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CRC– Community Readiness Consultant

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DRC– Discovery Resource Center

SBP– Survivor Benefit Plan

MFLC– Military & Family Life Consultant

CYB-MFLC– Child & Youth Behavioral MFLC

## Core Service Areas



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## Featured Article

### Post-9/11 GI Bill Transfer of Educational Benefits

While the Post-9/11 GI Bill offers a very generous education benefit, a special provision of the program allows career service members the opportunity to share their education benefits with immediate family members. The servicemember's 36 months of benefits – the equivalent of four nine-month academic years – can be transferred to a spouse, one or more children or any combination. The family member must be enrolled in the Defense Eligibility Enrollment Reporting System (DEERS) to receive the benefits.

Even after transferring the benefits, they remain the “property” of the servicemember who earned them, who can revoke them or redesignate who receives them at any time. Defense officials advise erring on the side of caution and including every eligible family member on the registration form.

#### What to Know to Get Started?

In order to transfer the benefits a member MUST have at least **6** years of service in the Armed Forces on the date of election and agree to serve **4** additional years in the Armed Forces from the date of election. At the 6 year mark of service, every Active Duty member should consider whether or not they want to submit the request for the Transfer of Benefits.

Every current Active Duty member who has more than 6 years of service should IMMEDIATELY consider whether or not they want to submit a request for the Transfer of Benefits because the CLOCK is ticking. Remember you have to agree to service 4 additional years of service in order to transfer the benefit! Special provisions apply for those who have a DOS prior to Aug 2012, but additional service is still required.

#### How to Apply for the Transfer of Benefits?

All applications will be submitted through the Transferability of Educational Benefits (TEB) website, located at <https://www.dmdc.osd.mil/TEB/>. Service members will be able to securely access this site with a Common Access Card, a DoD Self Service User ID, or a DFAS PIN. Currently this application may be accessed only with Internet Explorer.

#### Additional Resources

[http://www.defense.gov/home/features/2009/0409\\_gibill/](http://www.defense.gov/home/features/2009/0409_gibill/) Department of Defense GI Bill

<http://www.gibill.va.gov/> Department of Veterans Affairs website

<http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/library/gibill/index.asp> AFPC Post 9/11 GI Bill website

## Upcoming Events

If you would like to receive this newsletter via email, please contact Laurie Adkins @ 385-4663 or via email: [laurie.adkins@ellsworth.af.mil](mailto:laurie.adkins@ellsworth.af.mil)

**\*\*\*NEW\*\*\* Happy Landings @ Ellsworth AFB...**spouses new to EAFB are welcome to stop by the Holbrook Library any Thursday in March between 1030 & 1130 to get information about the base and surrounding community. Children's story time starts at 1100 to entertain the little ones!

**9, 16, 23 7 30 Mar– The LOVE TRIP...**Couple's seminar, 6-7PM, register NLT 5 March

**13 Mar– KUDOs/SUDOs/TUDOs–** Kids, Spouses & Teachers Understanding Deployment Operations; Pride Hangar, 9-12... register NLT 5 March

**Please see the A&FRC calendar on the other side for more classes**

**CALL 385-4663 to get put on the roster for classes and events**

