WINTER/SPRING 2018
VES Staff Public Education Events

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After Action Report

Tyson Manker
July 5, 2018
VES Legal Director, Sean Marvin, presented “Student Warrior 2018: Defending the GI Bill, Leading for Tomorrow,” moderated by VES Policy Director, Tanya Ang. (Social media HERE)

VES Policy Director, Tanya Ang, led a discussion “Pre-enrollment Advising – Tools for Helping Students Make Well-Informed Decisions on Higher Education.” (Social media HERE)
VES Veterans Advocate, Tyson Manker, presented “Veteran Advocacy, from Campus to Capitol Hill” (Social media HERE) and covered events.

(Social Media HERE and HERE)
VES Veterans Advocate, Tyson Manker, joined a Lumina Foundation event to share his expertise on how to be an effective advocate, including ways for non-attorneys to elevate the voices of constituents to impact federal policy.
VES Policy Director, Tanya Ang, joined a panel of Veterans service organization advocates to discuss, with VA’s GI Bill oversight agents, the current policy related to GI Bill benefits, and to encourage continued implementation of policies that will protect students using their GI Bill benefits. (Social Media HERE)

VES Policy Director, Tanya Ang, sat on the planning committee for the NASAA Veterans Knowledge Community 10th Annual military-connected student symposium, in New Orleans, and also moderated a panel discussion of the “Forever GI Bill” school administrators. (Social Media HERE)
VES Learning Lunch
February 20 – Washington, D.C.

VES hosted a lunch for veterans service organizations and staff from the Department of Veterans Affairs and House Veterans Affairs Committee, where Legal Director, Sean Marvin, presented VES’ findings and analysis, together with Harvard Law School, of military-students’ allegations of illegal behavior at Kaplan and one other for-profit college, and The Century Foundation’s Bob Shireman explained the state oversight, public accountability, and spending differences between nonprofit, public, and for-profit colleges.

(Social media HERE and HERE)
VES Policy Director, Tanya Ang, moderated a panel discussion of student veterans hosted by Veterans Education Success in the House Cannon Office Building before a packed room of Congressional staff, where the students shared stories of what is and is not working in higher education. VES Veterans Advocate, Tyson Manker, covered the event and facilitated constituent meetings with Senate offices. (Social media HERE, HERE, HERE and HERE)
VES Policy Director, **Tanya Ang**, collaborated with the American Legion to host a public policy round-table on the future of veterans’ education attended by representatives from higher education, military and veterans service organizations, and Congressional staffers. This was followed by a press conference regarding House GOP higher education proposals.

(Social media **HERE** and **HERE**)

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**Future of Education Roundtable Discussion and Press Event**

**March 1 – Washington, D.C.**
VES Report Release
Wednesday, March 21 – Washington, D.C.

New Report: The 10 schools receiving the most Post-9/11 GI Bill tuition & fee payments FY2009 thru 2017. 8 of the 10 were for-profit schools & accounted for 20% of all GI Bill $ since 2009. 6 of the 10 under law enforcement action for deceiving students.

(Social media [HERE])

Thank you @GIBillRights for your work to DefendTheGIBill!

(HERE)

Yikes. New brief shows how much GI Bill funding for our nation's veterans is going to predatory institutions under investigation.

(HERE)
VES Legal Director, Sean Marvin, participated in a panel discussion in the Dirksen Senate Office Building on predatory payday lending and the harm it can cause student Servicemembers, veterans, and their families. (Social media HERE)

“While not our primary area of focus, payday lending is always a focal point for veterans groups....Those loans, though in appearance are a quick fix, they quickly become a debt trap,” says @SeanAMarvin VES’ Legislative Director. #DefensStudents
Trump Administration Announcement on CFPB
May 9 – Washington, D.C.

We are deeply concerned by news this afternoon that @MickMulvaneyOMB is shuttering the office of student loan protections at #CFPB, which had sued students loan companies and banks that had defrauded students. We urge @realDonaldTrump to reinstate the office, #protectstudents

12:28 PM - 9 May 2018
47 Retweets 45 Likes

This is why CFPB student loan office was key. It sued Corinthian Colleges and ITT Tech for illegal loan schemes that defrauded students. CFPB got $ millions back for the students. It seems @MickMulvaneyOMB wants to protect the fraudster banks, colleges & student loan co’s :-(

5:16 PM - 10 May 2018

This is very bad news for student veterans. @IAVA stands with @GiBillRights on this urgent call for a reversal. iava.org/big6/. #DefendTheGiBill #Big6

6:44 AM - 10 May 2018

(Social media HERE)
National Consumer Assembly
May 10 – Washington, D.C.

Honored to address consumer protection experts from around the USA gathered in DC today for the 52nd annual #ConsumerAssembly. @GIBillRights' @CarrieWofford led a panel on Consumer Protections for Servicemembers and Military Families.

@CarrieWofford of @GIBillRights opens panel on consumer protections for servicemembers and military families. #ConsumerAssembly

Great panel discussion on leadership by #servicemembers, veterans, and military families for consumer protections with @GIBillRights' @CarrieWofford, @PetersonLawProf, @military_family's Jenna Lang, @SenJackReed's James Ahn, and @CQAlums' John McElligott. 2018 #ConsumerAssembly
VES law fellow, Cassandra Vangelow, testified before the House Veterans Affairs Committee about the Vocational Rehabilitation program for disabled veterans, (Social media HERE)
VES Legal Director, **Sean Marvin**, testified at a public hearing of the Education Department’s accreditation oversight body (National Advisory Committee on Institutional Quality and Integrity) about the committee’s need to monitor attempts by bad-actor schools to avoid oversight by converting to nonprofit status.

