

Retirement

We regret to inform you that Jeff Culp retired from the Veterans and Military Division of the Pennsylvania Department of Education on December 9, 2015 after serving as our primary trainer for the last six years. We thank Jeff for his dedication, especially to school certifying officials, and wish him well in the future.

Previous Newsletters

Previous newsletters are posted in .pdf format on the Pennsylvania Department of Education website at:

<http://www.education.pa.gov/Postsecondary-Adult/Veterans%20Education/Pages/default.aspx#.VnQj0FQo6JA>

Please click the link above to access previous editions. If you need other newsletters, please call our office at 717-787-2414. Have your e-mail address ready so we can sent newsletters to you via e-mail.

Post-9/11 (Chapter 33) GI Bill® Recipients

By separate e-mail we are sending a handout entitled **Post-9/11 (Chapter 33) GI Bill® Recipients**. This handout was developed for your use to handout to Chapter 33 students to make them aware of the debt that may be established against them if they drop or withdraw from classes. The handout is in a word format so you can change it to fit your school policy. Feel free to make any changes you wish. Some schools have recommended placing a signature line at the bottom of the handout for the student to sign. A copy of the form would then be placed in the student's folder and a copy given to the student. We hope you can make positive use of the handout.

School Enrollment Checklist

By separate e-mail we are sending a handout entitled **School Enrollment Checklist**. This handout was developed for your use to handout to students to make them aware of the enrollment procedures at your school. The handout is in a word format so you can change it to fit your school policy. Feel free to make any changes you wish. We hope you can make positive use of the handout.

Veterans Looking for a Job

Do you have a veteran at your school who is graduating and looking for a job? Have them visit one or both of these web sites:

<https://www.ebenefits.va.gov/ebenefits/jobs>

or

<http://vaforvets.va.gov> or call 1-855-824-8387

Contacting the VA about Education Benefits

Veterans should visit the GI Bill[®] web site at www.benefits.va.gov/gibill

Veterans can “Ask A Question” on the above web site. Questions will be answered by a claims examiner in the Buffalo Regional Processing Office (RPO) within 48 hours. Over 300 Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) can be accessed on the GI Bill[®] web site. Both of these services are available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Veterans can also call the GI Bill[®] Hot Line at 1-888-442-4551. This line is located at the Muskogee RPO and only accepts calls from 7:00 AM to 6:00 PM Central Time, Monday thru Friday.

School Certifying Official, Need Help?

Call the School Certifying Official Hot Line at 1-855-225-1159. This number is for SCOs only. Please do not give this number to students. You will be asked for your name and facility code to access this help.

School Certifying Official Workshops

See Newsletter # 102, February 9, 2016 for dates and locations. Register early!

Share This Newsletter

This newsletter is being e-mailed to School Certifying Officials at each school. Please share this newsletter with all other Certifying Officials, the Bursar's or Comptroller's Office, Financial Aid Office and other interested individuals at your school. It is extremely important that the information in this newsletter receives the widest dissemination in order that veterans receive the GI Bill and other educational benefits to which they are entitled.