

EARNED **ACT**

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4 YEARS SERVED. 1 NATION DEFENDED. 1 DEGREE EARNED.

EARNED: Education Achieved for Real-World National Service, Excellence and Duty

Under the EARNED Act, an honorable four-year enlistment would come with an accredited bachelor's degree: a Bachelor of Arts in Defense of Freedom. The GI Bill stays yours.

IN PLACE

The Air Force has awarded enlisted airmen accredited associate degrees since 1977.

FAIR

Academy cadets spend four years in uniform and graduate with a bachelor's. Enlisted should too.

RETROACTIVE

Veterans who already served honorably could claim it with their records.

SOME EARNED IT IN A CLASSROOM. THEY EARNED IT IN UNIFORM.



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WHY IT MATTERS

Veterans lead teams, manage equipment and carry real responsibility. When they leave, many employers still screen them out for lacking a bachelor's degree. Their training is already evaluated for college credit, but credit only helps if a veteran starts school over.

THE PLAN

- 1 Four years, recognized.** An honorable four-year enlistment would confer the degree at discharge.
- 2 A real B.A.** Bachelor of Arts in Defense of Freedom, with a concentration in the service member's specialty.
- 3 GI Bill on top.** Kept in full for a master's, a trade license or technical training.
- 4 Accredited.** Through schools the military already runs, like Air University and Marine Corps University.
- 5 Retroactive.** Veterans who already served honorably could claim it with their service records.

ALREADY IN PLACE

The Air Force has recognized enlisted airmen's training with accredited associate degrees since 1977. Service academy cadets spend four years in uniform and graduate with a bachelor's. The EARNED Act would bring that recognition to every enlisted member, in every branch.

WHAT YOU CAN DO

Sign the petition at earnedact.org.

Write your mayor, state lawmakers or Congress. Templates are in the toolkit.

Ask your Legion, VFW or Marine Corps League post to adopt the resolution.

Share this flyer with a veteran you know.



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