



# VETERANS

## EDUCATION SUCCESS

2018  
IN REVIEW

A Year of Serving  
Military-Connected  
Students and  
Protecting the  
Integrity of the GI  
Bill

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## ABOUT VES

Founded at the beginning of 2013 by Senate Committee staff and a dozen top national veterans and military service organizations, who had collaborated to create new federal policies to protect veterans' educational benefits from predatory colleges, Veterans Education Success embraces its origins in consumer protection while also growing to ensure post-secondary success for all veterans.

Our mission is to advance higher education success for veterans, service members, and military families, and to protect the integrity and promise of the GI Bill and other federal education programs.

We provide:

- **Research:** Non-partisan research on issues of concern to student veterans, including veteran student outcomes and student debt levels.
- **Policy Advocacy:** Assistance to federal policymakers to improve college quality and protect the integrity of the GI Bill and other student aid.
- **Free Help for Veterans:** Free legal services and college counseling.
- **Civic Engagement:** We help veterans participate in their democracy by creating opportunities for them to speak directly to policymakers.
- **Whistleblowers:** Free assistance to whistleblowers and law enforcement.

## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2018 was a year of growth and success for Veterans Education Success, in the midst of increasing challenges for veterans seeking meaningful higher education.

Post-secondary attainment is more important than ever in America for economic mobility, lifetime earnings and stability, and to meet the workforce needs of the future. But veterans face two difficult, parallel problems:

1. Nearly half the GI Bill is going unused, suggesting that college is not attracting or meeting the needs of veterans; and
2. Too many low-quality, bad actor colleges continue to target veterans, servicemembers, and their families and survivors, leaving them with worthless credits and debts they never agreed to.

This simultaneous challenge drives our work – to *increase post-secondary attainment* for veterans, while pushing for *improved college quality*.

While much of Washington seems “stuck,” VES continues to solve problems with bipartisan support. Our key accomplishments in 2018 were:

- Mobilizing ethics, education, consumer, civil rights, and veterans and military leaders to **stop the Trump Administration from waiving federal ethics laws** as they tried to enable for-profit colleges to give gifts, salaries, dividends, and more to US Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) employees. After stopping this regulatory proposal, we then collaborated with ethics leaders to help Congress clarify and **strengthen the federal ethics law** for VA employees.

- Raising the alarm about fake military websites that siphoned military recruits away from the military and to predatory colleges, which led the US Federal Trade Commission to **shut down the websites**.
- Mobilizing the veterans and military community to **stop a draconian** House of Representatives **Higher Education Act** bill that would have allowed the worst quality colleges to dominate Title IV, while abusing students. A key rallying point was the threatened elimination of **Public Service Loan Forgiveness**, which the Pentagon and veterans' community count on for recruiting and retention.
- Providing unbiased technical expertise to Congress and veterans leaders regarding disbursement practices, which resulted in a **new law** that bars colleges from denying student veterans access to classes or facilities, or assessing financial penalties, if VA funds are late. We also provided technical expertise on other laws enacted, including a provision to give veterans proof, for landlords, of their VA housing allowance.
- Through our work elevating veteran voices, our district meeting for a Congressman with veterans in his district who had attended predatory colleges approved by a discredited accreditor, caused the Congressman to break party lines to vote against the resurrection of the accreditor.
- Behind-the-scenes legal work including bringing a for-profit college **whistleblower** to collaborate with the US Department of Justice and VA, providing 49 state Attorneys General with evidence and several hundred veteran "victims" of a for-profit school chain that led to a **\$500 million settlement** in January 2019, and advocating for ITT Tech student veterans whom Harvard Law School is representing and who gained a **\$1.6 billion right** in federal bankruptcy proceedings.
- **Raising the alarm about Trump Administration's** rollbacks of servicemembers' legal rights under the Military Lending Act, severely disabled veterans' rights to student loan discharge, student protections at the Education Department, and more.

To strengthen our effort to assist veterans in their pursuit of higher education, we launched several **new initiatives** in 2018:

- **Counseling Colleges**, to help good colleges better attract and retain student veterans, to ensure veterans' post-secondary attainment.
- **Direct Involvement with College Accreditors**, sharing information with them that we uncover in our legal work and direct services to veterans, and providing policy advice to them.
- **State Policy**, to help states make sense of policy improvements they could undertake to ensure better success for student veterans.
- **Consumer Financial Protection** public education and policy advocacy, including better collaboration with consumer organizations, a larger voice on the Hill for consumer protections, and a big push this year to save the Military Lending Act from the Trump Administration.

