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1. This is the sixth ALCOAST since SEP 2008 providing an update to the Veterans Education Assistance Act of 2008, also known as the Post-9/11 GI Bill. See refs A thru D for guidance released in the last year. In response to numerous inquiries from the field, COMDT (CG-1221) posed a series of questions to the Department of Veterans Affairs (DVA). Those questions, with DVA responses, have been posted on the MCPOCG allhands blog at <http://coastguardallhands.blogspot.com/2009/11/update-onprocessing-times-of-post-911.html>
2. Coast Guard members (past and present) have expressed concerns enrolling for classes absent a completed Certificate of Eligibility (COE). The answers provided at the blog should help assure members of DVAs actions to help facilitate enrollments. Additionally, it is imperative members stay in close contact with the appropriate college officials or veterans affairs office at their intended college to ensure seamless enrollment while the DVA completes the COEs.
3. Many colleges will accept a screen print from the defense manpower data center Transfer of Educational Benefits (TEB) portal to validate eligibility. Additionally, the DVA education service distributed multiple communications to all schools informing them they should not delay sending an enrollment certification to the DVA if the student is waiting for a COE. For most schools, a COE is not required to register for school.
4. DVA has begun a Facebook posting at: www.facebook.com/gibilleducation in order to provide timely information and updates to all members interested in the Post-9/11 GI Bill. Be advised, Facebook is not accessible from a CGSW. Members must check from a non-CG computer.
5. RADM R. T. Hewitt, Assistant Commandant for Human Resources, sends.
6. Internet release is authorized.

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