VES Legal Director **Sean Marvin** previewed his testimony with an i-phone video tweeted outside the hearing, ([HERE](#))
VES Veterans Advocate, Staff Attorney Tyson Manker testified before the New York City Department of Consumer Affairs about the lasting impact that student loan debt has on military veterans and their families. (Social media HERE and HERE)
### Veterans Education Success | In the News

- **NOV 29** - Forbes “The Loophole That Helps Schools But Hurts Veterans And Taxpayers”
- **DEC 21** - New York Times “For Students Swindled by Predatory Colleges, Relief May Be Only Partial” (featuring 2 veterans who are being helped by VES)
- **DEC 5** - Business Insider “For-Profit Colleges Target Military Veterans: Military veterans are being targeted by an industry 'infamous for saddling people with debt and useless degrees'”
- **JAN 4** - Military Times “More Regulation Needed for 'Predatory Schools'?”
  [https://rebootcamp.militarytimes.com/education-transition/education/2018/01/05/more-regulation-needed-for-predatory-schools/](https://rebootcamp.militarytimes.com/education-transition/education/2018/01/05/more-regulation-needed-for-predatory-schools/)
- **JAN 25** - Military Times “Court Settlement for Former ITT Students Moves Forward”
- **FEB 8** – “How a growing army of lawyers is helping resist injustice (and you can too)”
- **MAR 13** – The Hill, “A law connection”
- **MAR 14** – Military Times, “Student loan forgiveness on the chopping block”
- **MAR 21** – Inside Higher Ed “Veterans Blast GOP Bill as Giveaway to For-Profits”
- **April 9** - Task & Purpose ‘They Didn’t Have To Kill Him’: The Death of Lance Corporal Brian Easley
- **APR 10** – Military Law Matters, “Predatory for-profit colleges that target Veterans who have the GI Bill”
  [http://militarylawmatters.libsyn.com/mlm-33](http://militarylawmatters.libsyn.com/mlm-33)
- **APR 16** – Washington Post “Trump administration streamlining student debt forgiveness for permanently disabled veterans”
- **APR 17** – CNBC “Trump moves to cancel student loan debt for disabled veterans”
• MAY 22 – Bloomberg “Student Debt Surprise: How Veterans Get Loans Without Knowing It”
  https://about.bgov.com/blog/student-debt-surprise-veterans-get-loans-without-knowing/
• JUNE 1 - The Hill - National Op-Ed, “A call to service without debt”
  http://thehill.com/opinion/education/390337-a-call-to-service-without-debt
• JUNE 7 – Hechinger Report, “Military veterans decry debt, useless diplomas from for-profit colleges”
  https://hechingerreport.org/military-veterans-decry-debt-useless-diplomas-from-for-profit-colleges/
• JUNE 26 – American Heroes Network
Veterans Education Success | Published Reports

- Research Report: Veteran Student Loan Debt Before and After the Post-9/11 GI Bill (May 2018)
- Issue Brief #4: Large For-Profit Schools Remain Dependent on Recruiting GI Bill Students Despite Overall Enrollment Declines (April 2018)
- Issue Brief #3: For-Profit Schools' Post-9/11 GI Bill Revenue and Enrollment Declined from 2014 to 2016 (April 2018)
- Issue Brief #2: Schools Receiving the Most Post-9/11 GI Bill Tuition and Fee Payments Since 2009 (March 2018)
- Fact Sheet: Enrollment Trends and Student Outcomes at Ashford University
- Law Enforcement Actions Against Predatory Colleges (April 2018)
- Fact Sheet: The Incentive Compensation Ban and Its Importance to Veterans (Jan. 2018)
- Fact Sheet: The Gainful Employment Rule and Its Importance to Veterans (Dec. 2017)
- Fact Sheet: The Borrower Defense Rule and Its Importance to Veterans (Dec. 2017)
VES Public Comments & Formal Letters Filed

- 42 federal ethics experts, national veterans and military service organizations, and consumer protection and education experts urge the Department of Veterans Affairs to revise its waivers of the anti-corruption ethics law banning gifts from for-profit colleges (June 20, 2018) (click here)
- VES' public comment urging the Education Department not to postpone implementation of State Authorization rules (June 2018) (click here)
- Veterans and Military leaders urge the US Consumer Financial Protection Bureau to maintain robust public reporting and database of consumer complaints (June 2018) (click here)
- VES' public comment regarding oversight of college accreditors to US Education Department's National Advisory Committee on Institutional Quality and Integrity (May 2018) (click here)
- 33 Veterans & Military Leaders write to House leaders opposing PROSPER Act (March 2018) (click here)
- Veterans & Military Service Organizations ask Congress to protect the rule against 300% interest "payday loans" (March 2018) (click here). (The American Legion also wrote Congress to protect the payday rule here.)
- Consumer and veterans service organizations ask Congress to protect servicemembers from credit bureau problems (like Equifax) (click here)
- 30 Veterans and Military Service Organizations ask the Education Department not to reinstate ACICS (Feb. 2018) (click here)
- 36 Veterans and Military Service Organizations write to Senate Education Chairman regarding Higher Education Act (Feb. 2018) (click here)
- Veterans and Military service organizations call on Congress to preserve and expand Public Service Loan Forgiveness (Nov. 2017) (click here)
- Veterans and military service organizations' public comment on the Education Department's priorities for discretionary funding (Nov. 2017) (click here)
- VES Statement for the Record on Higher Education Act (click here)