participants were afforded the opportunity to enroll in the MGIB Program as described in chapter 1.

502. Eligibility

a. To qualify for MGIB benefits members must

(1) have been on active duty 5 December 1991.

(2) be separated with a VSI/SSB qualifying Separation Program Designator (SPD) code on or after 5 December 1991 with an "HONORABLE" character of service.

b. Categories of VSI/SSB members eligible for MGIB Program enrollment are those who

(1) initially disenrolled from the MGIB Program upon entering active duty (on or after 1 July 1985).

(2) entered active duty during the VEAP era (1 January 1977 through 30 June 1985).

(3) initially entered active duty prior to 1 January 1977 and did not meet the eligibility conversion from the VEGIB to the MGIB Program.

(4) do not have any benefit entitlements (e.g., Naval Academy or ROTC Scholarship graduates).

c. Members separated under Temporary Early Retirement Authority (TERA) are not eligible for enrollment in the MGIB Program.

503. Enrollment

a. COs/OICs will

(1) ensure the personnel office and disbursing office complete the proper VSI/SSB enrollment procedures prior to the member's separation.

(2) identify VSI/SSB participants who meet the eligibility criteria for MGIB Program enrollment and ensure all members document their enrollment election.

(3) have members electing MGIB Program enrollment sign a DD 2366. Add in the "Service Unique Education Assistance Option" block

"I am enrolling in the MGIB based on my voluntary separation under VSI/SSB and agree to make a \$1,200 dollar nonrefundable lump sum payment. I understand that my enrollment in MGIB is irrevocable and, if I previously contributed to VEAP, I must apply directly to the Department of Veterans Affairs (DVA) to receive a refund of my VEAP contributions."

(4) Direct member to the disbursing officer to deposit a lump sum payment of \$1,200.

(5) have members meeting the criteria for MGIB Program enrollment but electing not to enroll, sign in the "Statement of Disenrollment" block of DD 2366, with Service Unique Education Assistance Option block annotated:

"Although I fully understand that I am eligible for enrollment in the MGIB because of my voluntary separation under VSI/SSB, I elect not to enroll. I understand that my decision to decline is irrevocable."

(6) provide member with a copy of DD 2366 and distribute (per chapter 1) whether or not the member enrolls or declines the MGIB Program. The DD 2366 must be forwarded for inclusion in the member's official record at NAVPERSCOM (PERS-312).

(7) report MGIB enrollment code in the personnel system.

(8) enclose a copy of DD 1131 in the left hand side of the field service record (enlisted) when received from the disbursing officer.

(9) ensure member's educational levels are accurate prior to their separation. Correct discrepancies or current procedures. Counsel non-high school graduates that a high school diploma, its equivalency, or 12 college credits must be obtained before MGIB Program benefits are paid by the DVA. A NAVPERS 1070/613 entry is illustrated at figure 5-1 for documentation. The delimiting date for using the benefits will remain 10 years from date of separation.

b. Disbursing officers will process DD 1131 per current procedures. Provide the member and the member's command with a copy for inclusion into the field service record.

c. The member will

(1) assume responsibility to make the \$1,200 lump sum payment for enrollment in the MGIB Program.

(2) request a refund of any VEAP contributions, if applicable, from the DVA Regional Offices as listed in chapter 1, using VA 24-5281 (Rev. 8-98), Application for Refund of Educational Contributions.

(3) sign a DD 2366 electing or declining enrollment in the MGIB.

504. Items for Consideration

a. Members separated through VSI/SSB or involuntarily separated who elect MGIB Program enrollment do not become entitled to benefits until separated from active duty. The DVA will not pay "in-service" benefits.

b. Enrollment in the MGIB Program is irrevocable and contributions are non refundable.

c. Members are entitled to 1 month of full-time benefits at the 3-year or greater rate for each month served on active duty, up to 36 months.

d. Members who received benefits under VEAP or VEGIB Program and are enrolling in the MGIB Program cannot exceed 48 months of total entitlement. This is the maximum amount of benefit months combined under two or more Federally legislated

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education programs. For example, a member who used 12 months of VEAP or VEGIB will have 36 months of MGIB (12 + 36 does not exceed 48). A member who used 23 months of VEAP or VEGIB will have 25 months of MGIB (23 + 25 = 48).

e. Application for MGIB Program benefits is made directly to the DVA using VA 22-1990. Submit a copy of the member's DD 214 (Feb 2000), Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty, DD 1131, and DD 2366 with application.

NON-HIGH SCHOOL PAGE 13 EXAMPLE

PRE-SEPARATION COUNSELING
FOR NON-HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

I acknowledge that I do not have a high school diploma or its equivalency. I understand that I must acquire a high school equivalency certificate before any Montgomery GI Bill (MGIB) benefits are paid to me as outlined in BUPERSINST 1780.1A. I further understand that my MGIB benefits will expire 10 years from the date of my separation and that the \$1,200 I paid into the MGIB is nonrefundable.

Witnessing Official/Date

Servicemember/Date

Figure 5-1

CHAPTER 6
INVOLUNTARY SEPARATIONS (IVS) MGIB PROGRAM ENROLLMENT
(3 FEBRUARY 1991 - PRESENT)

601. Background. Per reference (d), certain members involuntarily separated after 2 February 1991, and on active duty on 30 September 1990, or on or after 30 November 1993, may enroll in the MGIB Program.

602. Eligibility

a. To qualify for MGIB Program benefits members must be involuntarily separated under other than adverse conditions with a qualifying Separation Program Designator (SPD) code after 2 February 1991 and have an "HONORABLE" Character of Service. (Members separated with a "GENERAL UNDER HONORABLE CONDITIONS" are NOT eligible). SPD codes and instructions on the DD 214 are contained in reference (f). Certain SPD codes are not eligible; call NAVPERSCOM (PERS-675) at 1-800-962-1425 prior to enrolling member under this chapter.

b. IVS members eligible for MGIB Program enrollment are those in the following categories:

(1) Initially disenrolled from the MGIB Program when first entered active duty on or after 1 July 1985; or, initially enrolled in the MGIB Program but did not meet the minimum time-in-service requirements.

(2) Entered active duty during the VEAP era (1 January 1977 through 30 June 1985).

(3) Initially entered active duty prior to 1 January 1977 and do not meet the eligibility conversion from the Vietnam Era GI Bill (VEGIB) to the MGIB Program.

(4) Do not have any benefit entitlements (e.g., Service Academy or NROTC Scholarship graduates).

c. Members who separate under TERA or Temporary/Permanent Disability Retirement List (TDRL/PDRL) are not eligible for MGIB Program enrollment.

603. Enrollment

a. COs/OICs will

(1) ensure the personnel office and disbursing office complete the proper enrollment procedures prior to the member's separation.

(2) identify IVS members who meet the eligibility criteria for MGIB Program enrollment and ensure all members document their enrollment election.

(3) have members electing MGIB enrollment sign a DD 2366. Place the following in the "Service Unique Education Assistance Options" block:

"I am enrolling in the MGIB based on my involuntary separation from the Navy. I must make a \$1,200 nonrefundable lump sum payment and understand that my enrollment in MGIB is irrevocable. If I previously contributed to VEAP, I must apply for a refund directly to the DVA."

(4) direct member to the disbursing officer to deposit a lump sum payment of \$1,200.

(5) have members who meet the criteria for MGIB enrollment, but elect not to enroll, sign in the "Statement of Disenrollment" block of DD 2366, with the Service Unique Education Assistance Option block annotated.

"Although I fully understand that I am eligible for enrollment in the MGIB because of my involuntary separation, I elect not to enroll. I understand that my decision to decline is irrevocable."

(6) provide member with a copy of DD 2366 and distribute (per chapter 1).

(7) report MGIB enrollment in the personnel system per current procedures upon verification of the \$1,200 payment from the disbursing officer.