## RESEARCH PUBLICATIONS

*Non-partisan, independent research and data analysis are essential to any thoughtful discussion of policy issues. Our research team produced a high number of well-received papers this year.*

### Research Reports

- [Career Education Colleges and Universities \(CECU\): Student Outcomes at Selected Member Schools](#) (Dec. 2018) – an analysis of student outcomes at schools that are members of the for-profit college lobbying association.
- [Postsecondary non-completion Among Veterans: Contributing Factors and Implications](#) (Nov. 2018) – a major research paper analyzing federal data over many years, delivered at Boston College Law School, regarding the factors that lead veterans not to complete college.
- [Is Trident University a Good Choice for Military-Connected Students?](#) (Oct. 2018) – a report on Trident University’s deceptive practices in recruiting recent military widows and an analysis of Trident’s student outcomes.
- [Veteran Student Loan Debt Before and After the Post-9/11 GI Bill](#) (May 2018) – a major research paper analyzing veteran student loan debt from the National Postsecondary Student Aid Study (NPSAS) before and after implementation of the Post-9/11 GI Bill, to assess the impact of the GI Bill on lessening student debt.
- [Despite a 2016 Statute, the GI Bill Still Pays for Degrees That Do Not Lead to a Job](#) (April 2018) – an update to our 2016 report showing that VA continues to approve programs for GI Bill that legally should not be approved and that leave graduates ineligible for employment.

### Issue Briefs

- [Could Education Corporation of America’s Sudden Closure Have Been Avoided?](#) (Dec. 2018) – a presentation of the 6 warning signs US Education Secretary Betsy DeVos ignored prior to Education Corporation’s sudden closure.
- [Why Aren’t More Undergraduate Student Veterans Enrolling at Selective Colleges?](#) (Nov. 2018) – an analysis of demographic and enrollment differences between graduate and undergraduate veterans at selective colleges, presented at a College Board convening.
- [Student Outcomes at Colleges Approved by the Accreditor ACICS](#) (Oct. 2018) – a presentation of the student outcomes at ACICS-approved colleges, presented to influence Education Secretary Betsy DeVos’ then-pending decision to resurrect ACICS.
- [Large For-Profit Schools Remain Dependent on Recruiting GI Bill Students Despite Overall Enrollment Declines](#) (April 2018) – an analysis of GI Bill revenues and enrollment at the largest for-profit college chains.
- [For-Profit Schools’ Post-9/11 GI Bill Revenue and Enrollment Declined from 2014 to 2016](#) (April 2018) – an analysis of enrollment and revenue changes by institutional sector.
- [Schools Receiving the Most Post-9/11 GI Bill Tuition and Fee Payments Since 2009](#) (March 2018) – an important update to the 2014 US Senate Committee report tracking where GI Bill funds are flowing. Our analysis found GI Bill funds continue to be dominated by for-profit colleges under a law enforcement cloud for consumer fraud.

## ELEVATING VETERAN VOICES

*An important part of our policy artillery is our work **elevating student veteran voices** by helping student veterans share with policymakers their personal experiences in higher education. Veterans' voices bring to life the granularity of policy issues, including how to help colleges better serve veterans as well as the need for better federal gatekeeping.*

In 2018, VES created 41 opportunities for 38 student veterans to share their experiences directly with policymakers and thought leaders, including 4 Congressional briefings, 4 federal agency hearings, meetings with 8 US Senators and Congressmen (including 4 district meetings VES organized) and 10 additional Congressional staff-level meetings, 3 film festivals, 6 conferences and panel discussions, and connecting 3 veterans with news media opportunities.



