



A 501(c)3 Organization Helping Marines Attend College

Veterans are not using their education benefits.

Over 90% of service members enroll in the GI Bill program, which requires them to contribute \$100 per month during their first year of active service. In return, these veterans receive \$1075 each month in education benefits for up to 36 months. However, only 57% of veterans who pay into the plan ever use any portion of the benefit.

This lackluster number represents a missed opportunity for the service member, the Marine Corps, academia, and society. Veterans who use their education benefit have lower unemployment rates and higher lifetime earnings. In fact, men over the age of 25 with a bachelor's degree make a median average of \$500 more a week than those with just a high school diploma.

Semper Fi House will provide Marines with a clear path to college via affordable housing, campus mentors, and support services from other academic and professional organizations. We aim to set the conditions for academic, social, and professional success for future and former Marines through our national network of Semper Fi Houses.

A **Semper Fi House** provides multiple opportunities for friendship, leadership, and professional advancement within the context of a supportive living environment. We are ensuring that future and former Marines, including Officer Candidates and prior service members, have a chance to learn from one another while maintaining the culture and Esprit de Corps embodied by a US Marine.

By 2020, our non-profit will be widely recognized as the premier advocate for advancing education among future and former Marines. Our goal is to be engaged in the development of 20 Semper Fi Houses and provide educational mentorship and career guidance to thousands of Marines. Donations will exceed \$2M annually through individual and corporate sponsors.

We are currently seeking new mentors and volunteers who can assist us, develop our support programs, and research the most efficient ways to receive benefits from the new GI Bill. If you, or someone you know, can help us achieve our goals, please contact us using the information below.



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