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Today's soldiers are highly motivated to serve, but face numerous challenges, especially considering the sacrifices they have made over the past decade of war. As the service branches face budget cuts and draw downs, soldiers need to be aware of the resources and options available to help make them more competitive for promotion or

more credible for potential civilian-sector employers. *From the Army to College: Transitioning from the Service to Higher Education* fulfills this need by serving as a long-term reference manual that will support soldiers throughout their higher education or vocational pursuits and assist with navigating the available funding resources. Aspiring civilians looking to join the Army, soldiers already on active duty, or those transitioning into the civilian sector will gain invaluable information to help them properly prepare, plan, and perform the tasks necessary for a successful transition into the world of education. If a soldier's goal is to expand his or her credentials through education or training, this book is the definitive field manual.

This guide joins two others in the series (following U.S. Marines and Navy), aimed at helping veterans move from military life to college life. Those who enter college after a stint in the military are often older than their fellow students, and they may have a different perspective on what they would like to accomplish while in school. In addition, there are specific programs and benefits available to former servicemen and women, including the GI Bill. The 11 chapters offer practical advice and examples as well as thoughtful guidance. Public and academic libraries serving veterans and military populations will want to add this useful title to the collection. (Booklist) Anyone who considers themselves a professional in the field of career counseling or benefit advising for U.S. Army active duty, National Guard, Reserve, Veterans, or their dependents must have a copy of this comprehensive guidebook in their library. Not only have the authors addressed all categories of military educational needs, they share their insight and experience using the services or programs they discuss. The instructions are clear and offer step-by-step instructions for the reader. Having access to this volume of information at your fingertips is a powerful tool for effectively assisting current Soldiers and future Army Veterans and their family members. (Patrick O'Rourke, EdD, Director of Active Duty and Veterans Affairs Office of the Chancellor California State University) With over 40 years working with Soldiers in Army Education, I have not experienced such an excellent resource as *From the Army to College: Transitioning from the Service to Higher Education* by Jillian Ventrone and Paul Karczewski. The outstanding research and attention to detail ranks as one of the most in depth and comprehensive reviews enabling Soldiers to make the right choices. Soldier's insight and knowledge are increased in areas of basic skills and developmental on one hand to graduate study and degrees on the other. This allows them to be fully informed and make even better educational decisions. Soldiers will definitely be better prepared to pursue higher education with a greater understanding after reading this book. (Grey H. Edwards Jr., PhD, EdD, HUB Chief, Army Education) Making the transition from the military to higher education can be tricky. This clear guidebook will make the process easy, accessible, and understandable to any current or former member of the Army pursuing higher education while on active-duty or just leaving the service. With clear advice and information about resources, this is the go-to guide for Army members moving on to higher education. About the Author Jillian Ventrone is a higher education counselor for service members aboard a federal installation, working with Marines and their families to help them transition to education or to other professions. She is the go-to expert for professional advice for service members and dependents who want to successfully transition into higher education. She writes for the base Education Newsletter monthly and has articles published in the Servicemembers Opportunity Colleges Consortium publication and the Military Press Magazine. Paul Karczewski has lived in Army communities for the majority of his life. After growing up the son of an Army career NCO he chose to give back to the same community that had helped shape the person he is today. He jumped at the opportunity to work with service members in a variety of downrange locations as an Education Counselor and instantly knew he wanted to continue to serve soldiers in this capacity. Once coming back home he now guides transitioning service members in navigating the often complex and confusing world of higher education.