

Veterans Affairs Newsletter



Veterans Day



Veterans are welcome to have lunch in the King University Dining Hall (11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.) courtesy of the Student Veterans Association.

*Join Us
November 12, 2018
at 9:15 a.m.
Memorial Chapel*

Please join us as we commemorate Veterans Day!





★ HONORING OUR VETERANS ★

Thank You for Your Service!

**Dear Veterans,
Those of us who have not served will never fully
understand the sacrifices you've made both in
times of peace and of war.**

**We will never fully understand what you were
required to do or how you were able to do it.**

**We will never fully understand the depth of your
scars.**

But what we can offer you is this:

We see you.

We recognize your humanity.

**And we send you love that is gentle, patient and
healing.**

**With Blessings and Gratitude, we ask that you
remember you are loved.**

Thank you!

Hardship Situations

Are you experiencing a specific hardship due to the processing delay for the GI Bill? You may contact the general Education Call Center number (1-888-442-4551) or submit an inquiry online. Some of you have asked what Education Service considers to be a hardship case. Examples of a financial hardship due to a delay in GI Bill payments include, but are not limited to:

- a beneficiary is in danger of losing housing or
- a beneficiary is in danger of having utilities turned off or
- a beneficiary is in danger of receiving collection notices from creditors

Monthly Women Veterans Recreational Therapy Activity Group 2018

Thursday, November 15th, 2018

• LEATHER CLASS

• Experience Level: Easy

TIME: 11:30M – 1:00PM

• Tandy Leather: 405 Harding Industrial Dr.,
Nashville, TN 37211

Point of Contact:

• Carolyn K. Smith, 615-339-6640

• Shannon O'Rawe, 615-440-9461

Friday, December 7th, 2018

• BOWLING

• Experience Level: Easy

TIME: 10AM – 12PM

• Donelson Strike & Spare: 2710 Old
Lebanon Rd Ste 17, Nashville, TN 37214

Point of Contact:

• Carolyn K. Smith, 615-339-6640

• Shannon O'Rawe, 615-440-9461



Learn more here: • <https://www.tennesseevalley.va.gov/services/RecreationTherapy.asp>



JOIN TODAY!

King University Student Veterans Association

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Post 9/11 GI Bill Monthly Housing Allowance Update

Dear Student,

A provision of the Harry W. Colmery Veterans Educational Assistance Act of 2017, known as the Forever GI Bill, changed how the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) pays the Post-9/11 GI Bill Monthly Housing Allowance (MHA). The law requires VA to pay MHA based on the zip code of the training location where you attend the majority of your classes.

VA is in the process of modifying and testing its systems to make this change, however, you will continue to receive GI Bill benefit payments under the current rules until those changes can be implemented. If you are taking classes in multiple zip codes or locations other than your school's main campus, when VA updates its systems, your school will have to adjust your enrollment certification with this information. In some circumstances, this may result in a different MHA amount than what you previously received. You can search for MHA by zip code on the GI Bill Comparison Tool at <https://www.vets.gov/gi-billcomparison-tool>.

Frequently Asked Questions

Question: Is VA holding housing or tuition and fee payments while it makes these systems changes?

Answer: No, VA will continue to process claims, and pay MHA and tuition and fees. These payments are currently based on 2017 rates. Once system updates are complete, VA will make any necessary adjustments to ensure you are paid correctly, including any applicable Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA).

Question: I am attending classes in multiple locations with different zip codes, should my school hold my enrollment certification until VA updates its systems?

Answer: No, VA is accepting all enrollment certifications and processing them under current rules until its systems are updated.

Question: What happens when VA updates its systems and my MHA changes because I am attending classes in different zip codes?

Answer: In the event of a debt or underpayment caused by VA updating its systems, VA will review your file to determine if your MHA is being properly paid, and make any necessary adjustments to ensure that you are paid correctly.

Please note: If an overpayment is established due solely to the system changes VA will not charge you for the debt.

Question: How do I find the estimated amount I am entitled to?

Answer: The GI Bill Comparison Tool includes the MHA rate for your school's main campus, and allows you to search MHA rates by zip code: <https://www.vets.gov/gi-billcomparison-tool>.

Respectfully,

Robert M. Worley II

Director, Education Service

Veterans Benefits Administration

Department of Veterans Affairs



5th Annual Bag Drive for local Veterans

The Office of Registration and Records is teaming up with Morgan's Barber shop and Scout Troop 107 and Troop 3 to deliver Christmas Bags to the James H. Quillen VA Hospital

If you would like to help please help by donating the following items:

- Gloves
- Scarves
- Socks
- Toboggans
- Raincoats
- Hair brushes
- Combs
- Flashlights
- Soap
- Shampoo
- Deodorant
- Non-Perishable Snacks
- Toothbrushes

Scouts will be wrapping items on December 11th
Bibles will be included in each bag

Please drop off items by December 8th at one of the following locations:

King University

at the attention of Jessica Swiney

VA School Certifying Official, Director of Registration and Records

Morgan's Barber Co.

119 Vance Drive, Bristol TN

