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## INDEPENDENCE DAY— *GOOD NEWS HOOK*

### PROGRESS IN THE FIGHT AGAINST GI BILL FRAUD & SCAM SCHOOLS

**Fourth of July Good News: As Americans prepare to celebrate Independence Day, there is some good news: Progress is being made in the fight against scam schools who have been ripping off Veterans (and taxpayers) by pocketing GI Bill education funds without actually helping military service members get the skills and career opportunities promised.**

**What Just Happened:** The CEO of the now-closed California Technical Academy schools was sentenced to five years in prison on 6.26. The DOJ prosecution is the largest Post-9/11 GI Bill Fraud Case. The fraud cost the VA and US taxpayers nearly \$105 million.

**GUEST EXPERT: Marine/Veteran Advocate, Will Hubbard, VP of Veterans Education Success.**

*Veterans Education Success, where **Will Hubbard** is VP of Veterans & Military Policy, advocates for policies that enable government to crack down on schools that prey on student veterans and rampant GI bill fraud.*

- **How Schools Have Been Preying On Veterans**
- **Personal Harms to Those Who Served**
- **Financial Harm to Taxpayers,**
- **How Problem is Widespread but Progress is Happening**
- **How his org also exposed two scam schools, religious cult House of Prayer and canine trainer school US-K9, which were both raided by the FBI, before being cut off by the VA**
- **News you can use - how veterans can get free legal support and help navigating the educational system**

STUDENT VETERANS: Hubbard's organization can make available for interview student veterans who have been the victims of similar schemes, and can talk about the toll it has taken on their financial, social, and mental health.

**How It's Relevant to Veterans/Service Members and All Americans:** The trend is good, but the work is far from done. Veterans Education Success is now pressing Congress to add basic minimum standards to keep scam schools like these from receiving taxpayer money in the first place. It is also working to strengthen the VA's oversight capacity.

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