70 Years of the GI BILL®

A HISTORY OF VA'S EDUCATION AND TRAINING BENEFITS

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Veterans Benefits Administration

NUMBER OF BENEFICIARIES TRAINED

- WWII GI Bill: **7.8 million**
- Korean Conflict GI Bill: **2.4 million**
- Post-Korean – Vietnam Era GI Bill: **6 million**
- Montgomery GI Bill: **1.9 million**
- Survivors' and Dependents' Educational Assistance Program: **870,000**
- Reserve Educational Assistance Program: **102,000**
- Post-9/11 GI Bill: **1.1 million**
- Veterans Retraining and Assistance Program: **75,000**

TOTAL: More than 20 million trained

TOTAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING DOLLARS PAID

- WWII: **$14.5 billion**
- Post-Korean – Vietnam Era GI Bill: **$42 billion**
- Montgomery GI Bill – **$28 billion**
- Reserve Educational Assistance Program – **$1 billion**
- Post-9/11 GI Bill – **$40 billion**
- Veterans Retraining and Assistance Program – **$740 million**

TOTAL: More than 130 billion in education dollars distributed

MAXIMUM TRAINING TIMES

- **WWII GI Bill** – *48 months*
- **Korean Conflict GI Bill** – *36 months*
- **Post-Korean – Vietnam Era GI Bill** – *45 months*
- **Post-Vietnam Era Veterans' Educational Assistance Program** – *36 months*
- **Survivors' and Dependents' Educational Assistance Program** – *45 months*
- **Reserve Educational Assistance Program** – *36 months*
- **Montgomery GI Bill** – *36 months*
- **Post-9/11 GI Bill** – *36 months*
- **Veterans Retraining and Assistance Program** – *12 months*

KEY LEGISLATION

JUNE 22,1944:
Servicemembers Readjustment Act of 1944,
President Franklin Roosevelt

JULY 16, 1952:
The Veterans Readjustment Assistance Act of 1952,
President Harry Truman

MARCH 3, 1966:
Veterans Readjustment Benefits Act of 1966,
President Lyndon Johnson

OCTOBER 15, 1976:
Veterans' Education and Employment Assistance Act,
President Gerald Ford

OCTOBER 19, 1984:
Montgomery GI Bill (Public Law 98-525),
President Ronald Reagan

JUNE 30, 2008:
Post-9/11 GI Bill (Public Law 110-252),
President George W Bush

JANUARY 4, 2011:
Post-9/11 Veterans Education Assistance Improvements Act of 2010,
President Barack Obama

NOVEMBER 21, 2011:
VOW to Hire Heroes Act,
President Barack Obama