



MONEY FOR VETERANS

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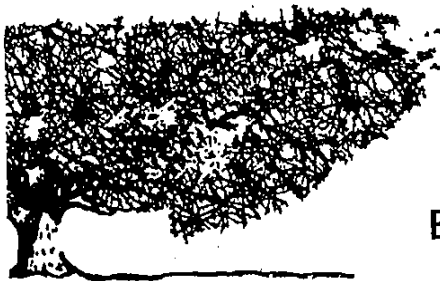
prods, and cajoles our American youth into manhood in an effort to provide protection for all Americans. But after a soldier has done his stint Uncle Sam throws him back into society a changed individual. No longer a school boy dependent on parents and officers for direction, many have floundered about trying to find a career that is both fulfilling spiritually and rewarding monetarily.

Today's veteran's benefits were generally begun after World War II and slowly broadened during the Korean Conflict to the present programs for Vietnam veterans. In 1970 veteran's received more than \$5 million through the Veterans Administration. This total is divided into three types of educational

benefits. Vocational rehabilitation provides the funds for necessary training expenses, special equipment toward a definite job objective. Last year the monthly allowance paid in this category was up to \$135 with increased amounts for dependents in addition to compensation.

The War Orphan Education program provides the funds for tuition after high school for sons and daughters of veterans who died of service connected causes or who were permanently and totally disabled from service-connected causes. Students must usually be between 18 and 26.

Widows of veterans whose deaths are judged to be service-connected, and wives of veterans who are permanently disabled due to service - connected causes, are also eligible for this educational benefit.



VETERANS FOR EDUCATION

The Third And Most...

widely known program of assistance is the Veteran's Readjustment Education. Under this provision, Veterans who served on active duty for at least 181 days after January 31, 1955, may receive a monthly educational assistance under the GI Bill. The GI Bill went into effect to help post Korean conflict veterans. The original bill provided from \$175 for single full-time students to \$230 for veterans with two dependents, plus \$13 for each additional dependent. The benefit schedule as it stands today is increased but is identical in eligibility.

During the period immediately following the veteran's honorable discharge, the ex-soldier may be eligible for unemployment allowances. Initiated recently this program helps financially until the veteran is able to find employment. He may continue to be eligible for unemployment benefits for 26 weeks if he remains ready and able

to work. This may or may not apply to a veteran who wishes to collect these unemployment benefits, but wishes to enter a vocational training or college program. The key to the question of eligibility is "ready and able to work." A veteran enrolled in a full-time course of study would not be eligible. However, a veteran enrolled in a night school or similar course of studies might be able to collect.

If a veteran needs more help than the GI Bill provides he may seek aid through other sources including educational benefits open to the general citizenry who care to apply. National Defense Loans, Teachers Loans, and Guaranteed Government Loans are a few government programs open to all including veterans.

Scholarships are scarce, but loans are fairly easily granted. Most educational loans carry a relatively low interest rate and payments are generally begun after the borrower has completed the course for which the loan was made. The term is long, the interest low, and the loans are popular.

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