



## **Pentagon Announces Purple Heart Recipient Post-9/11 GI Bill Update**

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The Secretary of Defense, in coordination with the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, signed a policy that allows Wounded Warriors who have received a Purple Heart to transfer unused Post-9/11 GI Bill education benefits to their dependents, regardless of the number of years they have served.

Effective August 31, Wounded Warrior Purple Heart recipients are eligible to transfer those benefits regardless of their years of total service or ability to complete an additional period of obligated service.

"Secretary Mattis has been clear, we must recognize the sacrifices these service members have made," said Stephanie Miller, director of Accessions Policy, Office of the Secretary of Defense. "This policy reflects our continuing commitment to Wounded Warriors and their families."

All other laws and DOD policies concerning the transferability of unused Post-9/11 educational benefits remain in effect.

For more on the policy, visit

<http://www.esd.whs.mil/Portals/54/Documents/DD/issuances/dodi/134113p.pdf> .