(8) enclose a copy of DD 1131 in the left hand side of the field service record (enlisted) when received from the disbursing officer.

(9) ensure the member's educational level is accurately reported prior to separation. Correct discrepancies per current procedures. Counsel non-high school graduates that a high school diploma, or its equivalency, or 12 college credits must be obtained before any MGIB benefits can be paid. A NAVPERS 1070/613 entry is illustrated at figure 5-1.

(10) ensure member understands the delimiting date for using the MGIB is 10 years from date of separation.

b. Disbursing Officers will process DD 1131, per current procedures. Provide the member and the member's command with a copy for inclusion into the member's field service record (enlisted).

c. The member will

(1) pay the full \$1,200 lump sum payment required for enrollment in the MGIB Program, even if less than 12 months of active duty were served. Note: If member enrolled upon initial entry onto active duty and is then involuntarily separated with a qualifying SPD code with less than 12 months of service, they are not required to pay the full \$1,200.

(2) request a refund of VEAP contributions if enrolled in VEAP, from DVA Regional Office listed in chapter 1, using VA 24-5281.

(3) sign a DD 2366 electing or declining enrollment in the MGIB Program.

604. Items for Consideration

a. Members electing the MGIB Program enrollment do not become entitled to MGIB benefits until separated from active duty. The DVA will not pay "in-service" benefits.

b. Enrollment in the MGIB Program is irrevocable and contributions are not refundable.

c. Members are entitled to 1 month of full-time benefits at the 3-year or greater rate for each month served on active duty, up to 36 months.

d. Members who received benefits under VEAP or VEGIB and are enrolling in the MGIB Program cannot exceed 48 months of total entitlement. This is the maximum amount of benefit months combined under two or more Federally legislated education programs. For example, a member who used 10 months of VEAP or VEGIB will have 36 months of MGIB (10 + 36 does not exceed 48). A member who used 20 months of VEAP or VEGIB will have 28 months of MGIB (20 + 28 = 48).

e. Application for MGIB Program benefits is made directly to the DVA using VA 22-1990. A copy of DD 214, DD 1131, and DD 2366 should also be submitted.

f. Separated members who believe they might have been eligible but were not enrolled in the MGIB Program, must contact an MGIB Customer Service Representative at NAVPERSCOM (PERS-675) 1-800-962-1425 for determination of their status.

CHAPTER 7
VIETNAM ERA CONVERSION TO THE MGIB (34/30)
(1 JANUARY 1990 - PRESENT)

701. Background. Opportunity to draw educational benefits from the VEGIB Program ended on 31 December 1989. On 1 January 1990 eligible Vietnam Era members were converted automatically from the VEGIB Program to the MGIB Program.

702. Eligibility

a. As of 31 December 1989, a member had to have remaining entitlement for educational assistance under VEGIB Program.

b. Members must meet one of the following two requirements:

(1) Member was on active duty anytime between 19 October 1984 and 1 July 1985 and served continuously from that date to 30 June 1988; or 30 June 1987 followed by 4 years in the SELRES. (To qualify for benefits under this section, a member must have affiliated with the SELRES within 1 year of separation from active duty.)

(2) Member was not on active duty on 19 October 1984 and served 3 continuous years on active duty after 1 July 1985 or discharged or released from active duty for

(a) a service-connected disability.

(b) a medical condition which pre-existed such service on active duty in which the Secretary determines is not service-connected.

(c) hardship or for a physical or mental condition that was not characterized as a disability.

(d) for COG if the individual completed not less than 30 months of continuous active duty after that date.

(e) involuntarily for convenience of the government as a result of a reduction in force.

c. Members must have completed the requirements for a secondary school diploma or an equivalency certificate by 31

December 1989. Individuals may meet the requirement at any time by completing 12 credit hours leading to a standard college degree.

d. The character of service for members separated from Navy must be "HONORABLE". (This does not include a "GENERAL UNDER HONORABLE CONDITIONS").

e. NROTC scholarship and USNA graduates commissioned on or after 1 January 1977 are not eligible for the conversion.

703. Benefits

a. The maximum amount of educational assistance that can be converted to the MGIB Program is 36 months.

b. If an individual previously used VEGIB Program benefits, the combined amount of benefits under both the VEGIB and the MGIB cannot exceed 48 months. For example, if a member used 20 VEGIB months, the amount converted to the MGIB is 28 months.

c. The amount and number of months of educational assistance under the MGIB Program is directly related to remaining entitlement from the VEGIB Program.

(1) VEGIB eligible personnel who converted to the MGIB Program are eligible for benefits at an enhanced rate. The enhanced rate is higher than the basic MGIB rate. Rates can be found on the DVA website at www.gibill.va.gov.

(2) The number of months for which the enhanced rate is payable may not be more than the months of entitlement the individual had remaining under the VEGIB Program as of 31 December 1989, or 36 months, whichever is less.

(3) If an individual has used all 45 months of entitlement under the VEGIB Program prior to 1 January 1990, there is no remaining entitlement to convert to the MGIB.

e. A servicemember discharged for a service-connected disability, pre-existing medical condition, hardship, or reduction in authorized strength as determined by SECNAV, is entitled to 1 month of educational assistance for each full month of active duty served after 30 June 1985. For example, a

member discharged with 20 months and 15 days after 30 June 1985 is entitled to convert 20 months of benefits.

f. A servicemember discharged for COG is eligible for benefits only if the member completes a minimum of 30 months of active duty after 30 June 1985. An individual who meets this requirement is entitled to a maximum of 36 months of benefits.

g. Active duty eligibles may use their benefits "in-service."

h. Application for benefits, whether in-service or post-service, is made to DVA by completing VA 22-1990.

704. Delimiting Date

a. The delimiting date is normally 10 years from the date of the member's last discharge or release from active duty. The delimiting date may be extended if the member was prevented from enrolling in any educational program during the original 10-year period (e.g., disability, held by a foreign government, missing-in-action).

b. If the veteran's character of service at the time of discharge or release from active duty is not "HONORABLE", but is later upgraded to "HONORABLE", the 10-year period begins on the date the discharge was upgraded.

c. Under this program, DVA will reduce the 10-year delimiting date by the time the individual was not on active duty during the period from 1 January 1977 to 30 June 1985.

CHAPTER 8
VETERANS' EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (VEAP)
(1 JANUARY 1977 - 30 JUNE 1985)

801. Background. VEAP provides educational assistance to those persons who initially entered the armed forces after 31 December 1976 and before 1 July 1985. VEAP was a voluntary contributory matching program. A member's contribution is matched by the government on a two-for-one basis. Members who initially entered active duty during the above period must have enrolled and participated (contributed) before 1 April 1987. Federal law prohibits new enrollments after 31 March 1987.

802. Eligibility for Enrollment

a. Initially entered active duty between 1 January 1977 and 30 June 1985.

b. Did not have eligibility under the VEGIB Program or the MGIB Program due to the Delayed Enlistment Program (DEP).

(1) Members who enlisted prior to 1 January 1977, and as a result of such enlistment, commenced active duty after 1 January 1977, but before 2 January 1978, were eligible for the VEGIB Program.

(2) Members who enlisted prior to 1 July 1985, as a result of such enlistment, initially entered active duty on or after 1 July 1985, are eligible for the MGIB Program.

803. Participation in VEAP

a. Members electing VEAP enrollment, became participants by

(1) initiating a VEAP allotment authorization through their local disbursing office by 30 June 1985 or during the open period (28 October 1986 through 31 March 1987).

