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Veterans on Campus
G.I. Bill

- First introduced to gradually transition WWII veterans to the workforce
- 2008-Post 911 GI Bill most comprehensive to date
- Covers in-state tuition, housing allowance, and books.
### National Data

- **2008**: 541,000 using VA benefits
- **2012**: 945,000 using VA benefits
- Universities with veteran centers
  - Pre Post 9/11: 49%
  - After post 9/11: 71%
- 51.7% graduate (estimate by SVA study)
Returning to Campus

Compared to their student peers, veterans are more likely to be:

- Male
- First Generation college student
- Married with dependents

68% of colleges don’t track retention and completion rates for veterans.
Developing a Plan
Planning

• Critical factor is to determine the population to be served:
  – Veterans
  – Active Military
  – Dependents
Planning

- Outline the purpose, mission, and scope of services prior to developing your plan
- Demographic Profile – conduct a full review of institutional data to generate a student profile
Planning

- Institutional Audit – determine naturally occurring services (campus & community) to outline a plan for what is needed
  - Referral processes
  - Students in crisis support
  - Identifying population
  - Policy review
Future Objectives

• Budget, fundraising efforts, and grants

• Campus education

• Student recognition (awards, student organizations, etc.)
Links

Veteran Affairs Statistics:  
http://www.va.gov/vetdata

Operation College Promise  

Toolkit for Veteran Friendly Institutions  
http://www.acenet.edu/news-room/Pages/Toolkit-for-Veteran-Friendly-Institutions.aspx

Department of Education Stats in Brief  

American Council on Education GI Bill Study  