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# VETERANS' NEWSLETTER

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## Tips for Veterans looking to go to college

Dorothy Gillman, vice president of the National Association of Veterans' Programs Administrators (NAVPA) and veteran's administrator at Ramapo College of New Jersey, has provided following tips to returning veterans embarking on a college career:

### 1. Start by applying...

Go to the school's website to find the requirements and deadlines. If you don't know where you want to go, one of the places to help you decide what college or university best suits your needs is [www.military.com](http://www.military.com).

### 2. Meet the Veteran's Administrator...

Staff at this office will explain and guide you through the give-and-take process to receive your benefits.

### 3. Get your GI benefits...

There is a wide a variety of education benefits offered by the Veterans Administration. You can find a wealth of information as well as the application for benefits at the GI Bill website [www.gibill.va.gov](http://www.gibill.va.gov).

### 4. Apply for financial aid...

All students can apply for financial aid by filling out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) by going to [www.fafsa.gov](http://www.fafsa.gov). To view a video

tape on filling out the FAFSA go to [www.usnews.com/education/paying-for-college/videos](http://www.usnews.com/education/paying-for-college/videos).

### 5. Apply for Scholarships...

Check the school's website and always remember: Do not pay for any scholarship application. For information on how to build your own personal scholarship go to [www.usnews.com/articles/education/paying-for-college/2010/08/02/8-tips-to-building-your-own-scholarship.html](http://www.usnews.com/articles/education/paying-for-college/2010/08/02/8-tips-to-building-your-own-scholarship.html).

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## Training Provider of the Month

Red Rocks Community College (Lakewood and Arvada, Colorado)

Located at the foot of the Rocky Mountains in Lakewood, Colorado, Red Rocks Community College offers more than 150 programs and 650 courses leading to two-year degrees or professional certificates.

Red Rocks has campuses in Lakewood and Arvada. Courses are delivered in formats from traditional classroom to online to self-paced and weekend classes.

Red Rocks Community College has delivered a quality education to an eclectic mix of students of all ages, incomes and backgrounds. For many of our 14,000 annual students, Red Rocks is the convenient community college just down the street. For others, a Red Rocks program or course is worth traveling halfway around the world.

If you are interested in a career in the Green Industry, Red Rocks Community College is well worth investigating as far as training programs are concerned.

# Montgomery GI Bill Update



The Veterans Affairs Department has deployed a fully automated system to process benefits for veterans attending college under the 2008 GI bill just in time to manage the enrollment for the 2010 fall semester, top VA officials said during a press briefing on 2 SEP. Roger Baker, chief information officer at VA, said the new system, developed in partnership with the Space and Naval Warfare Systems Center Atlantic, went live on 23 AUG and relies on rules engine software to increase the number of claims an examiner can process from 2,000 a day to 10,000. The new GI bill, formerly the 2008 Post-9/11 Veterans Educational Assistance Act, greatly expands the benefits the government gives veterans for college education from the previous version. The benefits are more complex than the previous GI bill, which essentially paid veterans a flat rate to cover tuition. The new bill calculates tuition benefits based on the veteran's length of service and the highest tuition charged by a public college in the veteran's home state.

[Source: GovExec.com Bob Brewin article 3 Sep 2010 ++]

## Tips for Veterans looking to go to college (cont. from page 1)

### 6. Find a place to live.

The key to being placed in housing is making sure you indicate you are a veteran on all forms. Many colleges have housing set aside for veterans; make use of it

### 7. Get an Advisor...

Every student is assigned to an adviser. Some schools have advisers specifically for veterans; smaller schools may not, but curriculum is standard for majors at

each school. This person will get to know you and empower you in decision-making skills in education, career, and life choices.

### 8. Take the CLEP...

The College Level Examination Program is a series of exams you can take to test your college-level knowledge on what you have learned through on-the-job training, professional development, etc...

### 9. Connect with other veterans on campus.

Veterans Centers are popping up on many campuses. They are the place to meet other veterans, to do peer-to-peer networking, to connect student veterans with resources, and to help you to get involved—or simply hang out.