(2) contributing to their VEAP account either by allotment or lump-sum payment while on active duty.

b. Each individual who agreed to participate in VEAP must do so for a minimum period of 12 consecutive months, unless they

- (1) are allowed to disenroll for hardship reasons.
- (2) are permitted to suspend participation for hardship reasons.
- (3) are discharged or released from active duty.
- (4) otherwise cease to be legally eligible to participate.
- (5) elect to make a lump-sum contribution which, when taken together with all contributions, equal 12 months of contributions.

c. A participant may suspend contributions, temporarily or permanently, for any reason after 12 consecutive months of contribution by stopping their VEAP allotment. Suspension does not close a VEAP account.

804. Contributions

a. A participant may contribute for the number of months required to reach a total contribution of \$2,700 which is the maximum contribution. Participants may contribute by monthly allotment of at least \$25 but not more than \$100. The contribution must be evenly divisible by five. Participants may contribute by lump-sum payment in addition to or instead of monthly allotment.

b. Once the participant has contributed the maximum of \$2,700, no further contributions need to be made unless the member's contributions are refunded. Once the participant begins to draw benefits, additional contributions cannot be made to replace what has been drawn.

c. A single lump-sum payment must meet the dual requirements of 12 continuous months participation and a minimum of \$300 (\$25 per month for 12 months). A lesser lump-sum payment can be accepted if it meets the two minimum requirements when taken with other contributions the participant may have made or may agree to make. For example

- (1) if the participant previously contributed by allotment for 7 months, then a lump sum payment must be

designated for an additional 5 months, immediately preceding or succeeding the allotments already made in order to satisfy the 12-month requirement.

(2) if members have completed the first obligated period of active duty and plan to draw in-service VEAP benefits, a lump-sum payment of \$300 (designated at \$100 per month) could be made and an allotment started to show intent to meet the 12-month requirement. If this were done, benefits could be drawn in-service even while allotment deductions were being taken monthly.

d. Processing a lump-sum payment can take approximately 60-90 days. Participants being discharged who plan to use their benefits immediately, should be counseled accordingly.

e. A participant's VEAP account remains open, even if their contributions were refunded and the account has a zero balance. Broken service does not close a VEAP account. Participants can re-contribute to their VEAP account any time while on active duty for 90 continuous days. The account is only closed by the 10-year delimiting date (providing all eligibility requirements are met) or converting to the MGIB Program by way of qualifying involuntary separation, special voluntary separation or conversion opportunities.

805. Entitlements

a. Entitlement based on monthly contributions

(1) Months of entitlement are based on the number of months the participant contributed rather than on the length of service. One month of entitlement is credited for each month the participant contributes, up to a maximum of 36 months. Although contributions can be made during as many as 108 months, entitlement cannot exceed 36 months.

(2) The dollar amount of entitlement is based on the total amount of money contributed by the participant and government matching funds at the rate of \$2 for every \$1 contributed by the participant.

Example: A participant contributes \$50 per month for 12 month for a total of \$600 in participant contributions:

Months of entitlement = 12
Dollars of entitlement = \$ 600 participant contributions
+ \$1,200 government matching funds
\$1,800

b. Entitlement based on lump-sum contributions. If a participant elects to make a lump-sum contribution, DVA will credit the participant with 1 month of entitlement for:

(1) every \$100 included in the lump-sum.

(2) every amount included in the lump-sum which

(a) is at least \$25 but no more than \$100.

(b) is evenly divisible by five.

(c) is specifically designated by the participant at the time of contribution.

c. Entitlement based on both monthly and lump-sum contributions. If the participant makes both monthly and lump-sum contributions, DVA will

(1) compute the entitlement due to each type of contribution separately as shown in subparagraphs a and b above.

(2) combine the result of the computations to determine the participant's total entitlement.

Example: A participant contributes \$50 per month for 12 months for a total of \$600 in participant contributions. The participant also makes a lump-sum contribution of \$2,100. The lump-sum contribution of \$2,100 is equivalent to 21 months of contributions at \$100 per month.

Months of entitlement = 12
Dollars of entitlement = \$ 600 participant contributions
+ \$1,200 government matching funds
\$1,800

Months of entitlement = 21
Dollars of entitlement = \$2,100 participant lump-sum contribution
+\$4,200 government matching funds
\$6,300

Months of entitlement = 33
Dollars of entitlement = \$1,800 total based on monthly
contributions
+\$6,300 based on contributions
\$8,100

806. Benefits

a. The government matches the participant's VEAP contribution on a two-for-one basis. With the participant's maximum contribution of \$2,700 and the government's maximum matching contribution of \$5,400 the maximum entitlement is \$8,100. The maximum monthly benefit payment a participant may draw is \$300 for full-time school enrollment based on a \$100 per month contribution.

b. VEAP benefits may be used only for DVA-approved training. Information on authorized education programs/schools and benefit rates for various types of training may be obtained from DVA by telephone at 1-888-442-4551 or on their website www.gibill.va.gov.

c. To retain eligibility to VEAP benefits upon discharge or release from active duty, the participant's Character of Service must be anything other than "DISHONORABLE."

d. Participants, both active duty and veterans, may use their VEAP benefits by applying to the DVA using VA 22-1990. See chapter 1, sections 110c(1) - (5) for the appropriate mailing addresses or apply on-line using the DVA website.

807. Refunds

a. Only the balance of a participant's personal contributions can be refunded. No interest is included.

b. Whenever a refund is made, any unused contributions by the armed service will be returned to the service.

c. Upon the death of a participant, survivors can receive the participant's unused contributions. This will be paid to the person(s) first listed below.

(1) Beneficiary or beneficiaries designated by the member in their SGLI policy.

(2) Surviving spouse.

(3) Surviving child or children in equal shares.

(4) Surviving parent or parents in equal shares.

(5) If none of the above applies, the unused VEAP contributions will be paid to the participant's estate. To claim a refund, a letter must be submitted to DVA accompanied by a DD 1300 (for death on active duty) or a certified death certificate (for death not on active duty).

d. If on active duty, participants must initiate requests for a refund through personnel/disbursing officer to DVA by completing VA 24-5281.

(1) The disbursing officer will complete part II, items 11-13 of VA 24-5281. The date the last VEAP allotment was withheld from the participant's pay must be annotated. The participant's allotment will be stopped. The disbursing office will return the entire form intact to the personnel officer for distribution.

(2) The personnel officer must forward the original VA 24-5281 to the appropriate DVA Regional Processing Office (RPO) (see chapter 1, sections 110c(1) - (5)).

e. If not on active duty, the member may go to a DVA RPO, call them at 1-888-442-4551 or use their website.

808. Delimiting Date

a. Participants have 10 years after their last date of release/discharge from active duty to use VEAP benefits. At the end of the 10-year timeframe, participants are automatically disenrolled and any unused portion of their contributions will be refunded using their last known address.

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b. If a participant returns to active duty for 90 continuous days or longer within the initial 10 years, a new 10-year delimiting date will be established when they again separate from active duty.

c. In cases where a veteran who participated in VEAP is prevented from going to school because of a disability, the delimiting date may be extended. Only the DVA can grant a delimiting date extension.

CHAPTER 9
VIETNAM ERA GI BILL (VEGIB) PROGRAM
(1 FEBRUARY 1955 - 31 DECEMBER 1989)

901. Background. The VEGIB Program was available to eligible members who served in the military between 1 February 1955 and 31 December 1976. This program is no longer active. Eligible VEGIB members have been converted to and will receive benefits under the MGIB Program.

902. Responsibilities

a. NAVPERSCOM (PERS-675) serves as the program manager, and maintains liaison with the DVA regarding any policy or legislative action affecting VEGIB.

b. Navy College education specialists, command educational services officers (ESOs), and command career counselors (CCCs) should be familiar with this instruction and provide basic information to members as necessary.

903. Eligibility

a. Members must have entered active duty after 31 January 1955 and prior to 1 January 1977; or, contracted with the armed forces in a DEP prior to 1 January 1977 that resulted in service on active duty commencing on or after 1 January 1977 but before 2 January 1978.

b. Members must have served a continuous period of

(1) 181 or more days of active duty, any part of which began after 31 January 1955 and before 1 January 1977.

