Montgomery GI Bill – Active Duty
Chapter 30 (MGIB-AD)

1. What is it?
   - Chapter 30 is an education program that applies to veterans who served on active duty or AGR, served two or three years, contributed $1,200, and received an honorable discharge. (Reference: Title 38 USC Chapter 30; DoDD 1322.16)

2. How Do I Qualify?
   - Have qualifying active duty service on or after July 1, 1985, or AGR service after November 29, 1989
     - Complete two years on Active Duty or AGR (Title 10/32) for 80% rate
     - Complete three years on Active Duty or AGR (Title 10/32) for 100% rate
       - Must complete 24 months before use
     - Complete a mobilization of at least two continuous years (730 days), or complete 20 months of a 730 day mobilization and be discharged at the convenience of the government
   - Pay a $1,200 Buy-In
     - If you are an AGR, you can choose to pay in a lump sum or set up deductions from your paycheck of $100/month for 12 months.
     - If you are mobilized, you must pay the $1,200 in a lump sum
     - To Buy-In, contact the GI Bill Support team at: arng.esc.ch30@mail.mil

3. What Do I Get?
   - A monthly payment paid directly to the Soldier based on the amount of active duty time served
     - Effective October 1, 2015:
       - 100% rate = $1,789.00 per month
       - 80% rate = $1,454.00 per month
   - Payments are limited by several factors including:
     - Payment Tier
     - Rate of Pursuit (if you are going to school full time, half time, etc.)
     - Use of Federal Tuition Assistance
     - Active Duty/Drilling Status
You have ten years from your last day of qualifying active duty time to use this benefit
- Your ten-year window can be reset if you complete a new period of qualifying time by submitting a VA Form 21-4138 along with your DD214 to your VA Regional Processing Center

If on active duty, you can use the benefit as a Top-Up to your Federal Tuition Assistance
- Under the Top-Up program, FTA will pay first then Ch 30 will pay the cost of tuition and fees that were not covered by FTA, not to exceed your monthly Ch 30 rate
  - Example of Top-Up:
   - Your total tuition is $1,000 for 3 semester hours and you are at the 100% tier:
     - Federal Tuition Assistance will pay $750
     - Ch 30 will pay $250 balance for tuition and fees only

OPTIONAL Plus-Up program
- You may contribute up to an additional $600 while on Active Duty orders
- The contribution will increase your monthly benefit up to $150 per month ($5 per month for every $20 contributed
- Soldiers using CH30 while on Active Duty or AGR are NOT eligible to receive the Plus-Up payment

4. How Do I Apply?
- Go to http://vabenefits.vba.va.gov/vonapp, submit Veterans Online Application
- Notify the VA Certifying Official at your school so they can certify your enrollment
- Continue to verify your enrollment each month online at: www.gibill.va.gov/wave
- To elect the Plus Up option, contact the GI Bill Support Team via email at: arng.esc.ch30@mail.mil

For More Information:
- Visit www.benefits.va.gov/gibill
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- Email your State Education Office: ng.oh.oharnq.list.ngoh-j1-eiom@mail.mil

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