*Marine veteran Renee Monczynski shares her experience as a student veteran at VES' public forum at El Centro Community College in Dallas, TX*



*VES brought Army veteran Jarrod Thoma to testify at a US Education Department hearing*



*VES organized a district meeting in San Diego for Rep. Scott Peters (D-CA) with student veterans*



*VES' panel discussion with the Chair & Ranking of the House Veterans Affairs Committee*



*VES brought veteran Will Walker, defrauded by ITT Tech, to the Nashville Film Festival*



## VES PUBLIC EDUCATION EVENTS

*Public education is a key part of our work. VES staff hosted 7 policy briefings for veteran and military organizations on key policy issues, testified at 7 federal government hearings, and spoke at nearly 3 dozen public panels, press conferences, and speeches in 9 states and DC to educate the public.*



*VES hosted policy briefings for veterans & military leaders, Congressional and VA staff*



*VES traveled nationwide to speak at public events*



*President Carrie Wofford at National Consumer Assembly*



*VP Tanya Ang at the US Dept. of Education*

## KEY ISSUES IN POLICY ADVOCACY

*VES mobilizes military and veteran organizations to speak out on policy issues that affect veterans and military-connected students in higher education.*

## Protecting the Military Lending Act

When news leaked that the US Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB) would curtail the enforcement of the Military Lending Act, which ensures a low interest rate for servicemembers in all their financial dealings, VES mobilized veterans and military groups to push back. VES wrote and led a letter from 40 veterans and military service organizations ([here](#)); took out a full-page newspaper ad nationwide ([here](#)); sponsored a Citizens petition: [KeepMilitaryProtections.Org](#); wrote an op-ed and secured authorship by 2 key military voices ([here](#)); alerted the American Legion's Louisiana Commander and helped him confront Trump Administration leader Mick Mulvaney at a Louisiana Town Hall ([here](#)); and worked with the Consumer Federation of America to make the Military Lending Act one of the top 2 consumer issues for the annual consumer action day, visiting more than 60 Congressional offices.



## Student Protections and College Quality

VES spent considerable time in 2018 mobilizing veterans and military organizations to push back against US Education Secretary Betsy DeVos' aggressive rollback of student protections and college quality requirements. We mobilized veterans' groups to speak out and sign onto our [letters](#) challenging DeVos' plans; brought veterans to [testify](#) at DeVos' public hearings around the country; [published](#) research documents and factsheets to educate the public and the veteran community; and published [op-eds](#).

## Engaging Higher Education Act Reauthorization – and *Public Service Loan Forgiveness*

VES is widely praised for helping kill the House GOP's draconian higher education bill. Our work mobilizing veteran and military opposition to the bill included our "Storm the Hill" day ([here](#)), leading an opposition letter to the House bill signed by 33 Veterans & Military Leaders ([here](#)), and a letter with suggestion to the Senate (signed by 36 veteran and military leaders) ([here](#)), and authoring 3 op-eds: [A Call to Service without Debt](#); [Higher Ed Law Fails its Mission to Protect Deserving Military-Connected Students](#); and [GOP Higher Education Legislation Will Hurt Service Members, Veterans, and Their Families](#) (by one of the vets we are helping).

## Fighting for Disabled Veterans' Right to Student Loan Forgiveness

VES has been pushing the US Education Department to honor severely disabled veterans' legal right to student loan forgiveness. We learned from our FOIA request that 4 out of 5 veterans who are deemed 100% disabled aren't applying for loan relief, and that the Education Department wrongly put half of them in default, which means they then lose their VA disability living allowance. We led a letter from veterans and military organizations (here) and authored a guest column advising disabled veterans about their rights, which ran in *Military Times*; the



American Legion's [blog](#); Air Force Sergeants Association's [alert](#); the Retired Enlisted Association's e-mail blast; Military Order of the Purple Heart's facebook page feature; and Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans of America [blog](#).

### Solving GI Bill Delays

In Fall 2018, student veterans experienced significant delays in their receipt of the GI Bill housing allowance. VES coordinated with Student Veterans of America to lead veterans and military organizations in both prodding and assisting VA ([here](#)) and Congress ([here](#)) on solutions. VES also worked with institutions of higher learning to provide guidance on payment issues and how to support impacted students.