(2) 181 or more days of active duty which began on or after 1 January 1977 and before 2 January 1978, provided that the member contracted for this period of service under a DEP before 1 January 1977.

(3) 181 or more days of Active Duty for Training (ACDUTRA) which began after 31 January 1955 and before 1 January 1977, provided that the individual later served on active duty for at least 12 continuous months. A member in this category may have made a one-time irrevocable decision to elect VEAP

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benefits under reference (b) if such eligibility was more advantageous.

904. Delimiting date. The VEGIB Program was terminated on 31 December 1989. Members meeting eligibility criteria with remaining VEGIB entitlement on 1 January 1990 were converted to the MGIB automatically. Details are contained in chapter 7.

CHAPTER 10
EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE TEST PROGRAM (EATP)
(1 DECEMBER 1980 - 30 SEPTEMBER 1982)

1001. Background. Reference (c) authorized implementation of the EATP from 1 December 1980 through 30 September 1981 for selected enlisted personnel. The EATP consisted of three sections: P.L. 96-342, sections 901, 902 and 903 (10 U.S.C., chapter 7).

1002. Responsibilities

a. NAVPERSCOM (PERS-675)

(1) establishes overall Navy policy for EATP.

(2) serves as resource sponsor and program manager.

(3) transfers funds to the DVA and provides management of payments associated with sections 901 (cash-out) and 902 (loan repayment).

(4) ensures personnel data is transferred to the DVA.

b. Navy College education specialists, command ESOs, and CCCs must be able to provide basic information on this program to personnel.

1003. Section 901, Phase 1

a. Eligibility

(1) All known eligibles have been reported to the DVA.

(2) Personnel uncertain of their eligibility for EATP benefits should forward a letter, stating section 901, phase 1 qualifications with a copy of DD 4/1 and a copy of DD 1966/1 (JAN 2001), Record of Military Processing Armed Forces of the United States, via their CO to NAVPERSCOM (PERS-675).

b. Servicemembers were disenrolled from the program and forfeited all benefits if, during the qualifying enlistment, they were

(1) discharged or released from active duty before completing 24 continuous months of service.

(2) discharged from active duty with an "OTHER THAN HONORABLE" discharge.

(3) forced to change rating or were dropped from the nuclear power field due to their misconduct.

c. Benefits

(1) Educational assistance of up to \$1,200 for a standard 9-month academic year for each year of enlistment, for no more than 4 years.

(2) Expenses for which payments may be made include: tuition, fees, books, laboratory, and shop fees for consumable materials used as part of classroom or laboratory instruction.

(3) Benefits accrued under section 901 of the EATP can only be used while the member is enrolled at an accredited institution. Further information on authorized education programs may be obtained from the DVA.

(4) In addition to educational assistance, Veterans are entitled to a subsistence allowance of \$300 per month for full-time enrollment, and \$150 per month for other than full-time enrollment. Entitlement may not exceed 9 months for each year of active duty served up to a maximum of 36 academic months. Allowance is received only during the period of actual class attendance/enrollment.

(5) Servicemembers who were dropped from EATP, section 901, were eligible to participate in VEAP if they so desired.

d. Option upon First Reenlistment

(1) Cash-out. A lump sum payment equal to 60 percent of the sum of the educational assistance and the subsistence allowance, less those benefits drawn in service, was available only once and had to be elected upon the first reenlistment. Subsequent reenlistments do not qualify. Future educational benefits from the EATP are relinquished once the cash-out option is taken.

(2) Transfer to dependents. At any time after the first reenlistment the member may choose to transfer all or any part of section 901 benefits to a spouse or dependent child. This provision may be revised or revoked by the servicemember at any time; however,

(a) transferred benefits can be used by only one person at a time; however, the member may choose to transfer benefits to other qualified family members.

(b) if a servicemember dies before electing transfer of benefits, unused benefits are automatically transferred to the spouse or, if there is no surviving spouse, to the dependent children in equal shares. A surviving spouse may elect to transfer these benefits to the dependent children.

(c) the total amount of benefits due to a servicemember's spouse or dependent children may not exceed the benefits that were due to the servicemember alone.

(3) If a member reenlisted early and changed status by accepting a commission in the United States Navy, prior to completion of the original enlistment upon which entitlement was based, both the cash out option and transferability were lost.

e. Procedures. Application for benefits, whether in-service or post-service, is made through the DVA liaison or the Financial Aid Office at the educational institution to be attended. VA 22-8889 (4/01), Application for Educational Assistance Test Program Benefits, will be used in applying for EATP benefits. All completed applications are processed by the DVA regional office at 1400 North Valley Mills Drive, Waco, TX 76799.

f. Delimiting date. A 10-year delimiting date following date of last discharge or release from active duty was established for veterans to use EATP benefits. In the case of a servicemember who died while on active duty and whose entitlement was transferred to a spouse or dependent child, such entitlement expires at the end of the 10-year period beginning on the date of the member's death.

1004. Section 901, Phase 2

a. Eligibility. To establish eligibility for this program members must have

(1) completed a minimum of 6 years of active duty.

(2) reenlisted for the second time; i.e., the third enlistment contract, even if from prior service in another military service, or with broken service.

(3) reenlisted for 6 years during the period 1 April 1981 through 30 September 1981.

(a) Servicemembers who reenlisted for 3, 4, or 5 years during this period could amend their second reenlistment contract by appeal to the Board for Correction of Naval Records (BCNR).

(b) Personnel who reenlisted in EATP eligible ratings, who were eligible for the Selected Reenlistment Bonus (SRB) at the time of reenlistment, and who had their contracts adjusted via the BCNR to reflect a 6-year reenlistment to qualify for EATP, may have had their SRB entitlement recomputed to include the additional obligated service.

(4) a high school diploma or a GED certificate.

(5) served in or converted to one of the following ratings: Electronics Warfare Technician, Aviation Electronics Technician, Engineman, or Fire Control Technician (EW, AT, EN, or FT).

(6) waived entitlement to any existing VEGIB education benefits.

b. Identification of eligibles

(1) EATP eligibles were reported to the DVA.

(2) Personnel uncertain of their eligibility should

(a) apply by letter, stating their section 901 qualifications.

(b) forward the letter with a copy of NAVPERS 1070/601 (Rev. 01-00), Immediate Reenlistment Contract, via their CO to NAVPERSCOM (PERS-675). The letter must contain, as an enclosure, the following statement:

"In order to establish my eligibility for educational benefits provided by section 901 (10 U.S.C., chapter 107), I hereby waive any entitlement I may have under the GI Bill (Veterans Educational Assistance, 38 U.S.C., chapter 34). I understand that this waiver is permanent and may not be withdrawn unless I become disqualified for the EATP."

(c) provide member's full name, rate, SSN, and military address must be typed or printed below the statement marked "For Official Use Only", accompanied by the member's signature. The statement must be witnessed and signed by a commissioned officer on active duty whose name, rank, and title must also be typed or printed below the statement.

c. A servicemember will be automatically disenrolled from the program and forfeit all benefits if they are

(1) discharged or released from active duty before completing 24 continuous months of service on the qualifying reenlistment.

(2) discharged from active duty on the qualifying reenlistment with other than an "HONORABLE" discharge.

(3) forced to change rating due to past or present misconduct, the result of which is disciplinary or adverse administrative action/loss of security clearance.

d. Benefits

(1) The educational benefits maximum is \$1,200 for a 9-month academic year, up to and including 4 years.

(a) Benefits can be used for tuition, fees, books, laboratory, and shop fees for consumable materials used as part of classroom or laboratory instruction.

(b) Benefits accrued under section 901 of the EATP can only be utilized while enrolled at an accredited institution.

