



SAA Mission/Overview

MANDATE

The Veterans/Military Education Division of the Pennsylvania Department of Education has been designated by the Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania as the State Approving Agency for Training of Veterans/Eligible persons and reservists in the field of institutional training, correspondence training, flight training, apprenticeship training, and other on-the-job training under the provisions of Chapters 30, 32, 34, 35 and 36 of Title 38, United States Code, Chapter 1606 of Title 10, United States Code, and Chapter 1607 of Title 10, United State Code.

MISSION

- To insure every veteran/eligible person and reservist a full and fair opportunity to reach his or her full potential.
- To confine educational benefits to serious programs of education, training, and testing.
- To assure quality instruction and ethical administration for every veteran/eligible person and reservist who enters an approved educational or training program.
- To protect state prerogatives and shield institutions and training establishments from direct Federal control.
- To increase the awareness of every veteran/eligible person and reservist concerning the full range of both educational and training opportunities available in the Commonwealth.
- To assist the Department of Veterans Affairs in preventing fraud in the administration of the G.I. Bill.

ORGANIZATION

The Division of Veterans/Military Education, Officially known as the Pennsylvania State Approving Agency, is administratively located within the Pennsylvania Department of Education, Bureau of Postsecondary Services, 333 Market Street, 12th Floor, Harrisburg, PA, 17126-0333; with field offices located in Philadelphia and in Pittsburgh.

FUNDING

The State Approving Agency in Pennsylvania is 100 percent Federally Funded and we operate under an annual reimbursement contract with the Department of Veterans Affairs. Staff formula is determined by veteran enrollment in approved educational and training institutions.