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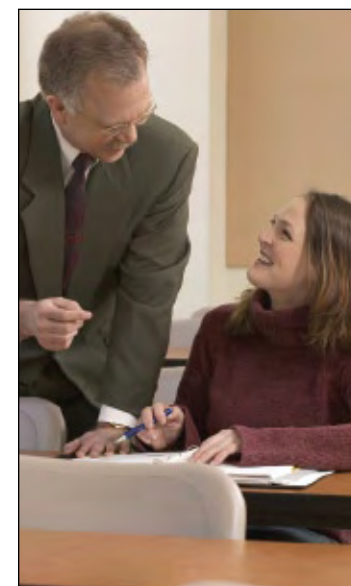
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A Wealth of Experience and Dedication for Your School

If you are interested in obtaining professionals with years of experience for your classroom teachers, you should look into the Troops to Teachers program. You will find these veterans are dedicated and motivated. They have an outstanding work ethic and exceptional discipline. More than 90 percent of principals reported that TTT teachers are more effective in the classroom than traditionally prepared teachers (NASSP Bulletin, Vol. 90, No. 2). Since these veterans are working on their second career, they are more likely to stay longer than their three-year commitment.

For more information, please contact David Mauldin, Troops to Teachers technician, by calling (877) 530-2765 or sending an e-mail to david.mauldin@desemo.gov.



Special Points of Interest

- Troops to Teachers offers a wealth of experience and dedication to schools.
- You can draw VA OJT benefits as a first- or second-year teacher in Missouri or Iowa (along with your TTT stipend and bonus if you qualify).



David Mauldin holds his grandson, Dylan, while his wife, Ginger, holds their granddaughter, Lauren. Mauldin recently retired from active military duty with more than 38 years of total service.

Meet David Mauldin, TTT Technician/DESE Supervisor

David Mauldin is married and has three children and three grandchildren. He enjoys playing with his grandchildren, playing golf, and playing his guitar and dobro. His wife, Ginger, is a retired assistant principal.

Mauldin recently retired from active military duty as a sergeant major with more than 38 years of total service. He has a bachelor's degree in management and has completed many career-development programs in the military. He has also had experience in human resources, operations and training.

Although not a veteran of Operation Enduring Freedom/ Operation Iraqi Freedom, Mauldin did serve in Vietnam. He assisted many departing and returning veterans of OEF/ OIF. His military awards include the Legion of Merit, two Meritorious Service Medals, two Army Commendation Medals, five Army Achievement Medals and nine awards of the Good Conduct Medal.

TO FIND OUT IF YOU ARE ELIGIBLE FOR GI BILL EDUCATION AND TRAINING BENEFITS, CALL (888) 442-4551.

TROOPS TO TEACHERS HOT LIST

If you have a teaching vacancy or are expecting a vacancy, contact the TTT supervisor for the "Hot List" of veterans who have already enrolled in the TTT program and are looking for teaching positions. You will find that these applicants are hardworking and dedicated. They offer maturity and self-discipline that would make them valuable assets to your school district. Contact David Mauldin for a copy of the list by calling (877) 530-2765 or sending an e-mail to david.mauldin@dese.mo.gov.



The national Troops to Teachers Web site is located at <http://proudtoserveagain.com>.



The Spouses to Teachers program has migrated to Military OneSource. If you are interested in more information about Spouses to Teachers, visit <http://www.militaryonesource.com>.

About Our Program

Troops to Teachers (TTT) was established in 1994 as a Department of Defense program. The National Defense Authorization Act for FY2000 transferred the responsibility for program oversight and funding to the U.S. Department of Education but continued operation by the Department of Defense. The No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 provides for the continuation of the TTT program. TTT is managed by the Defense Activity for Non-Traditional Education Support (DANTES) in Pensacola, Fl. Our mission is to provide referral-assistance and placement services to military personnel interested in beginning a second career in public education as a teacher.



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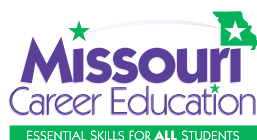
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In order to qualify for the Troops to Teachers program, a veteran must have at least six years of military service. Most have much more than that.

Often, a TTT veteran is a retiree with at least 20 years of service. This gives the school administrator a dependable teacher for today's challenging school environment.

The **Missouri State Approving Agency Directory** features all schools and colleges approved for the GI Bill. Request a copy by calling **(877) 530-2765**.



