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**TWO VETERANS SCAMMED BY FOR-PROFIT COLLEGES TO TESTIFY
AT FEDERAL HEARINGS
ABOUT UNFAIR STUDENT LOAN DEBTS FOR VETS RIPPED OFF BY
DECEPTIVE PRACTICES**

***ORLANDO-BASED FULL SAIL UNIVERSITY INCLUDED
IN GOV'T HEARINGS,
PALM BAY VET TO TESTIFY - TUESDAY***

We hope that you'll let us help you tell a **compelling story. One that will help warn your veteran and college-seeking viewers/readers about:**

- How for-profit colleges may try to scam them
- How to keep themselves from becoming a victim of such scams.

Plus, help them learn about **new rules being put in place to help forgive students' loans**, if they have been ripped off by fraudulent and predatory schools.

STORY ELEMENTS

- **Veteran from Palm Bay**, testifying to U.S. Dept of Ed on Tues about being lured by deceptive marketing and sleazy recruiters from a for-profit college. She is now "over my [her] head in student debt because of the high costs of completing my [her] degrees."
- **Orlando-based, Full Sail University** - a **veteran from Jacksonville** has testified about how he was left with a worthless degree from Full Sail that depleted his GI Bill benefits, leaving him with no options through the GI Bill to pursue a meaningful degree.
- **National veterans' expert/advocate from Veterans Education Success** www.vetsedsuccess.org to provide context about the scale of the problem and how help is on the way as the federal government develops rules to forgive student debt for veterans scammed by fraudulent and predatory schools.

We can connect you with these sources for phone, on-camera/or Zoom interviews or you can email Chris@vetsedsuccess.org.

Video of Veteran Testifying Live at Hearing: Online viewing requires pre-registration form(s) link [here](#). TUESDAY, DECEMBER 7TH AT 3:30 PM ET

ADDITIONAL CONTEXT: The US Department of Ed is making new rules to limit for-profit colleges' predatory actions targeting student veterans and to **create a process for veterans' loans to be forgiven** if they have attended fraudulent and predatory schools:

- Individual **veterans from around the country have asked to testify before the gov't to share their horror stories** of having for-profit colleges defraud them out of their GI Bill benefits - enrolling them in worthless degree programs that left them loaded with student loan debt and depleted of their GI bill funds.
- Representatives of the **nation's largest veterans and military service organizations** have also had a forceful turnout at the hearings.
- **Stronger regulations will help student veterans and service members by improving the process** by which loans taken out to attend fraudulent and predatory schools, sometimes even taken out without the knowledge of the veterans themselves, can be forgiven.

Veterans are calling on the Department of Education to create strong rules to:

- Provide relief to those **who are lied to by their school about credit transfer, job placement, career counseling, accreditation, and quality of the instruction** by enacting an improved Borrower Defense to Repayment Rule.
- **Cancel student loan debts** incurred by students attending at, or near, the time when a school closes by improving the procedure to automatically provide relief for students unable to complete their program at the closing school; and,
- Protect student veterans from predatory and abusive for-profit schools that target them with constant aggressive and manipulative recruitment, marketing, and fraud.