



Support for Veterans on Campus

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Chapman University's Veterans Resource Center

- ▶ Opened in January, 2018
- ▶ First VRC at Chapman University
- ▶ Member of Region VIII group in Orange/LA County



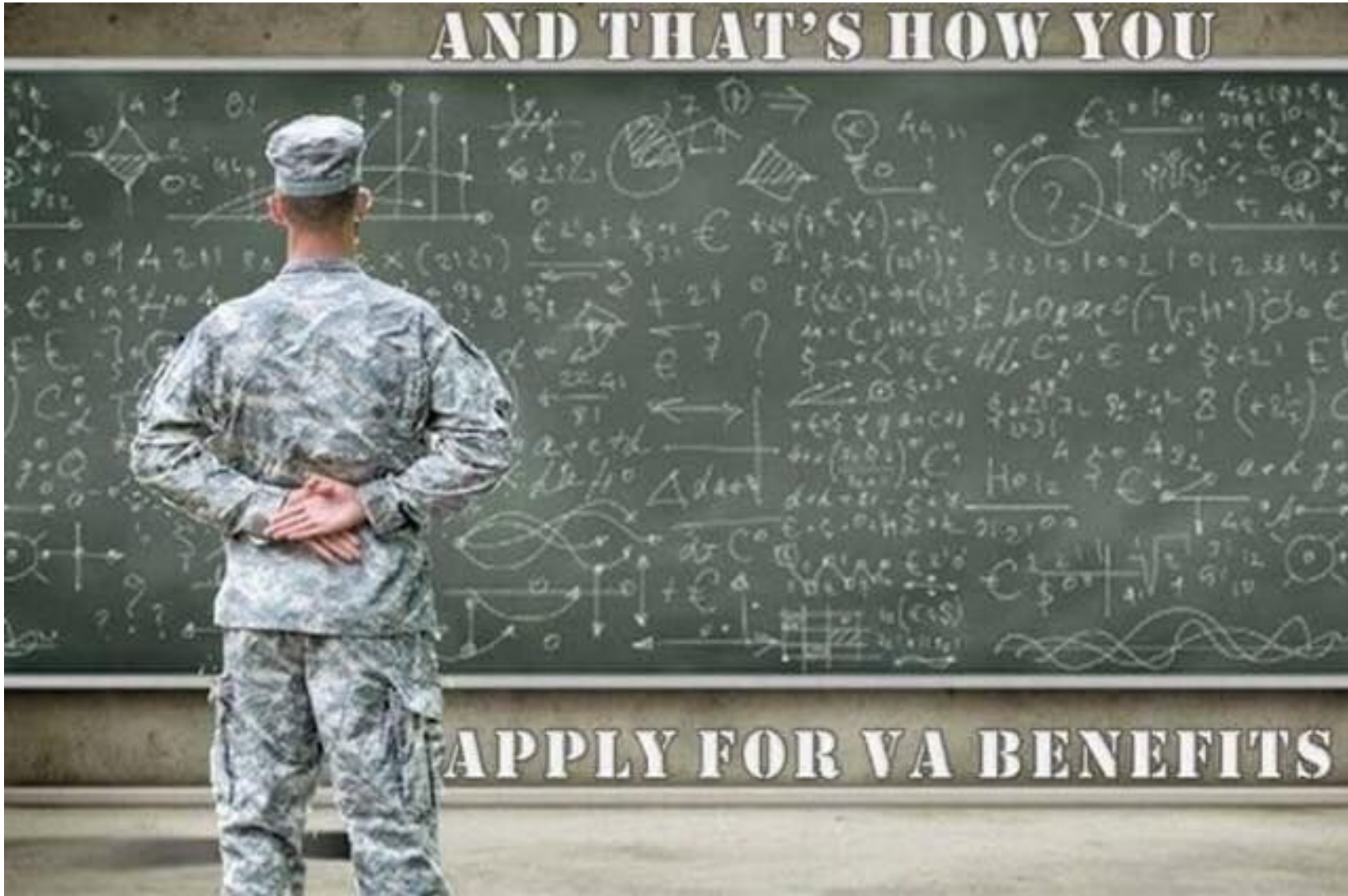
Who do we serve?

