CHAPTER 33: POST- 9/11 GI BILL FOR ACTIVE DUTY & DEPENDENTS:

Eligibility:

- Service member must have completed at least 90 days of aggregate service on or after September 11, 2001 or be discharged with a service connected disability after 30 days.
- Service member received an honorable discharge.
- Spouse and dependents must have a DEERS issued certificate of Transfer of Entitlement and have completed the application for DVA Education Benefits (VA-Form 22-1990).
- Benefits expire 15 years from the date of discharge/separation (MGIB delimiting date).

For detailed information on eligibility requirements, please visit the DVA website at www.gibill.va.gov

Benefits:

- Includes reimbursement of enrollment fees, health fee, student representation fee, a monthly housing allowance, a stipend for books and supplies and a “kicker” college fund payment (if eligible).

- San Diego Community College District does not participate in the Yellow Ribbon Program.

Effective August 1, 2010, the Post- 911 GI Bill will no longer pay for non-resident tuition. All veterans and dependents are required to pay all tuition and fees at the time of registration. The college will reimburse students after Chapter 33 funds have been received from the DVA and processed by the college.

Post – 9/11 GI Bill Chapter 33 Basic Allowance for Housing (BAH)

- A monthly housing allowance is paid directly to the student at the beginning of each month for the previous month’s enrollment. The housing
allowance is prorated by the student’s length of service percentage. Active duty members and spouses are not eligible for the housing allowance.

- The monthly housing allowance is equal to the Department of Defense Basic Allowance for Housing (BAH) for an “E-5 with dependents” and the zip code of the college. To view the current BAH rate, please visit www.defensetravel.dod.mil/perdiem/bah.html

Rate of Pursuit:

- To be eligible for the BAH rates, the student’s rate of pursuit must be greater than 50% (greater than and not equal to ½ time status)

- Students taking less than 12 units will only receive partial housing allowance based on the rate of pursuit. Current payment rates can be viewed online at http://www.gibill.va.gov/resources/benefits_resources/rate_tables.html

- For more information please contact the DVA to speak to a Veterans Benefits representative by calling 1-888-GI-Bill-1 (442-4551)

- Students will only be certified for approved courses as identified on the Student Education Plan on file.

Distance/Online Learning and BAH:

Students enrolled exclusively in distance/online learning are eligible for monthly housing allowance equal to 50% of the national BAH average and your rate of pursuit. If a student’s enrollment is a combination of distance/online learning and on-campus, and the rate of pursuit is greater than 50% you may be eligible to receive the local BAH rate.

Remedial and Refresher Courses

Remedial and refresher courses may be approved based upon mathematics and English assessment results. These courses must be taken on campus, not online or self pace to be eligible.