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From: Commandant of the Marine Corps
To: Distribution List

Subj: MONTGOMERY GI BILL-RESERVE (MGIB-R)

Ref: (a) 10, U.S.C. Chapter 106, as amended
(b) 38, U.S.C. Chapter 30, as amended
(c) MCO P1080R.38C, RESPRIM

Encl: (1) Discussion on MGIB-R Eligibility
(2) Interim Eligibility Letter for Expanded Program
(3) Vocational and/or Technical Benefits and Payment Schedule
(4) Notice of Basic Eligibility (DD Form 2384-1)
(5) Preparation of DD Forms 2384 and 2384-1, "Notice of Basic Eligibility" (NOBE)
(6) Establishing 6-Year SMCR Obligation for MGIB-R Eligibility

1. Purpose. To publish implementing guidance for MGIB-R education benefits authorized by reference (a).

2. Cancellation. MCO 1560R.30A.

3. Background

a. Reference (a) established the MGIB-R for individuals who incurred a 6-year inactive duty training (IDT) obligation in the Selected Marine Corps Reserve (SMCR) by enlistment, reenlistment, or extension of duty after 30 June 1985.

b. After 30 September 1990, new MGIB-R educational benefits are available to individuals who exercise a new 6-year IDT obligation by enlistment, reenlistment, or extension of obligation in the SMCR.

c. Changes/New Benefits

(1) Retroactive from 1 October 1990, Marine Corps Reserve Full-Time Support (FTS) Program personnel are no longer eligible for MGIB-R, Chapter 106 benefits.

(2) Educational assistance under the MGIB-R is not available for graduate level training; however, the new Chapter

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106 does permit personnel with a bachelor degree or above to receive benefits for the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) approved training.

(3) The MGIB-R Program manager must coordinate with the Marine Corps Recruiting and the Public Affairs Office when announcing federally legislated changes to the MGIB-R Program.

(4) Enclosures (1) and (2) list guidance for establishing the 6-year SMCR obligation for MGIB-R eligibility and a discussion on the MGIB-R process.

(5) Benefits

(a) The level of benefit and courses of study are determined and approved by the VA. Application for benefits is made through the Veteran's Assistance Representative in the local VA office at the school in which the member is enrolled.

(b) Effective 1 April 1993, educational assistance is authorized for eligible individuals for pursuit of an approved program of undergraduate education at the rate of 190 dollars each month for participating in a full-time program of education, 143 dollars each month for participating in a three-quarter-time program of education, 95 dollars each month for participating in a half-time program of education, and 43 dollars for each month of less than half-time participation. No payment may be made to a person for less than half-time pursuit of a program of entitlement, if tuition assistance is otherwise available to the person for such pursuit.

(c) Expanded Benefits

(1) Reference (a) expands benefits, under the MGIB-R program, to include all approved courses of study under reference (b), except a program of education in a course of instruction that is beyond a baccalaureate degree level. Personnel currently holding the baccalaureate degree can obtain MGIB-R eligibility for an additional baccalaureate degree or any other educational program covered in this Order.

(2) The expanded MGIB-R program extended benefits for vocational/technical training include on-the-job training, correspondence courses, independent study, cooperative study, and flight training (The member must possess a private pilot's license and meet the medical requirements for a commercial license before beginning flight training.). The educational assistance benefits payment schedule at enclosure (3) applies.

4. Effective Date. 1 April 1993.

5. Information

a. Basic Eligibility. To establish basic eligibility:

(1) Nonprior Service (NPS) personnel must:

(a) Enlist in the SMCR for a period of not less than 6 years after 30 June 1985 or, if an officer, agree to serve in the SMCR for at least 6 years past the date of appointment or affiliation.

(b) Complete Initial Active Duty for Training (IADT) or the first increment of IADT for members of the Incremental IADT program.

(c) Not be receiving financial assistance from a Reserve Officers Training Corps (ROTC) Scholarship Program.