### Holding VA Accountable for Protecting Veterans from Deceptive College Recruiting

VES has been pushing VA for years to follow a Vietnam-era statute, 38 USC 3696, which VES brought to VA's attention, that requires VA to cut off GI Bill funding to schools that engage in deceptive recruiting, and Executive Order 13607, which VES helped draft, which requires VA to take proactive steps to protect veterans from deceptive college recruiting. VES commissioned a Yale Law School report, "VA's Failure to Protect Veterans from Deceptive College Recruiting Practices" ([here](#)), and garnered New York Times' coverage ([here](#)) for a letter from veterans leaders to the VA Secretary ([here](#)) – in 2016. Since then, we continue to prod VA to comply with the law.

VA's response to a FOIA request showed that VA is still not implementing the law ([here](#)). A major step forward was the Dec. 2018 report ([here](#)) by the VA Inspector General – whom VES had met with and armed with information over a 12 month period – **siding entirely with VES** that VA has not fulfilled its statutory obligations.

### Cracking Down on Fake Military Websites

VES brought to the US Federal Trade Commission's attention fake military websites that pretended to be sites for Americans to join the Armed Forces, but instead steered potential servicemembers to colleges that bombarded them with deceptive and aggressive recruiting. A new slate of Commissioners at the FTC voted to shut down the websites ([here](#)). VES then led follow-up action asking US Congressional oversight to ensure future military recruitment is not disrupted by fraudulent college lead generator companies ([here](#)) and for the names of the bad actor colleges to be released ([here](#)), along with a FOIA request ([here](#)).



## Advancing Consumer Protection

VES played a larger role in 2018 in consumer protections important to servicemembers and veterans, including letters to the US Consumer Financial Protection Bureau ([here](#) and [here](#)). We also led Veterans & Military Service Organizations to ask Congress to protect the rule against 300% interest “**payday loans**” ([here](#)); joined consumer and veterans service organizations to ask Congress to protect servicemembers from **credit bureau problems** (like Equifax) ([here](#)); and led a letter from veterans and military service organizations to ask the US Senate Commerce Committee to prioritize servicemembers, veterans, and military families in Federal Trade Commission oversight ([here](#)).

## Prodding Accreditors

VES fights for high quality standards by accreditors, including alerting accreditors to problems at colleges that defraud veterans. For example, we led 30 Veterans and Military Service Organizations in asking the Education Department not to reinstate bad actor accreditor ACICS ([here](#)); urged better oversight of college accreditors by the US Education Department’s advisory board ([here](#)); submitted formal comments to the accreditors of the University of Phoenix ([here](#)) and Ashford University ([here](#)); and was solicited by accreditors for our advice ([here](#)).

# ADVISING COLLEGES AND STUDENTS

*An emerging area of VES’ work is our direct advice and counseling to students on college choice and loans, and to colleges on how to better attract and retain military-connected students.*

We helped colleges by working with college associations to elevate best practices in serving military-connected students; collaborated with Columbia University on guidance to potential military-connected students on how to choose a high-quality school; and published an advice column: [Creating Student-Centric Support Systems for Military-Connected Students](#).

We help approximately 10 new veterans each week who reach out to us for guidance about college or free legal help. We also published advice to students:

- November 2018 Associated Press (*Seattle Times* and many papers nationwide): [How military service impacts student loan repayment options](#)
- October 2018 *Military Times*: [8 Tips to Help Vets Pick the Right College](#)
- July 2018 Military.Com: [How to Fight VA Debt](#)
- May 2018 *Bloomberg*: [Student Debt Surprise: How Veterans Get Loans Without Knowing It](#)

## FORMAL POLICY SUBMISSIONS

*VES works with our veteran and military allies to maximize our collective advocacy impact. We often submit formal letters of recommendations to federal agencies and Congress.*

