

## Tips to **Enroll** in the Education Benefits with the VA

- Log into the VA's VONNAPP and fill out the VA 22-1990.
- Items needed to enroll in the program: **DD 214 and bank account and routing information.**
- Follow the directions to enter your personal information, information about the school program, and military enlistment.
- The type of education or training is to become a Wildland Fire Fighter and the training is an apprenticeship program or on the job training.
- Use the following name for the school program: **NATIONAL INTERAGENCY JOINT APPRENTICESHIP COMMITTEE (WILDLAND FIREFIGHTER JATC)**
- The school address is 3237 Peacekeeper Way, McClellan, CA 95652.
- The VA will send you a certificate of eligibility that lists the length of time for school benefits you are entitled to and that you are eligible to receive benefits. It takes about 3 weeks to receive this form.
- Refer to the example of questions for the VA 22-1990 if you need help answering a question.

## Tips to enroll with the Veteran Liaison to receive payments from the VA

- You must have your certificate of eligibility in order for the Certifying official to submit any documents to the VA on your behalf.
- Turn in a readable copy of your DD 214 to the Certifying Official.
- Complete the VA 22-8864 with the following blocks:
  - 2 – Full name and current mailing address
  - 3 – SSN #
  - 5- Date of Birth
  - 10- Date Veteran signed Department of Labor Agreement
  - 19- Signature of Veteran
- Submit the documents listed above to the Certifying official with any work process hours completed – can back date up to 6 months of benefits. Your DOL date is the start date for your enrollment into the program.
- If you worked more hours than on your work process form- add the total number of hours worked each month in the comment section on your work process hours.
- Work process hours must be signed by a supervisor.
- Work process hours should be submitted **monthly** by your unit training manager, apprentice coordinator, or other supervisor to the Certifying official.
- Once you are enrolled in the program you will receive a VA 22-6553d-1 form from the VA each month, this form is submitted with your work process hours to the Certifying official who will submit it to the VA on your behalf.