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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Montgomery G.I. Bill-Active Duty (MGIB-AD) Program - Chapter 30 (NGB-ARM Policy # 07-11)

1. References.

- a. Title 10, United States Code (USC), Chapter 10, Section 12301d, 12302 & 12304
- b. Title 38, United States Code (USC), March 2004, Chapter 30, Section 3001-3036, Montgomery G. I. Bill – Active Duty Educational Assistance Program (MGIB-AD), 15 May 2002.
- c. Department of Defense (DoD) Directive, 1322.16, Montgomery GI Bill (MGIB) Program, 18 June 2002.
- d. Army Regulation (AR) 135-7, Incentives Programs, 15 April 1996.

2. Purpose. This memorandum prescribes the policy and procedures to administer the ARNG MGIB-AD Program.

3. Implementation. This policy supersedes NGB-ARM policy, Army National Guard (ARNG) Active Duty GI Bill Program Policy also known as the Chapter 30, Montgomery G.I. Bill or the MGIB-AD, dated 21 October 2005, is effective immediately, and remains in effect until rescinded or superseded.

4. Overview. The MGIB-AD is an educational assistance program established on 1 July 1985 to encourage Soldiers to enlist in the active services. Title 38 USC requires that any active duty Soldier that meets the 2-year mobilization or a 3-year Active Guard Reserve (AGR) tour eligibility requirements, in-processes for MGIB-AD and either accepts or declines the benefit.

5. The ARNG GI Bill Support Team at the Education Support Center, Camp Robinson, Arkansas will assist all eligible ARNG Soldiers with MGIB-AD enrollment. Soldiers are notified of basic eligibility by email, however, the final determination for entitlement to educational assistance benefit rests with the Department of Veterans Affairs (DVA).

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## 6. Basic eligibility.

a. Eligibility Criteria. ARNG Soldiers must satisfy either (1), (2) or (3) listed immediately below and must also satisfy (4) in order to be eligible.

(1) Soldier who entered his/her initial active duty period (active component, mobilization, or Active Guard/Reserve (AGR)) after 30 June 1985 and subsequently served in an active duty status for at least two years may be eligible.

(2) Soldier must serve three consecutive years in an active duty (AGR) status. Minimum of 24 months of active duty service required if enlistment is for less than 36 months.

(3) Soldier is mobilized under Title 10 for a period of 2 continuous years or mobilized for a period of less than two years but has two successive mobilization periods that total 2 years.

(4) Soldier must be a High School graduate or equivalent or have successfully completed 12 semester hours in an education program leading to a standard college degree.

b. Ineligibility Criteria: ARNG Soldiers are not eligible for the MGIB-AD if they meet any of the following criteria:

(1) Soldier is a Service Academy graduate. (Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, or Coast Guard academies).

(2) Soldier is a Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) Scholarship Recipient (Dedicated Guard or Active Duty scholarship under 10 USC 2107) who received more than \$3,400 during any one year period.

(3) Soldier previously declined MGIB-AD while serving an active duty period.

## 7. Period of Eligibility.

a. Eligibility period ends 10 years from the last date of honorable discharge/separation from active duty.

b. Period of eligibility is extended if mobilized on federal active duty (Title 10). Soldier must provide a copy of the DD Form 214 (Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty) to the DVA to establish a new delimiting period.

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c. AGRs must have served 30 months of the 36 months tour before they start to use this benefit. If they have been on active duty previously for 36 months, they can start using this benefit once the \$1200 has been paid.

8. Soldiers may combine the MGIB-AD Benefits with other federal benefits subject to the following limitations.

a. Traditional drilling Soldiers eligible for MGIB-AD may receive ARNG Federal Tuition Assistance (FTA) simultaneously. This may exceed 100 percent of tuition costs.

b. Soldiers receiving ROTC scholarship funding through the Guaranteed Reserve Forces Duty (GRFD) Scholarship (10 USC 2107a) may be eligible to receive MGIB-AD, Reserves Education Assistance Program (REAP) or MGIB- Selective Reserve (SR).

c. AGR or mobilized Soldiers currently serving on active duty, who are eligible for the MGIB-AD, may receive monthly MGIB-AD benefits up to the cost of the course only. This is called "Top-Up". This means that MGIB-AD can be used to assist in payment of tuition when the cost exceeds the ARNG FTA per credit hour cap (this is only for those who may incur costs above the ARNG FTA tuition assistance cap). However, once they are off active duty the Soldier can then receive up to the full monthly amount.

9. Months of Benefits and Rates. Current rates can be found on the DVA Education Website at: <http://www.gibill.va.gov/>. Soldiers have up to 36 months of full-time benefits (72 months if attending half-time) of any one DVA Education Assistance program. Programs such as MGIB-SR, MGIB-AD, and REAP can be combined up to 48 months of DVA Education Assistance. The Soldier should verify with DVA for actual number of months of benefits for any program.

10. "Plus-Up Program". The additional contribution options allows an ARNG Soldier eligible for the MGIB-AD currently serving on active duty to contribute an additional amount (over and above the required \$1200 contribution) up to a maximum of \$600.

11. Applying for Benefits. Contact the ARNG GI BILL Support Center at the Education Support Center, Camp Robinson, Arkansas, 866-628-5999, or [GIBILL.CH30@pec.ngb.army.mil](mailto:GIBILL.CH30@pec.ngb.army.mil).

a. Soldiers must attend a school or program approved for DVA Education Assistance to receive benefits. The State GI Bill Manager will assist the Soldier with finding an eligible school or program.

b. Eligible Soldiers must complete a VA Form 22-1990 (Application for VA Education Benefits) and have the school or program certify them for enrollment.

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c. Soldiers must verify their enrollment in the school or program with DVA at the end of each month they are enrolled.

d. Soldiers must maintain a copy of all enrollment forms. Soldiers may need to provide the DVA with copies when applying for benefits. The ARNG GI Bill Support Team is responsible for submitting all enrollment forms to the Soldier's iPERM record.

12. Point of Contact for this policy is MAJ Troy Gipps at (501) 212-4962 or [troy.gipps@us.army.mil](mailto:troy.gipps@us.army.mil).

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