- ▶ National Guard/Reservists
 - Chapter 1606/1607/33 G.I. Bill®
- ▶ Veterans (prior military service)
 - G.I. Bill®/Yellow Ribbon
- ▶ Dependents (spouses/children)
 - G.I. Bill®/Yellow Ribbon
- ▶ Dependents/Survivors
 - Chapter 35

Los Angeles LA Trade Tech College Student Veteran

“When I left the military, I left with nothing except my discharge paper. I didn’t know a thing on what kind of benefits I had or what I qualified for. My discharge paper didn’t include anything about benefits. Someone from my unit had to tell me that there are services for veterans out here in Los Angeles” -Veteran from LATTC

AND THAT'S HOW YOU



APPLY FOR VA BENEFITS

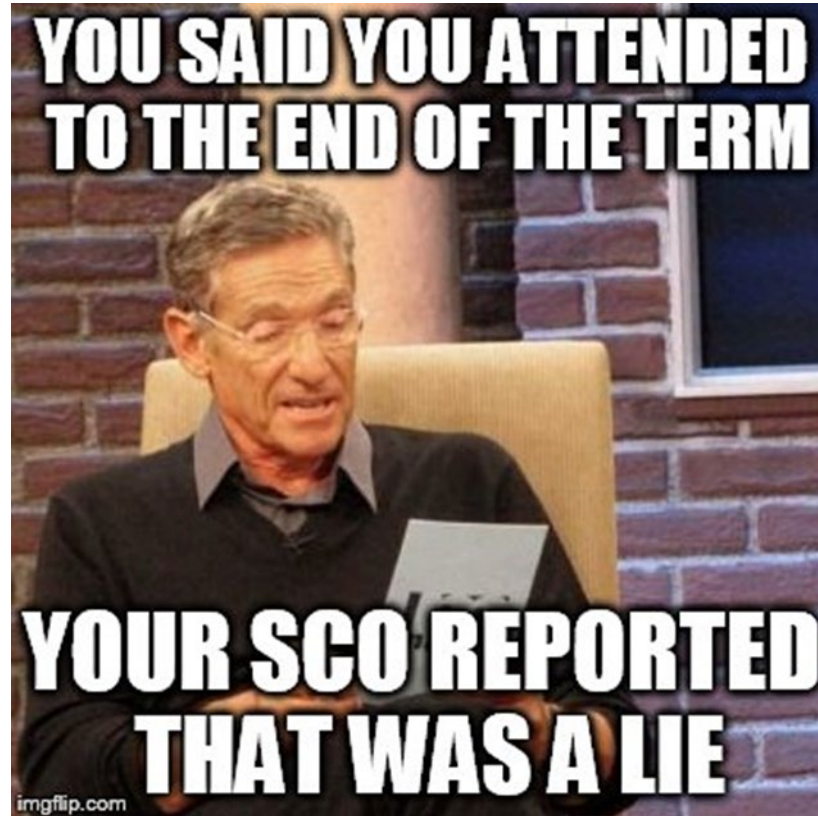
Engaging the population

- ▶ Our relationship with students begins before they apply
 - Active duty
 - High School
 - Community College
- ▶ In 2009, there were approximately 500,000 student Veterans and beneficiaries receiving G.I. Bill® education benefits
- ▶ As of April, 2019, there were approximately 1,000,000 G.I. Bill® users
- ▶ 96% of all post-secondary institutions enroll Student Veterans
- ▶ 82% have a designated point of contact
- ▶ 79.2% are enrolled in public institutions

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VA Certification Process

- ▶ Request paperwork ahead of time
- ▶ Ensure courses can be certified
- ▶ Verify Yellow Ribbon eligibility
- ▶ Identify those in need of accommodations



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Internal Resources

- ▶ Tutoring
 - VA funds are also available
- ▶ Chapman Veterans Club
- ▶ Student Veterans of America
- ▶ Chapman University's Veterans Mentoring program
- ▶ Legal
- ▶ Mental health
 - MFT Program

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External Resources

- ▶ Partnerships with local service organizations
 - U.S.VETS
 - Salvation Army
 - Goodwill
 - Veterans Legal Institute
- ▶ Local Vet Centers and VA facilities
 - VA Benefits
- ▶ Housing
 - HUD-VASH, Supportive Services for Veteran Families
- ▶ Mental Health services
- ▶ Financial resources

Overview

- ▶ Supporting our veteran/dependent population is our VRC's priority
- ▶ Supportive environment increases likelihood of success
 - Cross-training
 - Orientations
- ▶ Community engagement/partnerships allow us to better serve our students
- ▶ Recognizing staff/faculty support

Questions?

