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Indiana Helps Veterans Access College and Career Resources for Success after Service

This Veterans Day, the state of Indiana wants Indiana veterans to know there are resources available to help them earn a degree or credential and find a career. The Indiana Commission for Higher Education (CHE) is partnering with the Indiana Department of Veterans' Affairs (IDVA), the Department of Workforce Development (DWD) and other state and national groups to expand the resources available to help Indiana veterans successfully transition into higher education, the workforce and civilian life.

"Our Indiana veterans have selflessly served our state and nation, and we have to ensure that the state of Indiana is there for them when they return home," said Governor Mike Pence. "It's important that our veterans have access to any and all resources that will help them assimilate back into civilian life and provide for themselves and their families. I'm thankful for the continued work of the Indiana Commission for Higher Education, the Indiana Department of Workforce Development, and the Indiana Department of Veterans' Affairs as they create a one-stop-shop for veterans seeking to better their lives through higher education or career options."

The number of Indiana veterans using education benefits is steadily increasing, more than doubling from 7,809 in 2009 to 16,075 in 2013. Data from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs shows there are more than 465,000 veterans living in Indiana—over half of whom are working age (under 65).

"In today's economy, education beyond high school is critical to achieving financial security and success," Indiana Commissioner for Higher Education Teresa Lubbers said. "We as a state must work together to provide resources and support to help all the men and women who serve our country succeed."

Indiana unveiled a revamped website, LearnMoreIndiana.org/military, which will serve as a one-stop-shop for Indiana veterans, military service members and their families who are seeking information about transitioning from the military into college and careers.

"As the veteran population and the demand for higher education grows, it is essential that veterans in Indiana take advantage of the resources offered within this website as well as the services offered by the state," Indiana Department of Veterans' Affairs Director James Brown said. "I highly encourage my fellow veterans to take advantage of this opportunity."

The transition from military to civilian life can be difficult. LearnMoreIndiana.org/military is designed to ease one aspect of this transition—navigating the college and career pipeline.

"Indiana veterans receive priority of service for employment services at DWD and Indiana's WorkOne Career Centers," said DWD Commissioner Steven J. Braun. "Over the last three years, nearly 35,000 veterans have taken advantage of WorkOne services, including skills development, assessments, translating military experience into current civilian workforce needs as well as direct job placement, which has helped bring Indiana's veteran unemployment rate to one of the lowest in the nation at 2.4 percent."

College and Career Resources for Indiana Veterans and Military Service Members

- Support services, including [contact information](#) for military service departments at Indiana's public universities.
- College credit for military service, including a [military-to-college planning tool](#) with information on degree programs and credit veterans may be eligible for based on their military experience.
- A career after the military, including information on [career services](#) through the Department of Workforce Development and its [WorkOne regional partners](#).
- State financial aid for service members and veterans, including [scholarships and grants](#) for members of the National Guard and children of disabled veterans and those killed in the line of duty.

Indiana is part of an interstate partnership called the Multi-State Collaborative on Military Credit. Made possible by grants from the Lumina Foundation and USA Funds, this 13-state effort aims to increase postsecondary degree and certificate completion by veterans through better communications, technology and streamlined pathways from military service to college to careers. Learn more about the Multi-State Collaborative on Military Credit online at www.mhec.org/multi-state-collaborative-on-military-credit.