(d) Not have received a commission after graduation from one of the United States Service Academies or an ROTC Scholarship Program.

(e) Receive a high school diploma or equivalency prior to the completion of IADT. Twelve semester hours of satisfactorily completed college work are permitted in substitution for high school credentials. Members shall furnish evidence of satisfying this requirement within 60 days of the date they complete IADT. NPS Marines who complete this requirement after 60 days will execute an appropriate extension from the date they submit a diploma or certificate of completion. The date of eligibility and the date the 6-year SMCR obligation begins will be the date of the extension.

(f) Not be on active duty for the purpose of organizing, administering, recruiting, instructing, or training the Reserves; under 10, U.S.C. Chapter 265 i.e., a member of the Marine Corps Reserve FTS Program.

(2) Prior Service (PS) personnel must:

(a) Reenlist or extend in the SMCR under current regulations for a period of not less than 6 years after 30 June 1985 or, if an officer, the day following the last day of any existing SMCR obligation.

(b) Complete prescribed IADT or possess a primary military occupational specialty (MOS) which is compatible with an assigned SMCR billet.

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(c) Possess a high school diploma or equivalency on the date the 6-year commitment in the SMCR takes effect. Twelve semester hours of satisfactorily completed college work are permitted in substitution for high school credentials.

(d) Not be receiving financial assistance from an ROTC Scholarship Program.

(e) Not have received a commission after graduation from one of the United States Service Academies or an ROTC Scholarship Program.

(f) Not have participated in the active duty MGIB as defined in reference (b).

(g) Not have established eligibility as a member of another Reserve Component.

(h) Not be on active duty as a member with the FTS Program.

(i) Not be eligible for and receiving benefits under any other education assistance program administered by the VA concurrently with the MGIB-R benefits for pursuit of the same educational program.

(3) Basic eligibility expires 10 years after the established date of basic eligibility. Exceptions are:

(a) Members who fail to complete their 6-year SMCR obligation for any reason, other than physical disability and involuntary separation due to unit deactivation or relocation or force reduction, shall have basic eligibility terminated on the date of separation or transfer from the SMCR.

(b) Members who are prevented from pursuing an educational program because of a physical or mental disability incurred or aggravated in the line of SMCR duty may apply to the VA for an extension of their period of eligibility. Application for extension must be made within 1 year of the last day of the 10-year eligibility period or disability, whichever is later.

(4) As determined by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, the aggregate period for which any Marine may receive educational assistance under provision of law administered by the VA is 48 months (or the part-time equivalent thereof).

b. Documentation. Basic eligibility documentation consists of the Statement of Understanding, Selected Reserve Educational Assistance Program, [OPNAV 1780/1\(4-85\)](#) (SOU) and the Selected

Reserve Educational Assistance Program (GI Bill) Notice Of Basic Eligibility (NOBE) DD Form 2384 or issuances after 31 December 1991, DD Form 2384-1, enclosure (4).

(1) Members who enlist, reenlist, or extend in the SMCR for a period of not less than 6 years shall, at the time of such agreement, complete an SOU.

(2) The SOU is a part of the enlistment/reenlistment contract and shall be part the member's official service record. It is required to document the agreement to serve in the SMCR for a minimum of 6 years but alone is not documentation of basic eligibility. By using one thin black line out, initials by the authenticating officer and/or clearly printing/typing the replacement information, the following changes shall be made to the SOU:

(a) Paragraph 2a, delete "During the period 1 July 1985 through 30 June 1988" and insert "After 30 June 1985".

(b) Paragraph 2b, delete entirely.

(c) Paragraph 2c, delete all occurrences of the word "certificate".

(d) Paragraph 2e, for new obligations executed after 30 September 1990, delete entirely.

(e) Add paragraph 2f: "I agree to remain in the SMCR until (date) to qualify for MGIB-R benefits." For officers, paragraph 2f shall also contain the sentence: "I understand that this agreement does not constitute an application for SMCR service or obligate the Marine Corps in any way to extend or retain me in the SMCR."

