THE POST 9/11 GI BILL – YOU’VE EARNED IT.

If you served on active duty after September 10, 2001, there’s an exciting new opportunity for you regarding veterans’ benefits available to help you earn a college degree. You’re not the only one who can benefit though – your spouse or dependents may be able to take advantage of this new educational opportunity if you choose.

The United States Department of Veterans Affairs has announced the establishment of Chapter 33 title 38 U.S.C. – the Post 9/11 GI Bill which takes effect in August 1, 2009. If you qualify for this benefit, you may be eligible for money for tuition, fees and books at the University of South Carolina Beaufort – the most affordable four-year university in the state of South Carolina. In addition to costs related to your academic programs, you may qualify to receive money for housing expenses, too.

If you’ve ever thought that a college degree could change your life, now’s the time to start working toward that secure future without the financial burden. The University of South Carolina Beaufort’s financial aid and veterans affairs counselors are ready to provide you with general information regarding eligibility and how the new Post 9/11 GI Bill will work with or replace your existing veteran benefits.

Call now for more information and to start your next mission – earning a college degree. Counselors may be reached at 843-521-4117 or pagreene@uscb.edu
Post 9/11 GI Bill benefits are payable for training pursued on or after August 1, 2009. No payments may be made under this program for education pursued prior to that date.

You are entitled to a percentage as determined by your length of active duty service, of the following:

- Amount of tuition and fees charged not to exceed the most expensive in-state public undergraduate tuition at an institution of higher education
- A monthly housing allowance (restrictions apply)
- Stipends for books and educational supplies (restrictions apply)

WE’RE HERE TO HELP…

Les Brediger serves as Director of Military Programs at USCB. Retired from the Marine Corps, Les’ goal is to ensure all active duty service members, their family members, and veterans within our Tri-Command service area have current information regarding USCB programs and services and to help explain the new Post 9/11 GI Bill. Les facilitates students’ communication with USCB Military Programs and the Veterans’ Financial Aid Office. Reach Les Brediger at 843-521-4107 or lbredige@uscb.edu

Pat Greene is the Financial Aid Director and Veterans Affairs Coordinator at USCB. She is the VA Certifying Official and she assists students applying for VA Educational Benefits. Pat is ready to answer questions and direct students to appropriate resources when necessary. She can also help interested VA students find VA work-study positions. Additionally, Pat assists VA students applying for Federal Financial Aid, which includes grants, federal work study and student loans. You can reach Pat by phone at 843-521-4117 or via email at pagreene@uscb.edu.

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Call USCB today to learn how to take advantage of this well-deserved benefit.