

# #FOREVERGIBILL



We want to be remembered as the generation who gave back and secured the GI Bill into the next century. We seek a lifetime GI Bill for future generations of veterans that is protected from cuts by Congress. Student Veterans of America and a coalition of partners will advocate for this expansion and protection.

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## **H.R. 1216, Protecting Veterans From School Closures Act of 2017**

protects student veterans when their institutions of higher education fail by restoring their lost benefits. Currently veterans are the only student population that does not receive relief in a scenario like this. This bill would also be retroactive back to the closure of ITT Tech, but we would like to see it extended back to the closures of the Corinthian Colleges system as well. Every single day that passes is another setback to success in higher education for those who have already faced undue hardship due to the negligent business practices of some institutions of higher learning (IHL).

## **H.R. 1379 “To amend title 38...”**

for Purple Heart Recipients GI Bill eligibility would recognize the sacrifice of men and women who have served our country with dignity, sustaining battlefield injuries. Currently, only veterans who either served at least 36 months on active duty or are medically retired receive Post-9/11 GI Bill benefits at the 100 percent rate, excluding nearly 3,000 Purple Heart recipients over the next ten years who may not meet these administrative requirements. In practice, this error penalizes men and women who were wounded before they could reach the full-term of their contract to receive GI Bill eligibility.

## **H.R. 1384, Reserve Component Benefits Parity Act**

recognizes the service of National Guard and Reserve Members by ensuring that an order to serve on active duty under sections 12304a and 12304b of title 10, United States Code, is treated the same as other orders to serve on active duty for determining the benefits eligibility of service members and veterans. Many of these service members perform the exact same duties as their active duty counterparts, yet they realize none of the benefits.

## **H.R. 2103, Julian Woods Yellow Ribbon Expansion Act**

extends the Yellow Ribbon Program benefits to recipients of the Gunnery Sergeant John David Fry Scholarship. The Yellow Ribbon Program allows veterans to attend participating private institutes of higher education by having VA and the IHL split the remaining cost to attend. The Fry Scholarship provides GI Bill benefits to the children and surviving spouse of a service member who died in the line of duty, and we believe that should include access to the Yellow Ribbon Program.

# COALITION PARTNERS

Air Force Association

American Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers  
American Association of Community Colleges

American Association of State Colleges and Universities

American Council on Education

American Legion

American Logistics Association

American Military Retirees Association

American Military Society

American Retirees Association

AMVETS

Armed Forces Marketing Council

Association of American Colleges & Universities

Association of American Universities

Association of Public and Land-grant Universities

Association of the United States Navy

Blue Star Families

Coast Guard Chief Petty Officers Association

Coast Guard Enlisted Association

Concerned Veterans for America

Disabled American Veterans

Enlisted Association of the National Guard of the United States

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Higher Ground Veterans Advocacy

Ivy League Student Veterans Council

Jewish War Veterans of the United States of America

Midwestern Higher Education Compact

Military Child Ed Coalition

Military Officers Association of America

Military Order of the Purple Heart

Military Order of the World Wars

Minnesota State Colleges and Universities System

National Association of Independent Colleges and Universities

National Association of Student Personnel Administrators

National Association of Veterans' Program Administrators

National Guard Association of the U.S.

National Guard Association of the United States

National Military Family Association

National State Approving Agencies Association of America

Non Commissioned Officers Association

Paralyzed Veterans of America

Reserve Officers Association

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Service Year Alliance

Society of Military Widows

Square Deal for Veterans

STEM Education Coalition

Student Veterans of America

Swords to Plowshares

The Flag & General Officers Network

The Retired Enlisted Association

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Travis Manion Foundation

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Veterans for Common Sense

Veterans of Foreign Wars

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