(3) The NOBE alone is necessary and sufficient to document a member's initial basic eligibility. Only one DD Form 2384 or 2384-1 shall be issued to each entitled member. DD Form 2384, Oct 85, may be used through June 30, 1992 in those instances where DD Form 2384-1 has not reached using units through the supply system.

(4) By using one thin black line out, initials by the authenticating officer, and/or clearly printing/typing the replacement information, the following changes shall be made to the NOBE DD Form 2384 only:

(a) Paragraph 2a, replace "During the period 1 July 1985 through 30 June 1988" with "After 30 June 1985".

(b) Paragraph 2b, delete entirely.

(c) Paragraph 2c, delete the word "certificate".

(d) Paragraph 2e, for new obligations executed after 30 September 1990, delete entirely.

(e) Paragraph 4, delete the line, "No payment can be made for less than half time pursuit."

(5) Immediately upon meeting all basic eligibility criteria, members shall be issued an NOBE. Preparation instructions for the NOBE are contained at enclosure (5).

(6) A corrected copy may be issued to correct an erroneous date of basic eligibility. A corrected DD Form 2384 or 2384-1 shall be clearly marked "CORRECTED COPY."

c. Termination of MGIB-R Basic Eligibility

(1) Individuals who transfer or separate from the SMCR will be automatically terminated from the program. Recoupment of a portion of benefits paid and penalty will be made in cases of voluntary transfer/separation from the SMCR or involuntary separation for failure to meet established standards of performance and conduct which preclude completion of the service commitment that established eligibility for the MGIB-R. Recoupment actions will not be taken for cases of voluntary transfer to active duty.

(2) Individuals who fail to perform or participate satisfactorily in the SMCR shall have their MGIB-R eligibility terminated. Unsatisfactory participation is defined for the MGIB-R as the accumulation of nine unexcused absences from inactive duty training in any consecutive 12-month period, or the unexcused absence from annual training or other required active duty for training in the SMCR. Performance of Equivalent Instruction or Duty may mitigate unexcused absences in the determination of unsatisfactory participation. Suspension of MGIB-R eligibility for unsatisfactory participation is not authorized. Unsatisfactory participation will result in recoupment of benefits and penalty unless waived by the CMC (RAM).

(3) Individuals who receive a senior ROTC scholarship will have their eligibility terminated. Termination will be effective on the date the scholarship is accepted. Benefits paid after acceptance of an ROTC scholarship are considered overpayments and subject to recoupment by the VA.

(4) Once terminated, MGIB-R eligibility cannot be reinstated.

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d. Waiver of Continued SMCR Service Requirement for MGIB-R. During the period of 1 October 1991 to 30 September 1995, a member of the Selected Reserve who has received a notice of basic eligibility of entitlement to educational assistance (DD Form 2384 or 2384-1) and is involuntarily separated from the SMCR shall be eligible for the educational assistance until the end of the 10-year period beginning on the date of initial eligibility for benefits on the DD Form 2384-1. Further, to be eligible for this waiver:

(1) The CG, MARRESFOR must determine that the involuntary separation from an SMCR unit is the result of unit deactivation/relocation or a reduction in authorized billets, or

(2) The CMC (RAP) must determine that the involuntary separation from an Individual Mobilization Augmentee (IMA) billet is the result of a reduction of IMA billets.

e. Suspension of MGIB-R Basic Eligibility

(1) A Marine may be temporarily released from the SMCR without permanent loss of MGIB-R eligibility. Release may be authorized for up to 1 year for valid reasons, or up to 3 years when a religious missionary obligation is involved. Officers and enlisted requests for release will be submitted via the chain of command to the CMC (RAM).

(2) Only one voluntary release is authorized during the 10-year benefit period.

(3) When temporary release is approved, the Marine's MGIB-R eligibility is suspended per reference (c).

(4) Upon return from a period of authorized temporary release from the SMCR the Marine's 6-year SMCR obligation will be extended for a period equal in length to the period of temporary release.