- 19 Veterans and Military Organizations, along with two education organizations, write in support of proposed regulations by the California Department of Veterans Affairs to better protect the GI Bill and student veterans (Dec. 10, 2018) ([here](#))
- 28 Veterans and Military Leaders ask US Federal Trade Commission to release the names of the schools that participated in fake military recruiting websites (Nov. 19, 2018) ([here](#)). Related letter to US Congressional Armed Services Committees requesting Congressional oversight to ensure future military recruitment is not disrupted by fraudulent college lead generator companies (Nov. 20, 2018) ([here](#)).
- Letter urging the US Department of Labor to ensure adequate quality controls in apprenticeship programs approved for GI Bill (Nov 19, 2018) ([here](#))
- Recommendation to the US Education Department (USED) of negotiators representing veterans and military students for 2019 Negotiated Rulemaking (Nov. 15, 2018) ([here](#))
- Letter from VES and other veterans and military organizations to the US Education Department requesting automatic loan forgiveness for disabled veterans (Nov. 9, 2018) ([here](#))
- Letter urging the US Federal Communications Commission to protect veterans' broadband internet access (Oct. 29, 2018) ([here](#))
- Public comment from 28 veterans and military service organizations urging the Education Department to maintain strong integrity rules against waste, fraud, and abuse, and to expand competency-based education (Sept. 14, 2018) ([here](#))
- Letter from 15 veterans and military service organizations urging the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to fix delays in GI Bill payments to veterans and schools (Sept. 14, 2018) ([here](#))
- Public Comment by VES against the Education Department's proposal to completely rescind the requirement that career college programs meet minimum Gainful Employment metrics (Sept. 13, 2018) ([here](#))
- 27 veteran and military service organizations oppose the US Education Department's rollback of protections for taxpayers and students in Borrower Defense to Repayment rules and include quotes from veterans with pending Borrower Defense applications ([here](#)). (Aug. 30, 2018)
- VES mobilized individual veterans to share their experiences ([here](#)). (Aug. 30, 2018)
- 38 veterans and military service organizations call on the US Consumer Financial Protection Bureau and US Defense Department to stop the rollback of servicemembers' rights under the Military Lending Act (Aug. 23, 2018) ([here](#)) Resubmitted Sept. 5 with additional signatures ([here](#))
  - Full page newspaper ad nationwide [here](#).
  - Petition [here](#)
- VES' public comment urging the US Consumer Financial Protection Bureau to maintain robust consumer financial education and to protect the Office of Servicemember Affairs (July 9, 2018) ([here](#))
- 42 federal ethics experts, national veterans and military service organizations, and consumer protection and education experts urge the Department of Veterans Affairs to revise its waivers of the anti-corruption ethics law banning gifts from for-profit colleges (June 20, 2018) ([here](#))
- VES' public comment urging the Education Department not to postpone implementation of State Authorization rules (June 2018) ([here](#))

- Veterans and Military leaders urge the US Consumer Financial Protection Bureau to maintain robust public reporting and database of consumer complaints (June 2018) ([here](#))
- VES' public comment regarding oversight of college accreditors to US Education Department's National Advisory Committee on Institutional Quality and Integrity (May 2018) ([here](#))
- 33 Veterans & Military Leaders write to House leaders opposing PROSPER Act (March 2018) ([here](#))
- Veterans & Military Service Organizations ask Congress to protect the rule against 300% interest "payday loans" (March 2018) ([here](#)). (The American Legion also wrote Congress to protect the payday rule [here](#).)
- Consumer and veterans service organizations ask Congress to protect servicemembers from credit bureau problems (like Equifax) ([here](#))
- 30 Veterans and Military Service Organizations ask the Education Department not to reinstate ACICS (Feb. 2018) ([here](#))
- 36 Veterans and Military Service Organizations write to Senate Education Chairman regarding Higher Education Act (Feb. 2018) ([here](#))
- Veterans and Military service organizations call on Congress to preserve and expand Public Service Loan Forgiveness (Nov. 2017) ([here](#))
- 19 Veterans and Military service organizations' public comment on US Federal Trade Commission's proposed settlement with Victory Media's "Military Friendly Schools" ([here](#)) (Nov. 2017)
- Veterans and military service organizations' public comment on the Education Department's priorities for discretionary funding (Nov. 2017) ([here](#))
- VES Statement for the Record on Higher Education Act ([here](#))

# PROTECTING VETERANS' LEGAL RIGHTS

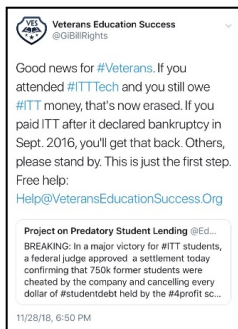
VES supports and collaborates with law enforcement, connecting them with whistleblowers and defrauded students, and helping to build cases. We actively **support whistleblowers** and advocate on behalf of nearly 5,000 veterans who have contacted us for free legal help, many of whom are willing to share their stories. We provide **free legal advice and college counseling** to approximately 10 new veterans each week. In 2018, some highlights included bringing a whistleblower to meet with senior federal officials, and assisting state Attorneys General behind the scenes with multiple lawsuits.

