**Change to Chapter 30 Montgomery G.I. Bill:**

The opt‐out timeline for the Chapter 30 Montgomery GI Bill (MGIB) program has been extended. Starting January 5, 2023, new recruits, candidates at the officer candidate school (OCS), and direct commission members entering the Coast Guard have a 90‐day window following 180 days after the date each member entered initial training to opt out of the MGIB program. The previous two‐week requirement has been rescinded. This change is new for those who access into the service on or after January 5, 2023. It is also recommended that commands include this change in any onboarding paperwork and checklists they have at the unit level.

Eligible active-duty uniformed service members are automatically enrolled for educational assistance under the MGIB program. Eligible members will have their pay reduced by $1,200 dollars ($100 a month for 12 consecutive months) unless they opt out of such benefits in writing, except as otherwise provided under specific authority, such as transition benefit programs.

**To enroll or disenroll, members must use the DD Form 2366, “Montgomery GI Bill Act of 1984 (MGIB),” to document uniformed service member enrollment and disenrollment.**

Effective January 5, 2023, pay reductions will begin on the date that is 270 days after members enter initial training.

Moving forward, eligible members will be counseled on the MGIB program at least once within 270 days of entering active duty. Service members must be given the opportunity to disenroll from the MGIB program during the 90‐day period beginning on the day that marks 180 days after their entry into initial training. The supervisor, Duty Officer, ADMIN/SPO or ESO will brief these members within this mandatory 90-day MGIB election window. Supervisors must contact the member if they are away from the unit at a training center, temporary duty, or on leave and ensure the member is properly briefed along with completing the DD Form 2366 within the 90-day election window. The supervisor will ensure the DD Form 2366 is sent to their unit ADMIN/SPO and the ADMIN/SPO will upload the DD Form 2366 in the new members IPERMS. If the new member decides to elect Chapter 30 MGIB benefits, the ADMIN/SPO are required to submit a help ticket with PPC and start the $100 a month deduction from the members pay until a total of $1,200 is deducted.

\*\*\*Side note\*\*\* Service members are automatically eligible for Chapter 33 Post‐9/11 GI Bill Education Benefits after 90 qualifying days of service. If the service member elects Chapter 30 MGIB now and later decide they want Chapter 33 Post‐9/11 GI Bill, they can apply for Chapter 33 Post‐9/11 GI Bill if they have never applied for Chapter 30 MGIB. DoDI 1322.16, Montgomery GI Bill Program, December 28, 2022 (whs.mil) For more information, email Mr. Reidus A. Stokes Sr., reidus.stokes@uscg.mil or call 202‐795‐6643