### 10. Get career training and develop skills.

Career services and job placement are available for you while getting your education. Résumé writing and mock interviews are offered.

[Source: US News & World Report | Education article 8 Sep 2010 +]

## Veterans Workforce Investment Program (VWIP) Training Grants

*Are you interested in changing your career? Have you thought about a new career in the Green Energy industry? Or are you already working in the industry and would like a refresher course?*

If you are a veteran who: has a service-connected disability; a significant barrier to employment; served on active duty during a war or in a campaign; or has been recently separated from the military within the last 48 months...

You may be eligible for training or retraining in the Green Energy industry.

For more information, please contact a Veterans' Employment Representative near you.



# Tips for those interested in applying for Federal Jobs...



Are you interested in applying for a federal job? Are you curious about how they determine if you are qualified or not? Do you want to make sure your application packet is considered for the position you

are applying for? Have you ever wondered how the US Federal Government hires employees?

The answer to some of these questions are not as difficult as you may think. Applying for a position with the Federal Government is no easy task, but can be simplified by understanding how the system works...

One of the keys to ensuring your application packet is considered is to make sure you submit a complete packet. The required

documents are listed on the vacancy announcement. If it asks for it, be sure you include it.

Also, read the information listed under the qualifications for the grade you are applying for. It will spell out what is needed in order to qualify for that grade level. Make sure it is included on your resume.

For more information, please visit <http://www.fedshirevets.gov>.

## What does *Priority of Service* mean?

Federal law and regulation require all workforce programs funded by the Department of Labor to provide priority of service to:

1. Veterans who served in the active military, naval, or air service and who were discharged under conditions other than dishonorable;
2. Eligible spouses of those Veterans who have total

service-connected disabilities or who died as a result of service-connected disabilities.

Priority of Service means that those veterans and eligible spouses, who meet all the eligibility requirements for a program or service, are to receive access to that program or service either earlier in time or instead of persons who are

not eligible for priority of service.

One-stop Career Centers must ensure that Veterans and eligible spouses are made aware of: a) their entitlement to priority of service; b) the full array of programs and services that are available to them; and c) the eligibility requirements for those programs and/or services.

## What kinds of services are available to Veterans?

Veterans and eligible spouses receive access, on a priority of service basis, to the full range of public employment and training services, including job search assistance workshops, resume assistance, labor market information, career counseling, job referral, and referral to other supportive and training resources.

Disabled Veterans' Outreach Program Specialist provide intensive services to meet the employment needs of disabled veterans and other eligible veterans, with maximum emphasis directed towards serving those who are economically or educationally disadvantaged, including homeless veterans, and veterans with barriers to employment.



**"Unemployment is also Hell..."**



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## *Highlights from Military History in October..*

### **October 1, 1942 - Bell P-59 Airacomet fighter, 1st US jet, made its maiden flight.**

Development of the P-59, America's first jet-propelled airplane, was ordered personally by General H. H. Arnold on September 4, 1941.

### **October 2, 1799 - Establishment of Washington Navy Yard.**

The Washington Navy Yard is the U.S. Navy's oldest shore establishment, in operation since the first decade of the 19th century.

### **October 16, 1962 - The Cuban missile crisis began as President Kennedy was informed that reconnaissance photographs had revealed the presence of missile bases in Cuba.**

Kennedy organized the Executive Committee of the National Security Council. These 19 men will help him through the coming crisis.

### **October 26, 1787 - "Federalist Papers," a series of articles written under the pen name of Publius by Alexander Hamilton, James Madison, and John Jay, were published and called for ratification of Constitution.**

Madison, widely recognized as the Father of the Constitution, would later go on to become President of the United States. Jay would become the first Chief Justice of the US Supreme Court. Hamilton would serve in the Cabinet and become a major force in setting economic policy for the US.

**"The only thing necessary for the triumph of evil is for good men to do nothing"**  
**- Edmund Burke (1729-1797), British statesman and philosopher**