(5) An extension is not required if the qualifying 6-year SMCR obligation has been completed.

(6) Suspension of MGIB-R eligibility for unsatisfactory participation is not authorized.

(7) Penalties. Failure to participate satisfactorily in required duty in the SMCR will result in recoupment of previously paid benefits, in the form of penalties, per reference (a).

6. Action

a. The CMC (RAM) is the Marine Corps Program Manager for the MGIB-R. The program manager shall:

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(1) Provide guidance and assistance to commanders at all levels.

(2) Maintain liaison with the VA concerning the MGIB-R.

(3) Coordinate to resolve differences on individuals who are shown as failing to participate satisfactorily in required training by one service or Reserve Component while eligible for benefits in another and, where it is determined that the individual did fail to participate satisfactorily, immediately notify Defense Manpower Data Center (DMDC).

(4) Maintain expeditious and permanent correction procedures with the DMDC.

(5) Initiate recoupment actions against unsatisfactory participants as required.

(6) The CMC (RAM) may waive the requirement for penalties or may reduce the amount of such penalties upon determination that the unsatisfactory performance was the result of circumstances beyond the control of the member.

(7) Maintain liaison with and provide actuary costing to the CMC (RAB) to ensure the programming, budgeting, and execution of MGIB-R funds.

(8) Coordinate with the HQMC Active Component Recruitment Advertising Section (MRM) and the Public Affairs Office (PA) to ensure timely and accurate conduct of publicity campaigns in the dissemination of information on the availability of the MGIB-R Program.

b. The Director, Manpower Information Systems Support Activity, Marine Corps Support Activity, Kansas City, MO is the Marine Corps data systems administrator for the MGIB-R. The data systems administrator shall:

(1) Assist the program manager and commanders in researching and correcting REMMPS and DMDC data entries.

(2) Forward non-routine inquiries to the CMC (RAM)

(3) Ensure that the reporting unit of SMCR members who become entitled to Selected Reserve educational assistance is advised of the entitlement to benefits. Ensure an advisory is generated on the unit's Diary Feedback Report "MASTER RECORD REFLECTS MARINE ELIGIBLE FOR MGIB BENEFITS. ISSUE NOBE."

(4) Ensure that the MGIB-R Information Report is provided to the SMCR reporting unit when requested via on-line unit diary.

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c. The commanding general/site-commander/inspector-instructor/commanding officer, officer in charge (as applicable) of SMCR Marines under their cognizance shall:

(1) Ensure all Marines are screened for MGIB-R eligibility upon joining the SMCR unit.

(2) Ensure SOU and NOBE are completed and issued within personnel.

(3) Request from the "canned" Reserve reports available under Natural Production on the Kansas City menu and audit monthly the MGIB-R Information Roster. Audit the report to ensure all Reserve member's MGIB-R eligibility are correctly reflected in REMMPS.

(4) Ensure the original NOBE and SOU are forwarded to the CMC (MMSB-20 for enlisted) and CMC (MMSB-10 for officers) for placement in the Official Military Personnel File (OMPF), and a copy is placed in the member's local service record book/officer qualification record.

(5) Report appropriate changes to eligibility status into REMMPS per reference (c).

(6) Ensure that all personnel whose duties involve administering and counseling on MGIB-R program eligibility requirements and benefits are familiar with the information at enclosures (4) and (5).

(7) Prior to issue, make all corrections to NOBE's as directed by this Order. The new NOBE will be requested from Navy (COG I) System, NSN 0102-LF-002-3841, Unit of Issue (U/I): Pads of 50. This is a sensitive item and requisitions should be restricted to no more than 15 pads per order for a reporting unit. The NOBE shall be controlled per the following instructions:

(a) Blank NOBE's shall be serially numbered and secured in a locked container.

(b) Blank NOBE's shall not be reproduced.

(c) All obsolete forms shall be destroyed.

(d) All forms to be discarded, including those which are blank or partially completed, and reproduced copies, shall be destroyed. No forms may be discarded intact.

