This flyer is a summary explanation of in-state tuition waivers available for military-affiliated students and Veterans Affairs Educational Benefits (VAEB). This is for informational purposes only. Any questions directly related to your eligibility for GI Bill benefits should be directed to the VAEB hotline, 1-888-442-4551.

The Carolina Veterans Resource Center is open Monday through Friday, from 8:30am to 5pm to assist you in understanding tuition waivers or VAEB. Please feel free to stop by and see us at 211 Branson St, call (919) 962-9640, or email cvrc@unc.edu. Additional information on support and resources specifically for the military-affiliated community, to include a non-exhaustive list of military-focused grants and scholarships, may be found at the following website: https://odos.unc.edu/veterans

Other financial assistance
While Veterans Affairs education benefits (VAEB) are generous, they do not cover all the costs – particularly the hidden costs – of your education. You are strongly encouraged to complete both the Federal Application for Financial Student Aid and the institutional CSS profile to determine if you qualify for additional grants or loans. Some scholarships or grants may have an impact on your VAEB and you should contact a veterans services representative or the Office of Scholarships and Student Aid if you have any questions.

Dependent Education Allotment (Chapter 35)
Chapter 35 benefits are a monthly education stipend provided by the VA to dependents of veterans who are considered 100% disabled or who died from their disability. Only the VA can determine if you are eligible for this benefit.

- This benefit is received in the form of a direct deposit to a bank account designated by the veteran and dependent at the time the application is completed. The stipend is not paid to the school and the student remains fully responsible for tuition, fees, and other costs of education accrued on the student account.
- The monthly amount is prorated and only paid when the student is in school.
- If the veteran’s 100% disability is backdated, back certification may be requested for previous years of enrollment.

A summary of the benefit may be found here: http://www.benefits.va.gov/gibill/survivor_dependent_assistance.asp

Post 9/11 GI Bill (Chapter 33)
Chapter 33 benefits pay in-state tuition and fees only directly to the institution. Students and their families remain fully responsible for any housing, meal plans, or other expenses accrued on the student account. Only tuition and fees are eligible for deferment while the university awaits payment from the VA.

- The VA also provides a monthly housing allowance (MHA) and a book stipend calculated at $41.67 per credit hour, not to exceed $1,000 for the academic year.
- The MHA for UNC Chapel Hill for academic year 2018-2019 should be $1485/month.
- The MHA is pro-rated and only paid while the student is actively in classes.
- When completing the online application for benefits initiation, you must provide bank account information for whom will receive the supplies stipend and MHA each month. This is fully the decision of the student and their parents/guardians to make.

A summary of the benefit may be found here: http://www.benefits.va.gov/gibill/post911_gibill.asp

How can a dependent receive access to Post 9/11 GI Bill?
The Post-9/11 GI Bill allows service members to transfer all 36 months or any unused education benefits to immediate family members (spouse and/or children).

How can a service member TRANSFER THEIR BENEFITS?
Any member of the Armed Forces (active duty or Selected Reserve, officer or enlisted) on or after August 1, 2009, who is eligible for the Post-9/11 GI Bill, and:

- Has at least six years of service in the armed forces on the date of approval and agrees to serve four additional years in the armed forces from the date of election.
- Has at least 10 years of service in the armed forces on the date of approval, is precluded by either standard policy or statute from committing to four additional years, and agrees to serve for the maximum amount of time allowed by such policy or statute.
- While in the armed forces, service members use the Transfer of Education Benefits (TEB) website to designate, modify, and revoke a Transfer of Entitlement (TOE) request.
- For further information on entitlement transfer, please call 1-888-GIBILL-1 or visit the VA GI Bill website at http://www.benefits.va.gov/gibill/post911_transfer.asp
To initiate using your education benefits you must:
1. Obtain a Certificate of Eligibility from the VA (See below)
2. Be enrolled in classes for the semester you wish to start using your benefits in
3. Provide required paperwork to the School Certifying Official
4. Read and understand the Agreement for Students Receiving Veterans Educational Benefits
5. Complete and submit the electronic UNC-CH Veterans Educational Enrollment Data form
   a. This form must be submitted each semester in order to continue to receive benefits and can be done as soon as the student is officially registered for classes for the next semester.

You can find the information and links for steps 3-5 here: https://registrar.unc.edu/academic-services/veteran-affairs/receive-education-benefit-payments/

HOW IS THE CHAPTER 35 BENEFIT INITIATED?
- The veteran/guardian and dependent must complete VA Form 22-5490 on the VA website: https://www.vets.gov/education/ (Choose application process and follow prompts)
- Once the claim has been processed, the VA will issue a Certificate of Eligibility letter via mail to the student. This may take several weeks. The student will need to provide a copy of the letter to the UNC VA certifying official.
- If you have previously used benefits and need to change your place of program, choose VA Form 22-5495

How is the Chapter 33 benefit initiated after the transfer of entitlement has been completed?
- The dependent must complete VA Form 22-1990e on the VA website: https://www.vets.gov/education/ (Choose application process and follow prompts)
- VA Form 22-1990e should only be completed and submitted to VA by the family member after DoD has approved the request for TEB (not to apply for TEB itself). After the VA processes the 22-1990e, they will issue and mail out a Certificate of Eligibility letter to the student. This may take several weeks.
- If you have previously used benefits and need to change your place of program, choose VA Form 22-5495

In-state tuition waivers for military-affiliated students
The centralized residency application and information for undergraduate students can be found on the following link: https://ncresidency.cfnc.org/residencyInfo/

Graduate students can find information here: https://gradschool.unc.edu/studentlife/resources/residency/#online and the online application here: https://apps.research.unc.edu/grad_res/

If you do not qualify for residency, there are two ways to obtain in-state tuition as a dependent of an active duty service member or veteran:

1) Apply for in-state tuition benefit for Active Duty service members and dependents who are stationed in North Carolina. That form can be found here: https://registrar.unc.edu/academic-services/residency/benefits/military-benefits/

2) Apply for in-state tuition benefit under the Veterans Choice Act: Effective July 1, 2016, federal and state law mandates that veterans and qualifying dependents using Chapter 30 or Chapter 33 (Post 9/11) benefits must be granted in-state tuition at public institutions of higher learning if they enroll at the institution within 3 years of the veteran’s End of Active Obligation Service date* and meet other school requirements.
   *Effective July 1, 2017, dependents of active duty service members who are using Chapter 33 (Post 9/11 benefits) may also qualify for in-state tuition benefit under the Choice Act.

The Choice Act application is processed through the Office of the University Registrar. The direct link to the application can be found on our website at: https://registrar.unc.edu/files/2015/02/UNC-CH-Choice-Act-Application-for-Website.pdf

The completed form and all requested documents should be scanned and emailed to Kris West, kwest011@email.unc.edu.