## VES' Legal Reports

- Piercing the Veil of Covert For-Profit Colleges (June 2018) ([here](#))
- Veteran and Servicemember Complaints about Misconduct and Illegal Practices at Trident International University (July 2018) ([here](#))
- Law Enforcement Actions Against Predatory Colleges (April 2018) ([here](#))

## ITT Tech

VES worked closely with an ITT Tech executive who agreed to become a whistleblower, providing information that was vital to the federal government crackdown in 2016.



After ITT Tech declared bankruptcy, we helped several hundred students file individual claims with the Court and supported lawyers at Harvard Law School's Project on Predatory Student Lending, who represent a class of all 750,000 former ITT Tech students (including veterans) who attended in the last 10 years ([here](#)). VES President Carrie Wofford's affidavit to the court regarding the ITT Tech executive's information ([here](#)). Harvard's work has led to important victories for students including: *US Court awards financial recompense to ITT students* (Jan. 2018) ([here](#))

## Amicus Briefs

VES' legal work includes amicus curiae ("friend of the court") briefs in which we are not a party to the action, but we highlight important legal issues for the court to consider:

- VES is the sole amicus in a case to protect the Education Department's Incentive Compensation Ban (to stop college recruiters from being incentivized to mislead students) and, more largely, to protect whistleblowers' ability to bring cases under the False Claims Act: VES' amicus brief ([here](#)); 9th Circuit Court's denial of petition for rehearing and rehearing en banc (makes the decision final) (Nov. 26, 2018) ([here](#));
- VES filed an amicus brief regarding the importance to veterans of receiving accurate information regarding Public Service Loan Forgiveness (PLSF) in a case against Great Lakes Higher Education student loan company for misrepresentations to students about Public Service Loan Forgiveness (Dec. 10, 2018) ([here](#))
- VES joined a coalition amicus brief to protect the Gainful Employment rule: March 2018 ([here](#)), following an earlier brief two years ago VES had helped draft.



## VES IN THE NEWS

### *News coverage of VES' Research:*

- *Politico Morning Education*: [Veterans Education Success is out with an issue brief examining the closure of Education Corporation of America](#)
- *Politico Morning Education*: [Veterans Education Success issued a new analysis today](#)
- *Politico Morning Education*: [Veterans Education Success is out with a new analysis](#)
- *Diverse Issues in Higher Education*: [Analysis: ACICS-Accredited College Students Have Negative Outcomes](#)
- *The Hechinger Report Opinion*: [Don't Trust University Accreditors to Stop For-Profit Schools from Scamming Veterans](#)

### *News coverage of VES' fight to protect the Military Lending Act:*

- *Military Times*: [Advocates Launch \\$250K Ad Campaign to Support Protections for Troops Against Predatory Lenders](#)
- *Military.Com*: [Vets Groups Urge Mattis to Keep Pressure on Payday Lenders](#)
- *Politico Morning Money*: [Military Groups Speak Out](#)
- *New York Times*: [Mulvaney Looks to Weaken Oversight of Military Lending](#)
- *Military Times*: [Advocates to Mattis: Don't Waver in Protecting Troops Against Predatory Lenders](#)
- *Stars & Stripes*: [Mulvaney is Urged Not to Weaken Consumer Protections](#)

### *News coverage of VES' efforts to save student protections and college quality requirements:*

- *Inside Higher Ed*: [Changes to College Scorecard Anger Veterans Groups](#)
- *Military.com*: [Vets groups urge Trump Administration to keep pressure on GI Bill fraud](#)
- *Inside Higher Ed*: [New York City Sues For-Profit College](#)
- *Associated Press*: [For-Profit Colleges Have Allies Now, But Complaints Persist](#)
- *New York Times*, Gail Collins, columnist: [The Bane That is Betsy DeVos: Watch Out, the Secretary of Education is on the Loose \(featuring a veteran we brought to Gail Collins\)](#)
- *Forbes*: [Flight Training Caps Will Save GI Bill \\$504 Million Over 10 Years, But Will They Cost Pilots?](#)
- *CNBC*: [Thousands of Students Who Say They Were Defrauded by the Art Institute Awaiting an Answer From the Government](#)
- *Hechinger Report*: [Military Veterans Decry Debt, Useless Diplomas from For-Profit Colleges](#)
- *Inside Sources*: [For-Profit College Conversions to Nonprofit Entities Attacked as Regulatory Shields](#)