(e) A commissioned officer, warrant officer, staff noncommissioned officer (gunnery sergeant or above), or DoD

civilian (GS-7 or above) shall be appointed to requisition, control, and issue the NOBE. The individual so appointed shall ensure that only one NOBE is issued per participant.

(f) Modification of the format of the DD 2384-1 shall not be made without prior approval of the CMC (RAM).

(8) Upon request, provide written certification of the 6-year obligation date to the VA for eligible members of the SMCR applying for benefits under the MGIB-R. A letter in the format indicated at enclosure (6) shall be used to verify eligibility of individuals who were issued a DD Form 2384 before 1 October 1990, and who have reenlisted or extended for 6 years to be eligible for the vocational and/or technical program benefits available in the expanded program. That letter should be furnished to the VA regional office handling the member's application when applying for benefits or on request by that office.

7. Records Disposition. The contents of this Order do not impose a requirement on addressees to create or maintain any records.



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DISCUSSION ON MGIB-R ELIGIBILITY

1. Eligibility. Since 1 July 1985, only officer and enlisted personnel without a baccalaureate degree, could qualify for the MGIB-R Program, if they met the eligibility criteria outlined in this Order. After 1 October 1990, officers and enlisted personnel with a baccalaureate degree can qualify for the MGIB-R Program.
2. When all eligibility criteria have been met, the eligible person is given a copy of the NOBE. Once the NOBE is presented to a VA representative with a completed application for MGIB-R benefits, the VA's adjudication process for benefits starts.
3. VA's Adjudication Process. The process requires verification of eligibility data passed to them from the Marine Corps Reserve by electronic transfer. If the correct eligibility data is not in the VA's computer system at the time of initial processing, they will pay the benefit for 120 days, pending receipt of the correct data. The initial 120 days of benefits will be paid, based on the presentation of the NOBE by the eligible person. If the correct eligibility data is not received by the VA's computer system after 120 days, benefits will be stopped.
4. Once the application for benefits is approved, the eligible person is entitled to 36 months of benefits at the full-time rate.
5. If the member is eligible for the benefits under another VA educational assistance program, benefit entitlement could be approved for 48 months. Consult the VA for additional information.
6. Personnel should contact their Reserve unit admin office if they have questions concerning MGIB-R eligibility.
7. If enrolled full-time, and the course(s) of education is (are) approved by the VA, the monthly benefit of 190 dollars will be mailed directly to the eligible person. The 190-dollar maximum benefit rate will be reduced if a member enrolls in a non-VA approved course of education even though the level of enrollment is full-time.
8. Personnel should contact the VA for counseling to resolve MGIB-R benefit level disputes.
9. The Marine Corps Reserve can not solve disputes between MGIB-R eligible personnel and the VA over the MGIB-R benefit level.

ENCLOSURE (1)

INTERIM ELIGIBILITY LETTER FOR EXPANDED PROGRAM

1550
Section Code
Date

Department of Veterans Affairs
Attn: Director, Educational Service
(Address of regional office serving the school and/or member)

In accordance with provisions required by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs and the Secretary of Defense, eligibility for the expanded benefits of the "Montgomery GI Bill" for the Selected Reserve (effective October 1, 1990) is verified for the individual, below:

I certify that (member's full name and social security number), agreed to serve a 6-year period in the Selected Reserve from (date of new agreement). A copy of (member's name) enlistment, reenlistment, and/or extension contract or officer service agreement is attached to validate certification.

(Member's full name) established basic eligibility to the "Montgomery GI Bill" for the Selected Reserve on (eligibility start date).

