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SUBJECT: Directive-type Memorandum (DTM)-18-006, "Transferability of Unused Post-9/11 GI Bill Educational Benefits by Recipients of the Purple Heart"

References: DoD Instruction 1341.13, "Post-9/11 GI Bill," May 31, 2013, as amended
DoD Manual 1348.33, Volume 3, "Manual Of Military Decorations and
Awards: DoD-Wide Personal Performance And Valor Decorations,"
December 21, 2016
United States Code, Title 38, Section 3319

Purpose. In accordance with the authority in Section 3319(b)(2) and (j) of Title 38, United States Code, this DTM:

- Establishes policy and assigns responsibilities for the transferability of unused Post-9/11 GI Bill educational benefits by recipients of the Purple Heart.
- This DTM is effective August 31, 2018; it will be incorporated into DoD Instruction 1341.13. This DTM will expire effective August 31, 2019.



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Applicability. This DTM applies to OSD, the Military Departments, the Office of the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and the Joint Staff, the Combatant Commands, the Office of the Inspector General of the Department of Defense, the Defense Agencies, the DoD Field Activities, and all other organizational entities within the DoD.

Definition.

- Recipient of the Purple Heart. For the purposes of this DTM, a person who has received the Purple Heart award in accordance with Paragraph 3.7.c. of Volume 3 of DoD Manual 1348.33.

Policy.

- In accordance with Section 3319(b)(2) of Title 38, United States Code, recipients of the Purple Heart are eligible to transfer unused Post-9/11 GI Bill education benefits to one or more qualifying family members, **regardless** of whether:
 - The Service member concerned has already served 6 years of service in the armed forces and entered into an agreement to serve at least 4 more years as a uniformed service member, as specified in Section 3319(b)(1) of Title 38, United States Code.
 - The Service member concerned has served more than 16 years of total creditable service in the Military Services, as specified in DoD Instruction 1341.13.
- All other requirements concerning the transferability of unused Post-9/11 educational benefits in law and DoD policy remain in effect.

Responsibilities. The Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness directs all necessary changes to DoD Instruction 1341.13 and other applicable DoD guidance, and oversees the implementation of this DTM.

Coordination. In accordance with 38 U.S.C. § 3319(j), this change in regulation has been coordinated with the Secretary of Veterans Affairs.

Releasability. **Cleared for public release.** This DTM is available on the Directives Division Website at <http://www.esd.whs.mil/DD/>.

