

# Veteran's Newsletter



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The MyTMCC student portal allows each department to customize their delivery of student information. The Communication Center gives students the extra information necessary to satisfy enrollment, financial aid and academic issues. The checklist of items necessary to initiate VA Education Benefits has been added to the Financial Aid Communication Center and linked to my website for additional information. The requirements for each degree are available through the portal in the drop-down box, [Academic Requirements](#). You will be able to view the requirements for your declared degree and see what requirements your completed classes have fulfilled. This is a great asset in selecting the correct classes to be certified for payment by the VA. You will

receive communications from this office electronically to your portal account regarding any issues.



Chapter 33 (Post 9/11 GI Bill) As of August 1, 2011 many changes were effective to this education benefit. Payments are now issued based on the rate of pursuit (full-time, 3/4 time). In order to receive any BAH you must be certified for a minimum of 7 credits. BAH is forfeit if certified for 6 or less credits. BAH is now authorized for all online classes (except for remedial Math and/or English). The pay is one-half the national average of an E-5 with dependents. Out-of-state tuition/fees in Nevada are no longer payable. For a complete list of all the changes go to the VA's website at [www.gibill.va.gov](http://www.gibill.va.gov)

## Procedures for Enrollment

- **Send the course submittal form from my website: [www.tmcc.edu/veterans/benefits/](http://www.tmcc.edu/veterans/benefits/), each semester to initiate your certification to the VA for payment.**
- View your Academic Requirements from your MyTMCC student portal. Remember only classes that are requirements of your degree can be certified to the VA for payment.
- Changing degrees can only be accomplished before a semester begins. Once the semester has started, you can submit a change of major, but it will not be effective until the next semester. **The degree that is listed on your MyTMCC portal is the degree I will use.** Be sure to check your listed degree to be sure it's correct.
- Developmental Courses (any course with a zero in the front, i.e. Math 093, Eng 096) **can not be taken online.** This applies to all chapter benefits.
- If you select a "**short class**" meaning the start/end date of the class is less than the full semester, the VA pays depending on the number of credits in attendance each month.
- If you receive an "F" grade from an instructor due to non-attendance, it will have the same effect as withdrawals (VA may choose to recoup the payment) as well as lowering your cumulative GPA which may place you in jeopardy of academic probation or suspension.

### Special points of interest:

- VET STUDENT ENROLLMENT FALL 2011 = 399
- CHAPTER 33 - 222 VETS ENROLLED
- MYTMCC PORTAL
- ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS
- CHAPTER 33 - CHANGES

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## Resources

### **Veterans Upward Bound**

Did you know that you can take developmental Math & English classes, take the AC-CUPLACER Test and meet with an advisor to select classes at Veterans Upward Bound?

They have smaller class sizes and are available for more personalized service.

Contact VUB at 829-9007 for an appointment and info.

### **Reno Vet Center**

Provides readjustment counseling services to combat veterans and their families at no cost.

Services available are individual/group/marital/family and bereavement counseling, alcohol & drug assessment & referral, benefits assistance, referral to community agencies, employment counseling and referral.

Contact 775-323-1294

### **Washoe County Assessor**

If you take a copy of your DD214 to the Assessor's office you may receive a discount towards your vehicle registration.

Contact 775-328-2200

1001 East Ninth Street-Bldg D  
Reno, Nevada 89512

[www.co.washoe.nv.us/  
Assessor](http://www.co.washoe.nv.us/Assessor)



### **Scholarships**

There are many scholarships available to the veteran community and current members of the armed forces. Here are a few.

- [HoratioAlger.com](http://HoratioAlger.com)
- [AFCEA.com](http://AFCEA.com)
- [Amvets.org](http://Amvets.org)
- [Military.com](http://Military.com)

### **Seamless Transition Program**

The Department of Veterans Affairs has established the Seamless Transition Program to meet the specific needs of veterans returning from Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom. Designated contacts are available at each VA Medical Center to help with this transition.

Contact: Alicia M. Adams, RN  
775-328-1232

### **Veterans ListServe**

In order to facilitate communication quickly to all TMCC vets, a Listserve has been created. Go to the home page of the Veterans Education Benefits Office to find the link to subscribe.

This Listserve has proven beneficial to pass along urgent info.

### **Wolf Pack Vets**

The Wolf Pack Vets at UNR have extended an open invitation to all TMCC vets to attend events. POC: [perfecto\\_manutajr@yahoo.com](mailto:perfecto_manutajr@yahoo.com)

## Additional Information

**IAVA** (Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans of America). This website has information dedicated to veterans who served in Iraq and/or Afghanistan. Visit: [iava.org](http://iava.org)

### **Pat Tillman Foundation:**

For information regarding the criteria for this scholarship visit the website at [www.pattillmanfoundation.org](http://www.pattillmanfoundation.org)

**UNR Lady Vets** has extended an open invitation to any TMCC Lady Vets who wish to attend a monthly gathering. POC: Peggy Bohn—[pbohn@unr.edu](mailto:pbohn@unr.edu)

**Operation Feed Back** is an outreach of Hands of Hope Food Bank to local military. Go to their website for info: <http://www.handsofhope.us/>

**Retroactive Traumatic Injury Benefits** no longer just for OEF/OIF injuries: The VA recently sent a news release regarding this issue. For more information or to apply for TSGLI payment, Servicemembers and Veterans should go to <http://www.insurance.va.gov/sgliSite/TSGLI/TSGLI.htm>

**UNR Transfer** procedures are available on the vet webpage: <http://www.unr.edu/veteran>

**Veterans Day** celebration will be held at TMCC on November 10th from 12:00—12:45 pm. Join us for a flag raising ceremony with color guard, music, speaker, and light refreshments.