Sincerely,

Unit Commander
(or designated representative)

ENCLOSURE (2)

VOCATIONAL AND/OR TECHNICAL BENEFITS AND PAYMENT SCHEDULE

1. An enlistment, reenlistment, extension of enlistment for service in the Selected Reserve or, in the case of an officer, agreement to serve in the Selected Reserve for 6 years beginning on or after 1 October 1990, must be signed by the member to qualify for post secondary education (not beyond the baccalaureate degree level), vocational, and/or technical educational assistance.
2. Each 190 vice 140 dollars paid by the VA is considered 1 month of educational assistance benefits effective 1 April 1993.
3. The VA schedule of payment for various types of vocational and/or technical training is as follows:
 - a. Apprenticeship Training
 - (1) First 6 months: 75 percent of full-time entitlement.
 - (2) Next 6 months: 55 percent.
 - (3) Duration of the program: 35 percent.
 - b. Correspondence Courses. Paid at 55 percent of the established charge required of nonveterans and payable on a quarterly pro rata basis for lessons completed by the member.
 - c. Independent Study. The educational assistance benefit is paid at the less-than-half-time rate per month for courses offered through accredited institutions without any regularly scheduled classroom sessions.
 - d. Cooperative Programs. The monthly rate of benefit for a cooperative program (full-time programs of education, which may or may not lead to a degree), is 80 percent of the monthly allowance. The programs typically consist of alternating phases of school instruction and training in business and/or industrial settings.
 - e. Other Vocational and/or Technical Courses. Paid at the same rate as students pursuing programs offered by institutions of higher learning.
 - f. Remedial and/or Deficiency and/or Refresher Courses
 - (1) The individual has demonstrated deficiency in the past.
 - (2) The individual must retake courses taken before, due to changes in highly technical fields.

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(3) Payable at the institution of higher learning resident
crate.

(4) The institution of higher learning shall make
determination of need for course(s).

g. Flight Training

(a) Flight training is available for a 4-year period
beginning 1 October 1990, and ending 30 September 1994.

(b) Rate of payment is 60 percent of the established
charges for a course, excluding charges for solo flying hours.

(c) The member must be pursuing a vocational objective in
the field of aviation.

(d) The member must possess a private pilot license and
meet the medical requirements for a commercial license before
beginning flight training.

ENCLOSURE (3)

NOTICE OF BASIC ELIGIBILITY (DD FORM 2384-1)

