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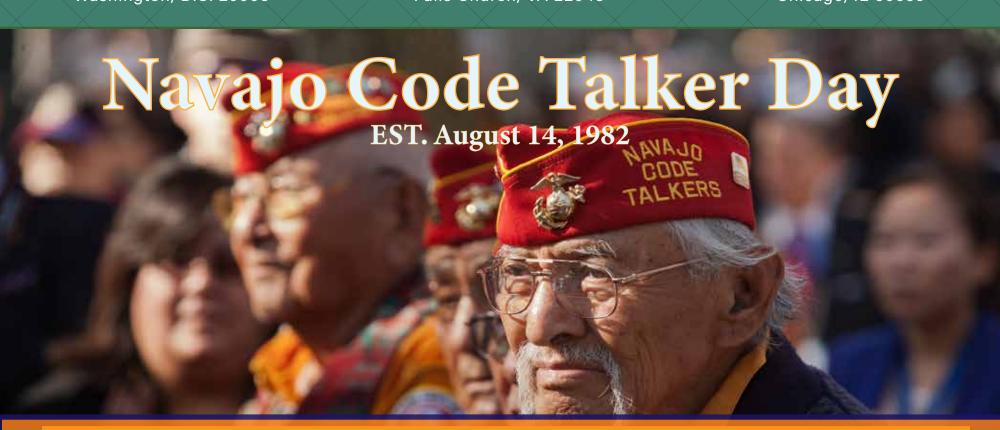




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recruited during WWII. These brave men developed and memorized a special code using their everyday tribal languages to send encoded messages in battle. During the invasion of Iwo Jima, six Navajo Code Talkers sent more than 800 messages that were transmitted without error. Major Howard Connor, who was the signal officer of the Navajos at Iwo Jima, said, "Were it not for the Navajos, the Marines would never have taken Iwo Jima."

Viewed as a day of recognition, August 14 is dedicated to the Navajo Code Talkers



The Department of Veteran Affairs has begun conducting trials at the

VA Begins Clinical Trials for COVID-19 Treatment

Michael E. DeBakey VA Medical Center to evaluate the therapeutic benefit of Tocilizumab (TCZ) as a treatment for Veterans with COVID-19 severe pneumonia.

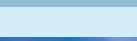
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(OSDBU) has been working to provide small Veteran-owned businesses

The VA Lends a Helping Hand to Veteran Business Owners

The VA's Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization

the resources they need to keep their businesses open. The VA has currently awarded over \$8 billion to Service Disabled Veteran-Owned Small Businesses and Veteran-Owned Small Businesses for fiscal 2020. **LEARN MORE**







Do you have a VA loan for your home purchase? Did you know that you can request a forbearance from the loan company and all you need to provide is a written statement? Through the Coronavirus Aid,

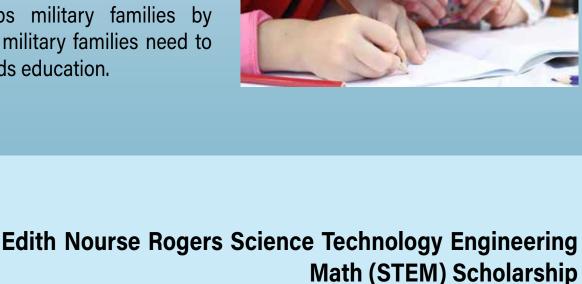
Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act) a mortgage payment forbearance option is available for all borrowers who are suffering financial hardship due to the COVID-19 national emergency.

to ensure they are receiving the best instruction and resources they need to succeed, particularly children with special needs. The National Military Family Association (NMFA) helps military families by

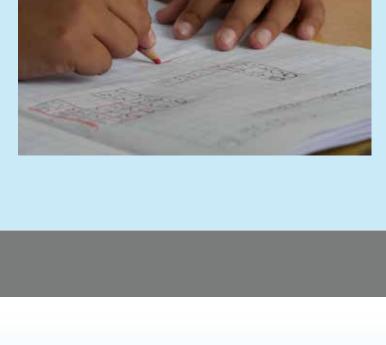
Our children's education is very important to us. As parents, we want

High-Quality Education for Military Kids with Special

providing all the facts, tools, and resources military families need to advocate for their children's K-12 special needs education. **LEARN MORE**



Needs



Post-9/11 GI Bill benefits!

The Department of Veteran Affairs Edith Nourse Rogers STEM

Scholarship program is now available to qualifying Veterans and Fry Scholars. The scholarship provides up to nine months of additional

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vigilance is needed to protect corporate

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VA Partially Suspends Debt Collections on Veterans Through End of Year Virtual Mental Health Care through Cohen Veterans Network

PCS Assistance

Upcoming Dates Aug 23, 2020: 2020-08A Ends

Aug 24 - 29, 2020: Summer Break - NO CLASSES

Aug 31, 2020: 2020-10A Virtual Session Begins

Accredited by Middle States Commission on Higher Education, Higher Education Licensure Commission (DC), and State Council of Higher Education for Virginia

Celebrating the 3rd Anniversary of the Colmery Act

The Colmery Act helped make educational benefits more accessible to the Veteran community and their families, It has also introduced additional support programs and improvements over the past three years.



What provisions are included in the Colmery Act?

- Restoration of entitlement due to school closure or disapproval with over 18,000 months of benefits restored to date
- Launch of Veteran Employment Through Technology Education Courses (VET TEC) pilot program (which has already helped more than 300 Veterans find employment after program completion)
- Independent Study Programs increased by 300%

- Elimination of the time limit for using benefits
- 100% guaranteed benefit level for Purple Heart Award recipients
- \$47 million in additional benefits awarded to recipients of the Edith Nourse Rogers Science
 Technology Engineering and Math (STEM) Scholarship
- Elimination of 40% benefit level and expansion of the 50% and 60% levels

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3rd Anniversary Video