(2) In addition to educational assistance, veterans are entitled to a subsistence allowance of \$300 per month for full-time training, and \$150 per month for less than full-time training. Allowances may only be received during the period of actual class attendance/enrollment. Entitlement may not exceed 9 months for each year of active duty served up to a maximum of 36 months.

(3) In-service benefits are available after 2 years of active duty service; however, the subsistence allowance cannot be given to a member still on active duty.

(4) Transfer to dependents: Members can transfer all or part of their benefits to a spouse or dependent child when 4 years of active service is completed (it must be done on the date of reenlistment). However, the member may choose to transfer benefits to other qualified family members.

(a) Benefits that are transferred may be utilized by only one person at a time.

(b) If a member dies before transferring benefits, any unused benefits are automatically transferred to the spouse or, if there is no surviving spouse, to dependent children in equal shares. A surviving spouse can transfer these benefits to dependent children.

(c) The total amount of benefits a servicemember's spouse or dependent children can have may not exceed the benefits that were available to the member alone.

(5) Upon reenlistment, at the end of the reenlistment period which established entitlement to section 901 benefits, members can decide to receive a lump sum payment, equal to 60 percent of the sum of the educational assistance and the subsistence allowance they have left.

(a) This option is available only once and may be chosen only upon the third reenlistment (fourth enlistment contract). Subsequent reenlistments do not qualify.

(b) If the cash-out option is taken, no further EATP benefits are provided.

(c) If educational benefits have been used in service, the subsistence allowance is considered used for the same number of months (even though not actually received).

(d) Members must apply for the 60 percent cash-out lump sum option within 30 days of completion of:

1. the qualifying reenlistment upon which entitlement is based.

2. the subsequent reenlistment.

(6) If a servicemember reenlists early and changes status by accepting a commission in the United States Navy prior to completion of the reenlistment upon which entitlement is based

(a) any entitlement to a lump sum cash-out is forfeited.

(b) benefits continue to accrue until the member's status changes. Once the member's status has changed they may use the benefit accrued but no additional benefits will be awarded.

(c) transferability is only forfeited if the member's status changes before completion of 4 years on the second reenlistment.

(7) All rights to existing VEGIB Program education benefits are waived if the member is in the EATP.

(a) Eligibility for the EATP is forfeited if any portion of VEGIB Program education benefits were used since 1 April 1981.

(b) Any payments made under section 901 of the EATP will be considered an overpayment and recouped if VEGIB Program benefits were already received.

e. Benefit procedures

(1) Application for benefits is made through a DVA office liaison or the Financial Aid Office at the educational institution to be attended. Use VA 22-8889 in applying for benefits. Applications are processed at

Veterans Affairs Regional Office
1400 North Valley Mills Drive
Waco, TX 76799

f. Delimiting date. Members have 10 years to use benefits. This period commences on the last discharge or release date from active duty. In the case of a member who dies while on active duty and whose entitlement has been transferred to a spouse or dependent child, such entitlement expires 10 years after the date of the member's death.

1005. Section 902

a. Eligibility. To establish eligibility for this program members must have

(1) a high school diploma (GED or other test-based equivalency is not acceptable).

(2) achieved an AFQT score of 50 or higher.

(3) be a non-prior service enlistee for whom a Personalized Recruiting for Immediate and Delayed Enlistment (PRIDE) reservation is made for an active duty program or active duty for training program (Ready Mariner) in one of the following ratings or fields of ratings: STS/STG, CTT/CTR/CTI, TM, RM, SM, or Nuclear Field EM, IC, ET, MM.

(4) enlisted or contracted under a DEP agreement through any Military Entrance Processing Station (MEPS) during the period 1 December 1980 through 30 September 1981 and entered on active duty before 1 October 1982.

b. Identification of eligibles

(1) Known eligibles have already had qualifying student loans repaid.

(2) Personnel who were enlisted under section 902 of the EATP, but whose loans have not yet been repaid, should make application by letter addressed to NAVPERSCOM (PERS-675), stating their section 902 qualifications.

c. Benefits

(1) Navy will repay a designated portion of any loan made, ensured, or guaranteed under part B of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (Guaranteed Student Loans) or any loan made under part E of such Act (National Direct Student Loans), after 1 October 1975. (Any loan made or incurred by the servicemember, except those mentioned above, will not be repaid by Navy.)

(2) Loan must have been made after 1 October 1975 and before entering on active duty.

1006. Section 903 (Noncontributory VEAP)

a. Eligibility. To establish eligibility for this program members must have

(1) a high school diploma. (GED or other test-based equivalency is not acceptable.)

(2) achieved an AFQT score of 50 or higher.

(3) enlisted in one of the following ratings: STS/STG, CTT/CTR/CTI, TM, RM, SM or Nuclear Field EM, IC, ET, MM.

(4) enlisted in a DEP or directly on active duty at one of the following MEPS: Charlotte, NC; Raleigh, NC; Fort Jackson, SC; Detroit, MI; Milwaukee, WI; Albuquerque, NM; Amarillo, TX; San Antonio, TX; Oklahoma City, OK; or, Portland, OR.

(5) enlisted or contracted under a DEP agreement during the period 1 December 1980 through 30 September 1981 and entered active duty before 1 October 1982.

b. Identification of eligibles

(1) Known eligibles identified as EATP participants have been reported to the DVA so that benefit payments can be made.

(2) Personnel uncertain of their eligibility should:

(a) make application by letter stating their section 903 qualifications.

(b) forward the letter with a copy of the DD 4/1 and a copy of DD 1966/1 via their chain of command to NAVPERSCOM (PERS-675).

c. A servicemember will be automatically disenrolled from the program and forfeit all benefits if they are:

(1) discharged or released from active duty before completing 24 continuous months of the qualifying enlistment.

(2) discharged from active duty on this enlistment with less than an honorable or general discharge.

(3) forced to change rating or are dropped from the nuclear field due to past or present misconduct, the result of which is disciplinary or adverse administrative action/loss of security clearance.

d. Benefits

(1) Navy will deposit into the servicemember's VEAP account the designated amount of \$75 for each month of active enlisted duty served on the qualifying enlistment (up to a maximum of \$2,700).

(2) Additionally, Navy provides matching funds of \$2 for each \$1 (up to a maximum of \$5,400). The maximum amount is \$8,100. The monthly benefit for full-time training is \$225 per month for 36 months, prorated if attending school less than full-time.

(3) No in-service benefits may be drawn until completion of the first term of obligated service.

(4) Servicemembers with less than 24 consecutive months of active enlisted service forfeit all benefits. Benefits will

begin to accrue after 24 months and will continue to accrue until the servicemember is released from active duty up to a maximum of 36 months. For example, if the servicemember is released from active duty after 25 months, entitlement is 25 months at \$225 per month for full-time training.

(5) Benefits accrued under section 903 (Noncontributory VEAP) may be used for the same education programs authorized under VEAP. Payment for apprenticeship, on-the-job training and cooperative programs is authorized only for those separated from active duty.

(6) Members are not eligible to contribute to the VEAP. Any contributions made by the member to the VEAP will be refunded without interest. Servicemembers who are dropped from noncontributory VEAP immediately becomes eligible to participate in the contributory VEAP should they so desire.

e. Use of Benefits

(1) Active duty participants may use their EATP entitlement in-service if they

(a) complete their first obligated period of active duty.

(b) did not change rating or drop from the nuclear power field during the qualifying enlistment due to malfeasance or misconduct.

(2) Participants in various Navy education programs

(a) EEAP, Enlisted Commissioning Program (ECP), NROTC, and Nuclear Power Officer Candidate (NUPOC) participants are eligible for in-service use of EATP benefits if they are section 903 qualified.