NOTICE OF BASIC ELIGIBILITY (NOBE)			
PRIVACY ACT STATEMENT			
AUTHORITY:		10 U.S.C. Sections 2131, 2132, 2133, 2134, and 2135; E.O. 9397.	
PRINCIPAL PURPOSE(S):		Information will be used to establish entitlement by eligible members of the Selected Reserve to GI Bill Educational Assistance benefits.	
ROUTINE USE(S):		To the Department of Veterans Affairs, to substantiate eligibility for educational assistance under the Montgomery GI Bill.	
DISCLOSURE:		Voluntary; however, failure to provide personal information may preclude processing of Notice of Basic Eligibility.	
COMPUTER MATCHING: Information provided on the Notice of Basic Eligibility is subject to a computer matching agreement between the Department of Defense and the Department of Veterans Affairs. Computer matching is employed to verify an individual's eligibility for and continued compliance with Federal benefit programs, and in some instances is used to effect adjustments or recovery of improper payments made to or delinquent debts owed by a beneficiary or former beneficiary.			
* If you were eligible for the Montgomery GI Bill for the Selected Reserve prior to December 31, 1991, use DD Form 2384, OCT 85. All other use DD Form 2384-1, NOV 91.			
1. SERVICEMEMBER DATA			
a. NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial)		b. SSN	c. DATE OF BASIC ELIGIBILITY* (YYMMDD)
d. RESERVE COMPONENT		e. UNIT IDENTIFICATION CODE (UIC)	f. UNIT TELEPHONE NO. (Include Area Code)
g. HOME MAILING ADDRESS (HOR) (Street, City, State, and Zip Code)		h. UNIT OF ASSIGNMENT	
		i. UNIT ADDRESS	
2. BASIC ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA			
I meet the eligibility criteria for the Selected Reserve Educational Assistance program authorized in Chapter 106 of title 10, U.S. Code, as follows:			
a. On or after October 1, 1990, I have agreed to serve six years in the Selected Reserve. If I am an officer, I agree to serve in the Selected Reserve for six years in addition to any other period of obligated Selected Reserve service I am required to perform.			
b. I have (or have completed the requirements for) a high school diploma or an equivalency certificate.			
c. I have completed Initial Active Duty for Training (IADT), if required.			
d. I am not receiving financial assistance under Section 2107 of title 10 U.S.C. (ROTC Scholarship).			
3. SATISFACTORY PARTICIPATION			
My basic eligibility to educational assistance benefits depends upon serving satisfactorily the complete 6-year term in the Selected Reserve as prescribed by military regulations. Failure to participate satisfactorily in required Reserve training means I will not be eligible for any benefits from the date of the unsatisfactory participation. If I fail to participate satisfactorily as a member of the Selected Reserve, I understand I will permanently lose all entitlements under this program and may be:			
a. Ordered to involuntary active duty for a period of up to two years or the period of my obligated service remaining, whichever is less, or			
b. Required to refund to the United States part of the money received from the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) plus accrued interest for educational assistance under this program. Any refund I may be required to make does not affect my obligation to complete my service agreement in the Selected Reserve.			
4. MONTHLY ENTITLEMENTS			
I am entitled to a maximum of 36 months of educational assistance based upon full-time pursuit (or the equivalent based upon less than full-time pursuit). Benefits to which I am entitled under this program will be paid by the VA. It is my personal responsibility to apply to the VA in order to receive benefits. I understand I may receive no more than 48 months of benefits under two or more VA programs.			
5. AUTHORIZED NON-PARTICIPATION			
If I am not able to continue to serve in the Selected Reserve for a valid reason approved by my Reserve component, following a period of satisfactory Reserve participation, I may be authorized up to one year of nonavailability, or up to three years in cases of a religious missionary obligation or with approval of the Service Secretary. I understand that I must reobligate for any approved period of nonavailability upon reaffiliation with a Reserve component. Failure to affiliate with the Selected Reserve at the end of this period will result in permanent ineligibility to benefits. Only one approved release is permitted during the 10 year benefit period.			
6. EXPIRATION			
My entitlement to unused educational assistance benefits will normally expire on the earlier of the following two dates:			
a. The 10th anniversary of eligibility to benefits if I remain a member in good standing during that period.			
b. On the date of separation from the Selected Reserve (except for those members separated from the Selected Reserve for a disability due to no fault of their own in which case benefits are retained for the entire ten year period).			
7. UNDERSTANDING			
I have read and understand each of the statements above and acknowledge that they are intended to constitute official notice and certification of my eligibility for Selected Reserve educational assistance benefits. I understand that this entitlement does not take precedence over forced attrition due to total force management decisions.			
I certify that, to the best of my knowledge, the above information is true and correct.			
a. SERVICEMEMBER			
(1) Typed Name (Last, First, Middle Initial)	(2) Grade	(3) Signature	(4) Date Signed
		[Signature]	
b. COMMANDING OFFICER OR DESIGNEE			
(1) Typed Name (Last, First, Middle Initial)	(2) Grade	(3) Signature	(4) Date Signed

DD Form 2384-1, NOV 91

ENCLOSURE (4)

PREPARATION OF DD FORMS 2384 AND 2384-1, "NOTICE OF BASIC
ELIGIBILITY" (NOBE)

1. Preparation. DD Forms 2384 and 2384-1 are important records of military service, which must be prepared accurately and completely. Any unavoidable corrections and changes made during preparation shall be neat, legible, and initialed by the authenticating official. The Marine shall be informed that making any unauthorized change or alteration of the DD Form 2384 or 2384-1 shall render it void.

