

Helping the Best, Brightest and Bravest get their degree By John Schupp, SERV Director Cleveland State University

### The Obstacles

Admissions/Registration Process

The Transition-

Personal Income-

Benefits and Support

#### GI Bill usage/Grad Data

GI Bill eligible Vets from 1985-1994

- Only 52,000 of 641,000 eligible veterans (8%) used all of their GI Bill tuition benefits,
- 41% have not used any portion of their GI Bill
- Funding \$\$ into MGIB- In Millions
  - FY2005-\$1627; Unused- \$650M
  - FY2006-\$1982; Unused- \$792M

#### Table 2 - FY 2005 Performance Measures by Program

(Key Measures are in bold) (G = Green: Y = Yellow: R = Red)

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	FY 2005

FY 2001 FY 2002 FY 2003 FY 2004 Result Plan				FY 2004	Result	AT LOLDE	Target
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FY 2005 Strategic

Education	<b></b>	P&F ID Codes: 36-01330-1-702		36-0133-0-7-702 36-8133-0-7-702		36-0137-0-1-702	
Resources							
FTE	852	864	866	841	851	888	
Benefits cost (\$ in millions)	\$1,425	\$1,756	\$2,120	\$2,417	\$3,329	\$2,787	
Administrative costs (\$ in millions)	\$64	\$75	\$69	\$78	\$84	\$101	

Performance Measures

Average days to complete original education claims	50	34	23	26	33 R	25	10
Average days to complete supplemental education claims	24	16	12	13	19 R	13	7
Montgomery GI Bill usage rate %: All program participants (1) Corrected	58%	56%	58%	(1) 65%	*66% G	61%	70%
Montgomery GI Bill usage rate %: Veterans who have passed their 10-year eligibility period (1) Corrected	N/A	N/A	66%	(1) 71%	*71% G	67%	70%
Percent of Montgomery GI Bill participants who successfully completed an education or training program (1) Measure under development	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	(1) N/A	N/A	TBD
Percentage of beneficiaries that believe their VA educational assistance has been either very helpful or helpful in the attainment of their educational or vocational goal (1) Measure under development	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	(1) N/A	N/A	TBD
Customer satisfaction-high ratings							



## 1<sup>st</sup> day on Campus

#### Admissions

First admin person they meet

#### Bursars

We pay the \$30 fee

#### Registrars

We turn in the paperwork by hand

#### VA campus administrator

Meet fellow IEF/OEF vet on first day

## **SERV** Campus/Civilian Transition

- Vets only classes as an option
  - Gen Ed's
    - Math, science, english, etc.
- Selected instructors
  - Want to teach veterans
- Allow transition to occur
  - While they are taking college credit classes



# Campus is a central location Have VSO's and VA services on campus Have Employers come to campus



Small Business Development

DoD projects, SBIR's STTR's

#### SBA Mandate

- □ 3% of all SBA loans go to vets
  - Reality 0.8%
- Federal Dollars go back to local communities
  - Via regions best, brightest and bravest

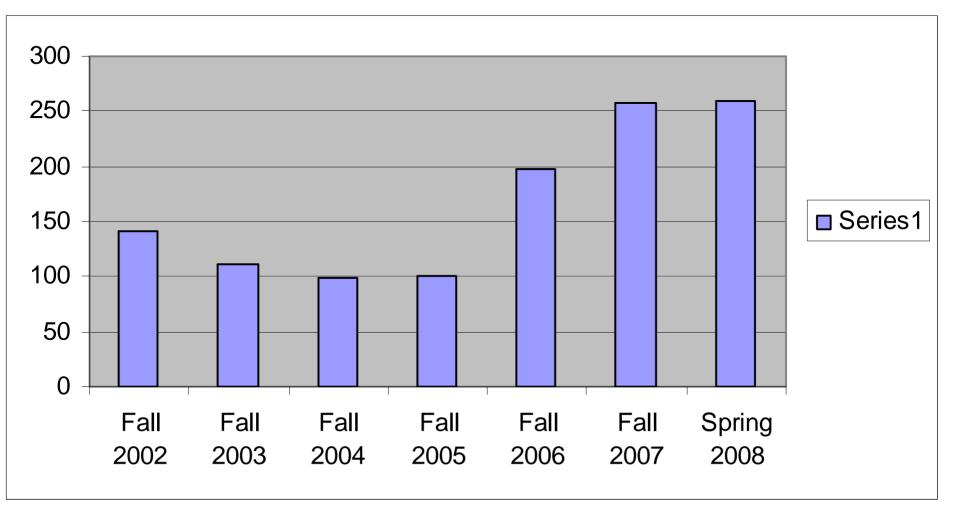
## SERVA Impact on Local VA's

- 46,812 GI Bill eligible vets in Ohio
  - Classified as 'new' vets
- 25 colleges/univs in Ohio with tuition < 36K</p>
  - □ If 70% attended SERV univ's =1,310 avg per campus
  - 2 Vet counselors (FTE)/campus
  - 655 unique patients per FTE
    - 21 unique patients/FTE now
- Increase VA/patient contact



- 4 classes- 14 students
  - History, Chemistry, Biology, Math
- The Students
  - 10 finished with C's or better
    - 2 had medical withdraws
    - 1 had family withdraws
    - 1 joined a fraternity.....
- Retention Rate
  - All ten going on to second semester-during Summer
    - 71% freshmen retention rate-vs 72-77% avg for Ohio

## Overall Campus results with





Why it will work

The success of the 'Greatest Generation'

**51%** of all College students in 1946 were veterans

- Colleges swelled to handle the increase
- Community colleges were created
- They had the camaraderie in the classroom
  - All their buddies were there
- Got their education and influenced US Policy
  - Became scientists, judges, congressmen, Media giants
- □ Their Success was a group success



- Increase GI Bill Graduation
  - □ Unsure of exact level, 8% = 120,000 from 9/11
- Increase federal \$\$ flow to local communities
  SBA, DoD, grants
- Increase VA/Veteran contact
  - 21 vs 655 unique patients per FTE
- Reduce anxiety of moms and dads
  - Place their education and transition in the Univ's hands
- Make this generation

#### The Next Great Generation!