GI Bill Benefits for Approved On-The-Job Training Programs

Veterans interested in a vocational career may be eligible for VA benefits for approved on-the-job training (OJT). First- and second-year teachers may qualify; please inquire if you are a veteran or know of a veteran who is interested in applying for OJT benefits. In the St. Louis area, call Steve Nelle at (314) 467-5079 or send an e-mail to steven.nelle@dese.mo.gov or michael.bitzenburg@dese.mo.gov. In the Kansas City area, call Turner Shipman at (816) 241-1705 or send an e-mail to turner.shipman@dese.mo.gov. In all other areas, contact the Jefferson City office at (877) 530-2765.

Meet Leo Blakley, Approval Developer

Leo Blakley resides in St. Joseph, Mo., where he was born and raised. He received a master's degree in elementary administration from Northwest Missouri State University. Blakley has been married to his lovely wife, Dorothy, for 40 years and has three adult children and one grandson.

He served in the St. Joseph School District from 1965-1995, wearing many hats as teacher, coach, director, supervisor and principal during his tenure. He then spent time in the insurance industry before returning to education, serving as director of education in Tarkio, which required a daily commute from St. Joseph. Blakley served in Tarkio for four years. He has worked as OJT/apprenticeship developer for DESE since 2001. Blakley's hobbies include sports - he absolutely loves fast-pitch softball (not just watching but playing!)

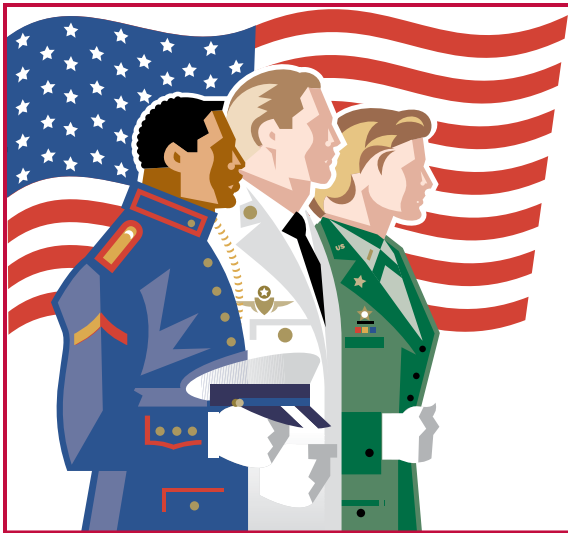


Welcome!

Thanks for taking the time to read our new publication. It is designed to provide relevant and current information regarding programs for veterans, including VA education/training and Troops to Teachers. Guest writers will submit articles from the VA, schools and related agencies, providing insight to issues concerning veterans. We anticipate monthly publication in hard-copy and electronic formats.

Chad Schatz

Missouri Veterans Education and Training Section (VETS)



CHAPTER 33 GI BILL BENEFITS

On June 30, 2008, President George W. Bush signed into law the Post-9/11 Veterans Educational Assistance Act, which expands education benefits available to service members and veterans with active duty military service on or after Sept. 11, 2001.

The VA is currently preparing to implement this new program, which will begin paying benefits on Aug. 1, 2009, for training pursued on or after Aug. 1, 2009.

Remember:

The GI Bill is for Much More Than Just College!

What is on-the-job training (OJT)? On-the-job training is training you receive while actually performing a job and earning wages. Approvable OJT programs must be at least six months and up to two years in length. Some examples of OJT programs are welder, painter, cook, production equipment mechanic, auto mechanic, corrections officer, police officer and parts buyer.

What is apprenticeship training? Apprenticeship training is on-the-job training coupled with 144 hours (minimum) per year of related technical instruction. You receive your GI Bill benefit while working full time and earning wages. Apprenticeships are normally from two to five years in length. Registration with the Bureau of Apprenticeship and Training is not mandatory for benefits; however, it is recommended in order for the veteran to receive journeyman's papers upon successful completion. Some examples of apprenticeship training programs are electrician, ironworker, roofer, plumber and sheet-metal worker.

How to begin: Contact the Veterans Affairs office at (888) 442-4551 to determine your entitlement. Next, have your employer contact the State Approving Agency toll-free at (877) 530-2765 to approve the training program. Keep in mind that not all occupations can be approved. Currently, we have more than 450 OJT programs in Missouri. VA benefits range from \$246 to \$1,093 monthly (add-ons for dependents are available).



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