2. The instructions for preparation of the form contained herein are as follows:

a. Name of the service member who has met the eligibility criteria established in paragraph 5 of this Order who is being notified of eligibility for educational assistance under the "Montgomery GI Bill" for the Selected Reserve.

b. Social Security Number (SSN). The SSN of the eligible member.

c. Date of Basic Eligibility. The date on which the member identified has met the eligibility criteria established in paragraph 5 of this Order for receipt of educational assistance.

d. Reserve Component. Identify the component to which the individual belongs. Use the abbreviations indicated to identify each component: United States Marine Corps Reserve (USMCR).

e. Unit Telephone. Telephone number of the unit to which the member is assigned.

f. Home Mailing Address. The home mailing address or home of record of the eligible member.

g. Unit of Assignment. The designation of the military unit to which the member identified is assigned.

h. Address of Unit of Assignment. The official mailing address of the military unit to which the member identified is assigned.

i. Typed Name of Service Member, Grade, Signature, and Date Signed. The eligible member's name should be identical to the name as entered in the first block at the top of the form.

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The eligible member must sign the form. Enter the date the member signed the DD Form 2384 or 2384-1. That date may not predate the "Date of Basic Eligibility" entered at the top of the form.

j. Typed Name of Commanding Officer, Designee, Grade, Signature, and Date Signed. The commanding officer or designee identified must sign and date the DD Form 2384 or 2384-1. That date may not predate the "Date of Basic Eligibility" entered at the top of DD Form 2384 or 2384-1.

3. The original signed copy of the DD Form 2384 or 2384-1 shall be forwarded to CMC (MMSB) for placement in the individual's OMPF as a permanent record. Additional signed copies may be locally reproduced, as required.

ENCLOSURE (5)

ESTABLISHING 6-YEAR SMCR OBLIGATION FOR MGIB-R ELIGIBILITY

1. Enlisted

a. If 2 years or more are left on current contract and the member is otherwise eligible for MGIB-R:

(1) Execute an extension of enlistment contract for 6 years in the Marine Corp Reserve (MCR), if MGIB-R eligibility has not been previously established. If MGIB-R eligibility has been previously established stop. See, paragraph 3, of this Order.

(2) Execute SOU on the day member agrees to be a member of the MCR for 6 years. See, note 1.

(3) Issue NOBE with date of basic eligibility the same day member starts the 6-year obligation/contract for MGIB-R Program. See, note 2.

(4) Report MGIB-R eligibility on the unit diary.

(5) Request that MISSO-17 establish mandatory start and mandatory stop date when REMMPS fails to adjust automatically. Prior service Marines with component code KA do not have mandatory start and stop dates.

b. If less than 2 years are left on current contract and all other MGIB-R eligibility requirements are met:

(1) Execute a reenlistment contract for 6 years in the MCR on the first day of eligibility if MGIB-R eligibility has not been previously established. If MGIB-R eligibility previously has been established stop. See, paragraph 3, of this Order.

(2) Execute an SOU on the day member agrees to be a member of the MCR for 6 years. See, note 1.

(3) Issue an NOBE with date of basic eligibility the same day member starts the 6-year obligation/contract for MGIB-R Program. See, note 2.

(4) Report MGIB-R eligibility on the unit diary.

(5) Request that MISSO-17 establish mandatory start and mandatory stop dates when REMMPS fails to adjust automatically. Prior service Marines with component code KA do not have mandatory start and stop dates.

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a. If otherwise eligible for MGIB-R, execute an SOU. See, note 1.

b. Issue an NOBE with date of basic eligibility the same day member starts the 6-year obligation/contract for the MGIB-R Program. See, note 2.

c. Report MGIB-R eligibility on the unit diary.

d. Request MISSO-17 establish mandatory start and mandatory stop dates. Prior service Marines with component code KA do not have mandatory start and stop dates.

Note 1: Issue an additional SOU only when the member extends or reenlists for expanded benefits, on or after 1 October 1990; or after returning to the SMCR from a period of authorized non-availability (hardship-I year or missionary-3 years) to make up the time spent in a non-availability status.

Note 2: If member has served in the military since 1 July 1985, verify previous eligibility from OMPF or the REMMPS record. No more than one NOBE will be issued.

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