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VES Celebrates the 73rd Anniversary of the Original “GI Bill”
*Servicemen's Readjustment Act of 1944 created Home Loan,
Education and Vocational Benefits for America's Veterans*

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Veterans Education Success is celebrating 73 years of America keeping its promise of investing in the future prosperity of our returning servicemembers and Veterans. Just days after the Allied Invasion at Normandy, on June 22nd President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed into law the Servicemen's Readjustment Act of 1944, commonly known as the “GI Bill.” The new law implemented a wide range of benefits for returning WWII veterans that were intended to help their transition home and boost the national economy through affordable home loans, education, and vocational training.

The program worked. By 1947, former servicemembers accounted for 49 percent of college admissions. Veterans were also responsible for purchasing twenty percent of all new homes built after WWII. The initiatives created by the original GI Bill are widely credited with creating a new generation of economic prosperity for millions of Americans. Since then the GI Bill been updated several times. In 1984, the “Montgomery GI Bill” was enacted to guarantee coverage for Vietnam-era veterans, and in 2009 the “Post-9/11 GI Bill” modernized Veterans educational benefits by adding flexibility and better coverage.

Veterans Education Success is a non-profit organization dedicated to protecting and defending the integrity and promise of the GI Bill and other federal education programs for Veterans, servicemembers and military families. “Veterans make great sacrifices on behalf of this Nation,” said VES President Carrie Wofford. “That is why we must do everything we can to aid their transition into a successful civilian career. Veterans Education Success is here to help student veterans with their GI Bill issues.”

If you know a servicemember or Veteran who was lied to by any college or school, we can help. Contact our Veterans Advocate Tyson Manker for free assistance at tyson@veteranseducationsuccess.org.