### *News coverage of VES' work on Higher Ed Act and Public Service Loan Forgiveness:*

- *Military Times* and *Associated Press*: [Vets Could Be Hurt by Proposed \\$13 Billion Cut to Student Loan Relief](#)
- *Inside Sources*: [Higher Ed Reform Bill Stalled in U.S. House](#)
- *Inside Higher Ed*: [Seeking Votes on PROSPER, GOP Appears to Come Up Short](#)
- *Military Times*: [Pentagon: "Loan Forgiveness is a Recruiting Tool." Lawmakers: "Cut it Anyway"](#)
- *Inside Higher Ed*: [Veterans Blast GOP Bill as Giveaway to For-Profits](#)

- *Military Times*: [Student Loan Forgiveness Benefit on the Chopping Block](#)
- VES also authored **op-eds** on the *Higher Ed Reauthorization and Public Service Loan Forgiveness: A Call to Service without Debt*; *Higher Ed Law Fails its Mission to Protect Deserving Military-Connected Students*; and *GOP Higher Education Legislation Will Hurt Service Members, Veterans, and Their Families*

*News coverage of VES' work on behalf of **disabled veterans' rights**:*

- *American Heroes Network Radio Show* (Voice of America): [Veterans Education Success](#)
- *Military Times Rebootcamp*: [“Could this Government Program Wipe Away All Your Student Debt?”](#)
- *UPI*: [Lack of Info, Fear Causing Thousands of U.S. Vets to Default on Student Loans](#)
- *CNBC*: [Many disabled veterans eligible for student loan forgiveness are still paying](#)
- *Politico Morning Education*: [New Data on Veterans Eligible for Student Loan Discharges](#)
- *The Washington Post*: [Trump Administration Streamlining Student Debt Forgiveness for Permanently Disabled Veterans](#)
- *CNBC*: [Trump Moves to Cancel Student Loan Debt for Disabled Veterans](#)

*News coverage of VES' work on **fake military websites**:*

- *Politico Morning Education*: [Vets Groups Target Lead Generator Sites](#)
- *Huffington Post*: [Scam Websites Tried to Trick Military Recruits](#)
- *Inside Higher Ed*: [FTC Shuts Down Scam Military Websites](#)

*News coverage of VES' work on **VA's obligation to protect veterans from deceptive recruiting**:*

- *Task & Purpose*: [The VA May Blow \\$2.3 Billion in GI Bill on Schools That Don't Deserve It, the IG Says](#)
- *Military.com*: [Vets groups urge Trump Administration to keep pressure on GI Bill fraud](#)
- *Military Times*: [Should VA Employees be Allowed to Work at For-Profit Schools?](#)
- *Military Times*: [Why Aren't more vets applying to get GI Bill restored](#)
- *Task & Purpose*: [‘They Didn't Have To Kill Him’: The Death of Lance Cpl. Brian Easley](#)
- *Military Law Matters*: [Predatory For-Profit Colleges that Target Veterans who have GI Bill](#)
- *Military Times*: [More Regulation Needed for ‘Predatory Schools’?](#)

*News coverage of **VES' Work on GI Bill Delays**:*

- *NBC*: [Veterans haven't received GI Bill benefits for months due to ongoing IT issues at VA](#)
- *Star Tribune*: [Unacceptable Delays in GI Bill Aid Point to a Larger Problem](#)
- *Newser*: [Report: VA Won't Repay Vets After GI Bill Snafu](#)
- *Stars & Stripes*: [VA Says it Reversed Course on Underpaid GI Bill Recipients, Though Lawmakers Remain Skeptical](#)
- *Connecting Vets Radio*: [VA Fix to Ongoing GI Bill Fiasco: Hurry Up and Wait](#)

*News coverage of **VES' Legal Work**:*

- *Military Times*: [Court Settlement for Former ITT Students Moves Forward \(Jan.\)](#)
- *The Hill*: [A Law Connection](#)