(b) EATP benefits may not be used during attendance at the USNA. Noncontributory VEAP benefits may be used upon completion of the USNA if they are section 903 qualified.

(3) Eligible Navy veterans may use noncontributory VEAP benefits for approved education programs provided they

(a) served a minimum of 24 continuous months on the enlistment which is the basis for entitlement.

(b) did not change rating, lose their security clearance or drop from the nuclear power field during the qualifying enlistment.

(c) were separated from active duty under an honorable or general discharge.

f. Procedures

(1) Application for benefits, whether in-service or post-service, is made through the DVA by completing VA 22-1990 and VA 22-1999. These forms will then be sent to the nearest DVA regional office for processing.

(2) Benefits will be paid at the rate of \$225 per month for full-time training, for a maximum of 36 months, prorated if attending school less than full-time. For example, an individual entitled to \$225 per month for full-time study would receive one half of \$225 or \$112.50 per month if taking one-half of the number of credits required for full-time status, which may vary at each institution.

(3) There are no refunds allowed under section 903 (Noncontributory VEAP) since all monies in the account are paid by Navy. Any unused benefit will be forfeited.

g. Delimiting Date. A 10-year delimiting date following the date of last discharge or release from active duty is established for veterans to use Noncontributory VEAP benefits. At the end of this time, the veteran will be automatically disenrolled.

CHAPTER 11
OTHER EDUCATIONAL BENEFIT PROGRAMS

1101. Background. This chapter reviews various educational benefits that are solely paid for, managed and operated by the DVA: Vocational Rehabilitation, Survivors' and Dependents' Education, Work-Study Allowance, and the Reserve Stipend Award. These programs are included in this instruction for information purposes only. Additional information on these programs is available on the DVA website www.gibill.va.gov. For applications regarding these programs, contact the DVA at 1-888-442-4451.

1102. Vocational Rehabilitation

a. Eligibility

(1) If veterans have a service-connected disability which commenced on or after 16 September 1940, were discharged with other than a "DISHONORABLE" character of service, and are entitled to 10 percent or more disability compensation from the DVA, they may be eligible for benefits under 38 U.S.C., chapter 31.

(2) The DVA assesses whether or not veterans can overcome an impairment and thus become independent and obtain employment which is consistent with their abilities, physical capabilities, and aptitudes.

b. Disabled veterans usually receive assistance for up to 48 months of full-time training at a college-level institution, trade, business, technical school, on-the-job training, farm, apprenticeship training, or combination of training programs. In some cases, the DVA may approve more than 48 months of assistance.

1103. Survivors' and Dependents' Education Assistance (DEA) Programs

a. Eligibility. Paid to spouse or children of

(1) veterans who died or were permanently and totally disabled as a result of active service.

(2) veterans who died from any cause while rated permanently and totally disabled from service-connected causes.

(3) servicemembers who are missing in action or captured in line of duty, and are currently being held by a hostile force.

(4) servicemembers who are currently being forcibly detained or interred in the line of duty by a foreign government or power.

b. Benefits are provided as monthly payments for full-time enrollment up to 45 months at DVA approved institutions.

1104. Work-Study Allowance

a. Eligibility. Students must be enrolled full-time or three-fourths time in a DVA approved school under the MGIB, MGIB-SR, VEAP, Vocational Rehabilitation, or DEA Programs.

b. Benefits

(1) The DVA will pay the same rate as the Federal hourly minimum wage or the applicable State minimum wage, whichever is greater. Income is not taxed by the Federal government.

(2) Total number of work-study hours cannot exceed 25 times the number of weeks in a student's enrollment period. For example, school term is 16 weeks. The student may work 25 hours per week for 16 weeks.

(3) Students may work during or between courses.

c. Type of Work

(1) Work-study must be VA-related (e.g., DVA Regional Offices, DVA Medical Centers, DVA Offices of the National Cemetery System).

(2) MGIB-SR participants may be assigned to DOD facilities, Reserve Centers, and other armed forces activities to provide services relating to the administration of MGIB-SR, chapter 1606 program.

APPENDIX A
MONTGOMERY GI BILL (MGIB) RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Responsibilities

a. NAVPERSCOM (PERS-675) will

- (1) establish overall Navy policy on the MGIB Program.
- (2) serve as resource sponsor and determine requirements necessary for MGIB implementation for the active and reserve components.
- (3) serve as Navy program manager for the MGIB Programs.
- (4) maintain liaison with the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Force Management and Personnel) (ASD (FM&P)), the Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Manpower and Reserve Affairs) (ASN (M&RA)), and the other military services in DOD to coordinate policy consistent with references (a) through (g).
- (5) maintain liaison with the Defense Manpower Data Center (DMDC) concerning transfer and collection of MGIB Program data from Navy to DVA.
- (6) maintain liaison with the DVA in reference to their regulations affecting the MGIB Programs.
- (7) administer implementation of the MGIB Program.
- (8) monitor MGIB Program congressional activity.
- (9) serve as Navy's point of contact on Government Accounting Office (GAO) investigations and internal Navy audits on the MGIB Program.
- (10) establish a system for transferring eligibility and recoupment data to DFAS.
- (11) establish a system to report statistical and other data as necessary.

(12) ensure procedures establishing briefings for all officer and enlisted personnel entering Navy (both active and reserve) are accurate.

(13) serve as major claimant for NSCP.

(14) make assist visits and periodically assess how well members are informed about the MGIB Program.

b. Commander, Naval Education and Training Command (CNETC) will ensure servicemembers processed through the Recruit Training Command (RTC), NROTC program, OCS, AOCS, and OIS are briefed on either the active duty or SELRES provisions of the MGIB as outlined in this instruction.

c. Commander, Naval Reserve Forces Command (COMNAVRESFORCOM) will

(1) act as major claimant for the SELRES MGIB-SR.

(2) serve as the MGIB-SR operational program manager.

(3) ensure subordinate commands advise all Reserve Force accessions of their potential benefits under the MGIB-SR.

(4) ensure DD 2384-1 forms are completed accurately and distributed properly.

(5) establish criteria for waiving or reducing recoupment of MGIB-SR benefits.

(6) serve as the operational program manager for NSCP during the SELRES obligation period and develop data necessary to track NSCP participants.

(7) ensure MGIB-SR directives are approved before implementation by NAVPERSCOM (PERS-675).

d. Director, Defense Finance and Accounting Service (DFAS) - Cleveland will

(1) establish and maintain a system for reducing pay for members participating in the MGIB Program.

(2) establish and maintain a system to notify DMDC of a member's pay reductions.

(3) establish procedures to transfer MGIB monies to the U.S. Treasury.

(4) provide MGIB data as requested.

e. Superintendent, United States Naval Academy (USNA), will ensure graduates who have not previously established MGIB eligibility are counseled and DD 2366 forms are signed concerning ineligibility for the MGIB Program.

f. Commander, Navy Recruiting Command (COMNAVCRUITCOM) will ensure COs or OICs of recruiting districts or other units processing entrants for active duty, provide information on the MGIB Program to incoming active and reserve personnel.

g. Commander, Naval Reserve Recruiting Command (COMNAVRESCRUITCOM) will ensure COs or OICs of recruiting districts or other units processing entrants to Navy Reserve, provide information on the MGIB-SR to new accessions.

h. COs or OICs will

(1) ensure CCCs keep all personnel in their commands aware of the provisions of this instruction.

(2) ensure that changes in MGIB and MGIB-SR status of active and reserve members are promptly reported in personnel databases.

(3) provide pre-separation counseling to active duty members on educational benefits.

(4) establish procedures to control DD 2384-1.

i. Navy College education specialists, command ESOs and CCCs should be familiar with the basic provisions of this instruction and provide information to personnel as needed.

