

Do the Right Thing for Guard and Reserve Members

Background:

Now is the time for Congress to pass legislation to allow National Guard and Reserve members to rightfully earn GI Bill benefits for their time served. National Guard and Reserve members serve alongside active duty service members and consistently make sacrifices without always earning VA education benefits. Congress must act to expand eligibility to allow the increasingly frequent activations of these service members to count toward Post-9/11 GI Bill eligibility.

The VFW strongly supports [H.R. 1836](#), *Guard and Reserve GI Bill Parity Act of 2021*, to ensure equity of benefits for Reserve component service members. This bill would allow any day in uniform receiving military pay to count toward Post-9/11 GI Bill eligibility, allowing activated National Guard and Reserve members to earn this education benefit and achieve upward mobility. For years, the sacrifices of these service members have been overlooked in achieving GI Bill eligibility. These inequities have been further highlighted through the COVID-19 pandemic as National Guard and Reserve members stood on the front lines administering relief and health services. The time is now for parity with all the armed forces in earning their VA education benefits.

Take Action:

Contact your representatives **today** and tell them to support the *Guard and Reserve GI Bill Parity Act of 2021*. Congress must pass this crucially needed legislation now. National Guard and Reserve members have been waiting long enough!



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