

GI Bill Available to Active-Duty Sailors

Many Sailors are unaware aren't aware that if they are enrolled in the Montgomery GI Bill (MGIB) and have completed 24 months of active duty, they may begin to use their MGIB benefits. In fact, active-duty Sailors can use regular MGIB payments or MGIB Top-Up (used with tuition assistance) when taking advantage of their education benefits.

Sailors who choose to use these benefits can file claims to the Department of Veterans Affairs (DVA) by submitting a VA Form 22-1990 (available on DVA's website at www.vba.va.gov/pubs/educationforms.htm) by mail or online. MGIB Top-Up benefits TA claims are processed by an initial submission of the VA Form 22-1990, along with a copy of the completed TA form clearly marked "Top-Up." Subsequent Top-Up claims require only a copy of the completed TA form marked "Top-Up." No school certification is required. More information is available on VA's website at www.vba.va.gov.



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