2. Action

a. NAVPERSCOM (PERS-675) will

- (1) ensure Sailors receive their earned benefits.
 - (2) issue program guidance in a timely manner consistent with public law and DOD policy.
 - (3) provide updated information to Chief of Naval Personnel (CHNAVPERS) on MGIB Program congressional activity.
 - (4) provide necessary information to GAO investigators or Navy auditors conducting MGIB Program reviews.
 - (5) establish management controls for the review and approval of all MGIB Program implementation directives/systems guidance issued by other Navy commands.
 - (6) ensure program continuity through monitoring of systems development and systems implementation.
 - (7) transfer eligibility and recoupment data to DFAS, DMDC, and between the active and inactive files.
 - (8) provide MGIB Program participation information and develop data as necessary.
 - (9) oversee the DD 2366 forms for the field service record and the master microfiche record.
 - (10) authorize appropriate funds transfer to the U.S. Treasury for the DOD Education Benefits Trust Fund.
- b. CNETC will monitor procedures for counseling recruits and officer candidates.
- c. COMNAVRESFORCOM will
- (1) authorize appropriate transfer of MGIB-SR funds to the U.S. Treasury for the DOD Education Benefits Trust Fund.
 - (2) issue guidance and ensure the operational stability of the MGIB-SR Program.
 - (3) prepare and distribute DD 2384-1.

(4) maintain personnel records and issue AT orders for NSCP participants while in the Naval Reserve.

(5) provide data for congressional inquiries and other requests as necessary.

d. DFAS-Cleveland will

(1) make monthly reductions for MGIB participants and transfer data on a quarterly basis to DMDC.

(2) transfer pay reductions to the U. S. Treasury on a monthly basis.

(3) recoup necessary MGIB-SR monies when authorized by COMNAVRESFORCOM.

e. Superintendent, USNA, will prepare and distribute DD 2366 to midshipmen.

f. COMNAVCRUITCOM will

(1) provide written information on the MGIB Program to all enlisted and officer applicants.

(2) discuss the provisions of the MGIB Program with all active duty applicants to include a full explanation of automatic enrollment, option to disenroll, and the advantages of remaining enrolled.

g. COMNAVRESCRUITCOM will counsel enlisted and officer SELRES accessions on the advantages of the MGIB-SR Program.

h. COs or OICs will

(1) ensure MGIB/MGIB-SR Program enrollment and eligibility status is annotated in the field service record and reported as appropriate.

(2) ensure a service record page 13 entry is signed by the member at pre-separation counseling. The counseling will include a discussion of education benefits provided in chapters 1 through 7, as appropriate, as well as an explanation of the procedures for and advantages of affiliating with the SELRES.

In addition, 2-year active duty personnel taking advantage of the higher MGIB benefit rate by drilling with the SELRES for 4 years (see chapter 1) should be advised of the satisfactory SELRES participation commitment required to receive benefits. NSCP participants must be counseled on their obligation in the Naval Reserve.

(3) Appoint a military or civilian member with "By direction" authority, to requisition, control and issue DD 2366.

(4) Appoint a military or civilian member with "By direction" authority to requisition, control and issue DD 2384-1, whether automated or in paper form.

APPENDIX B
MONTGOMERY GI BILL FORMS

1. Forms Availability. Forms listed below are available through normal Navy supply channels per Naval Inventory Control Point using requisitioning procedures contained in CD-ROM NAVSUP PUB 600 (NLL), Navy Stock List of Publications and Forms, or as indicated.

FORM NUMBER TITLE

<http://web1.whs.osd.mil/ICDHOME/NICDHOME.HTM>

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| DD 4/1 (JAN 2001) | Enlistment/Reenlistment Document Armed Forces of the United States |
| DD 214 (FEB 2000) | Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty |
| DD 1131 (Apr 57) | Cash Collection Voucher |
| DD 1300 (MAY 2000) | Report of Casualty |
| DD 1966/1 (JAN 2001) | Record of Military Processing Armed Forces of the United States |
| DD 2366 (JUN 2002) | Montgomery GI Bill Act of 1984 (MGIB) |
| DD 2366-1 (JUN 2002) | Montgomery GI Bill Act of 1984 (MGIB) Increased Benefit Contribution Program |
| DD 2384-1 (1 JUN 1998) | Selected Reserve Educational Assistance Program (GI BILL), Notice of Basic Eligibility |

<http://forms.daps.mil/order/>

NAVPERS 1070/601 Immediate Reenlistment Contract
(Rev. 01-00)

NAVPERS 1070/613 Administrative Remarks
(Rev. 10-81)

<https://www.navycollege.navy.mil/TA1.html>

NETPDTC 1560/3 Tuition Assistance Application
(Rev. 01/04)

All DVA forms are available through any local DVA office, and some may be available at a college Financial Aid Office, or as indicated below.

FORM NUMBER TITLE

<http://www.vba.va.gov/pubs/forms/24-5281.pdf>

VA 24-5281 Application for Refund of Educational
(Rev. 8-98) Contributions

<http://www.vba.va.gov/pubs/forms1.htm>

VA 22-1990 Application for VA Education Benefits
(7/00)

VA 22-1999 Enrollment Certification
(Rev. 8-98)

VA 22-8889 Application for Educational
(4/01) Assistance Test Program Benefits

APPENDIX C
GLOSSARY OF TERMS

ACTIVE DUTY - Active duty in the Armed Forces of the United States includes time served in a regular component as well as time served in FTS, AGR, BOOST school, ADSW, CANREC, Navy Active Duty Delay for Specialist (NADDS), NAPS, OCS, and OIS.

a. The term "active duty" does not include any period during which an individual is assigned full-time by Navy to a civilian institution for a course of education which was substantially the same as established courses offered to civilians (e.g., Civil Engineering Corps Officers School (CECOS), Baccalaureate Degree Completion Program (BDCP)).

b. MGIB participants who fail to complete the Naval Academy or the Naval Academy Preparatory School, and members with less than 12 months of active duty who are separated for HARSHIP, DISABILITY, or REDUCTION IN FORCE and who later return to active duty will be allowed to merge their second period of active duty with the initial period so that the combined length of the two periods will be considered to be one for the purpose of establishing eligibility for the MGIB.

c. Members who initially obligated to serve only 2 years of active duty, but actually served continuously for 3 years or more, are eligible for the same MGIB benefits as those who initially obligated for 3 years.

ADT - Active Duty Training. Active duty service for Reserve members performed in addition to annual training (AT) to maintain individual proficiency. ADT does not count as active duty service for MGIB purposes.

ADSW - Active Duty for Special Work. A tour of duty for Reserve personnel authorized from military personnel appropriations. ADSW tours are normally limited to 139 days or less per fiscal year. ADSW counts as active duty for MGIB purposes.

APG - Advanced Pay Grade Program. Non-prior service personnel who incur an 8-year military service obligation, 6 of which must be served in the SELRES. Members enter this program in a temporary pay grade and must complete specific training

assignments within a certain time period in order to become permanent.

AT - Annual Training. The minimum period of active duty that SELRES members must perform each year to satisfy training requirements. AT does not count as active duty for MGIB purposes.

BOOST - Broadened Opportunity for Officer Selection and Training. BOOST is an academic program to prepare prospective officers for entrance into the Naval Academy or an NROTC scholarship program. BOOST training time counts towards the active duty requirement.

BOOSTER - The increased MGIB Program benefit available to members who originally enrolled in the MGIB Program upon initial entry. Members can contribute up to \$600, but only while on active duty. If the maximum of \$600 is contributed, the "booster" is \$5,400. Those who enrolled in the MGIB Program by means of involuntary separation benefits, open enrollment period or conversion from the VEGI Bill Program or the VEAP are not eligible for the booster.

CANREC - Canvasser Recruiter. Members of the SELRES who are recalled to active duty to perform the duties of a Naval Reserve Recruiter.

