

Certifications from the Global Foodservice Institute (GFI) Paid by the VA

USE IT OR LOSE IT

- * Only 1 in 4 people **ever use their VA education benefits**
- * Only 1 in 16 people **ever use ALL** of their VA education benefits
- * Thus we are urging you to take advantage of the benefit, enroll now, and boost your career opportunities. We have lots of examples where **it DID make the difference**.

***The VA has approved ALL of the certifications** offered by the Global Foodservice Institute.

*Both the Post 9/11 GI Bill and the Montgomery GI Bill allow for payment for multiple certifications, maximum of \$2000, so you could take all 9 and be reimbursed by the VA, however, you can sign up for the MCFBD certification, thus fill out one form, and that covers all 9 certifications.

To find our certifications click here - <http://inquiry.vba.va.gov/weamspub/buildSearchLCCriteria.do> and under Category/Type select Certifications. Then click on New York state on the map. That brings up all certifications approved by that region and you will find our certifications.

* **Here is how you access your VA benefits (call 888-442-4551 with VA questions)**

- * Step 1 - If you've never signed up for VA go to www.gibill.va.gov and click on Electronic Application Form.
- * Step 2 – Once you've activated your VA benefits, sign up for the certification at www.ehmanley.com, pay for the certification, get the book and study or attend a class, take the test. Call Ed Manley at 702-292-7988 to set up a class. On line training is also available. If you need to make monthly payments we'll try to help you.
- * Step 3 - EHMA will provide you with a receipt for your payment, which will include the rest of the required information, which is the name of the test you took and the date you took it, your test score and whether or not you passed (they pay either way, and will pay for a re-test if you failed), the name and address of GFI, and how much you paid for the certification.
- * Step 4 – Complete VA form 2900 and submit it to the VA.
 - * VA sends you the money, you already paid us. Again, if you need payment terms we'll try to help you.

YOU WILL USE JUST 4% OF YOUR ELIGIBILITY TO DO ALL 9 CERTIFICATIONS

- * We've put a package price on the entire series of our certifications at \$1,999, a \$216 savings. You can spend \$2,000 on certifications through the VA, so we've got you covered nicely.
- * To complete all 9 of our certifications, you will use up just 42 days of your 36 months eligibility. And at the end you will be certified in food safety, HACCP, management, beverage, culinary nutrition, customer service, serving alcohol responsibly and culinary AND hold the title of Master Certified Food and Beverage Director (MCFBD) from the Global Foodservice Institute.
- * To do, for example, the HACCP certification only, you would use up 7 days of eligibility
- * **The worst that will happen** is you will be that 1 in 16 who uses all their entitlement and you will have to pay for the last 4 college courses down the road.
- * **The best that will happen** is that the certifications helped you get a promotion in the military, or a job or promotion after the military.
- * For those who left the service within the last 15 years, you can still access your benefits.