COG - Convenience of the Government Separation. Separation from active duty prior to the end of obligated service which may be authorized or directed by NAVPERSCOM.

COMBINED ENTITLEMENT - An individual may establish eligibility for more than one educational program such as VEAP, which has 27 months of entitlement and the MGIB-SR, which has 36 months of entitlement. If a member uses benefits under more than one program the combined entitlement may not exceed 48 months.

CONVERSION - When remaining monthly entitlement from one program is converted to a different program. The only educational assistance program that may be converted to the MGIB is the VEGIB.

DELIMITING DATE - A specific date that limits the time allotted for the use of GI Bill benefits.

DFAS - Defense Finance and Accounting Service. Administers all personnel pay and accounting matters for Navy.

DMDC - Defense Manpower Data Center. DOD agency which administers data systems combining personnel from all services. The center is located in Monterey, CA.

DVA - Department of Veterans Affairs. The Federal agency which administers and pays benefits for all veterans programs including GI Bill.

FTS - Full Time Support. FTS are Reservists who serve on active duty for the purpose of training and supporting the SELRES. FTS are eligible for the active duty MGIB if they serve on active duty for more than 24 months.

IADT - Initial Active Duty for Training. Basic military training and technical skill training for all enlisted Reserve accessions. IADT does not count as active duty service for MGIB purposes.

IMA - Individual Mobilization Augmentees. An individual SELRES who receives training and is preassigned to an active component which must be filled on, or shortly after, mobilization. IMA personnel train with those organizations preparing for mobilization. A minimum of 12 days AT is required of IMAs each year. IMA personnel are not on active duty.

IN-SERVICE BENEFITS - The amount of monthly MGIB entitlement paid to a member while on active duty. Basic eligibility requirements for in-service benefits are outlined in chapter 1. The benefit rate will be equal to the established charges for tuition and fees but may not exceed the monthly rate payable to non-active duty personnel.

IRR - Individual Ready Reserve. A manpower pool consisting principally of trained individuals who have previously served on active duty or in the SELRES. This category does not establish eligibility for Reserve GI Bill benefits.

MGIB - Montgomery GI Bill. The educational benefits program available to members who first came on active duty after 30 June 1985. ROTC scholarship recipients and service academy graduates are not eligible, unless they establish their eligibility prior

to entry in these programs. Some VEAP participants were eligible to convert to the MGIB Program under PL 104-275 and PL 106-419.

MGIB-SR - Montgomery GI Bill - Selected Reserve. Educational benefits program available to members who agree to drill for 6 years in a SELRES unit. Members may be eligible even if they have previously enrolled in another benefit program as long as the combined number of months used under the two programs does not exceed 48 months.

NADDS - Navy Active Duty Delay for Specialist program. Members in receipt of an Armed Forces Health Professional Scholarship serving in the IRR. NADDS physicians may elect to participate in the MGIB if recalled to active duty for 24 months or more.

NAPS - Naval Academy Preparatory School. 9 months preparatory school for the United States Naval Academy. Members who attend NAPS and meet the minimum academic requirements will receive an appointment to the USNA upon graduation. NAPS members are eligible to enroll in the MGIB however, if they successfully complete the program and are subsequently commissioned at the USNA, they will lose their eligibility and any monies reduced from their pay.

NAVPERSCOM - Navy Personnel Command. Department of the Navy agency which administers most personnel functions for Navy personnel including the MGIB.

NCF - Navy College Fund. The NCF is offered to certain recruits who agree to enlist in rates classified as "critical" or "hard to fill." NCF recipients receive an additional amount referred to as a "kicker" to their basic MGIB benefits. The NCF must be documented on the DD 4, enlistment document, or an annex to DD 4.

NOBE - Notice of Basic Eligibility. DD 2384-1, issued to members of the SELRES when eligibility for MGIB-SR has been established. This form will allow the member to start receiving benefits while automated processing is being completed.

NRA - Naval Reserve Activity.

NSCP - Navy Sea College Program. The NSCP was offered to members who agreed to enlist in the Navy for a period of 2 years

active duty followed by 4 years in the SELRES. Program participants were eligible for a "kicker" in addition to the basic MGIB rate.

NSIPS - Navy Standard Integrated Personnel System. The Personnel System that replaced the Source Data System (SDS). NSIPS entries are made by the personnel office to record MGIB Program eligibility and stop or start monthly pay reductions.

OCS - Officer Candidate School. 16-week program under which qualified recruits and prior servicemembers may receive a commission in Navy. Non-prior servicemembers are eligible for enrollment in the MGIB, however, prior servicemembers must have already declared their intent to enroll in the MGIB or disenroll prior to acceptance in the program.

OIS - Officer Indoctrination School. OIS, located in Newport, RI, is an indoctrination course offered to direct-commissioned Staff Corps Officers. Non-prior service attendees are eligible to enroll in the MGIB, however, prior servicemembers must have already declared their intent to enroll in the MGIB or disenroll prior to acceptance in the program.

OPEN PERIOD - An opportunity to enroll in VEAP provided to certain active duty personnel who did not elect participation before the program ended on 30 June 1985. The open period for VEAP was 28 October 1986 through 31 March 1987. An open period for MGIB was offered from 1 December 1988 through 30 June 1989 for members who declined benefits during the period 1 July 1985 through 30 June 1989.

OSAM - Officer Sea and Air Mariner. A program under which officers were recruited directly into the SELRES. Officers were required to serve a specified period of IADT (usually 2 years) before affiliating with the SELRES. OSAMs are eligible for the MGIB-SR only.

ROTC - Reserve Officer Training Corps. Commissioning program under which members are enrolled as full-time students at civilian institutions. Graduating scholarship graduates who entered active duty before 1 October 1996 or entered on active duty after 30 September 1996 and who received more than \$3,400 per school year are not eligible for MGIB unless they established eligibility before entering the ROTC program.

Graduating College Program (non-scholarship) students are eligible for MGIB benefits.

RTB - Reserve Transition Benefits. Benefits intended to ensure SELRES personnel who are involuntarily separated during the period of force drawdown are treated fairly and equitably for their service. Members eligible for MGIB-SR who separate with RTB will have their eligibility continued until the 10-year delimiting date.

SAM - Sea and Air Mariner. Program under which members were recruited directly into the SELRES. Members had to obligate for a required amount of IADT including initial recruit training before affiliating with a SELRES unit. SAMs are eligible for the MGIB-SR only.

SELRES - Selected Reserve. Members of the Naval Reserve who are actively drilling.

SPD - Separation Program Designator. A three-character code which corresponds to a narrative description explaining the reason for separation. SPD codes are translated into plain language by DMDC for use by the DVA. BUPERSINST 1900.8A contains a complete list of SPD codes, narratives, and issuing authority.

SSB - Special Separation Benefits. A separation incentive designed to provide an alternative to active duty members who wish to separate from active duty prior to retirement eligibility. This program provides a lump-sum separation payment. Members may enroll in the MGIB.

TERA - Temporary Early Retirement Authority. A short-term program designed to help Navy reduce in size. This program permits personnel with between 15 and 20 years of service the opportunity to request retirement.

TRC - Training and Retired Category. The category identifying a Reservist's training or retirement status in a Reserve Component.

VEAP - Veterans Educational Assistance Program. The educational benefits program available for members who first entered active duty between 1 January 1977 and 30 June 1985.

VEGIB - Vietnam Era GI Bill. The educational benefits program available to members who first entered active duty between 1 February 1955 and 31 December 1976. The DVA stopped paying benefits under this program on 31 December 1989. However, eligible members were automatically converted to the MGIB on 1 January 1990.

VSI - Voluntary Separation Initiative. A separation incentive designed to provide an alternative to active duty members who wish to separate from active duty prior to retirement eligibility. This program provides an annual annuity for twice the number of years served on active duty. Members may enroll in the MGIB.