

***Veterans Benefits  
Administration  
Education Service***

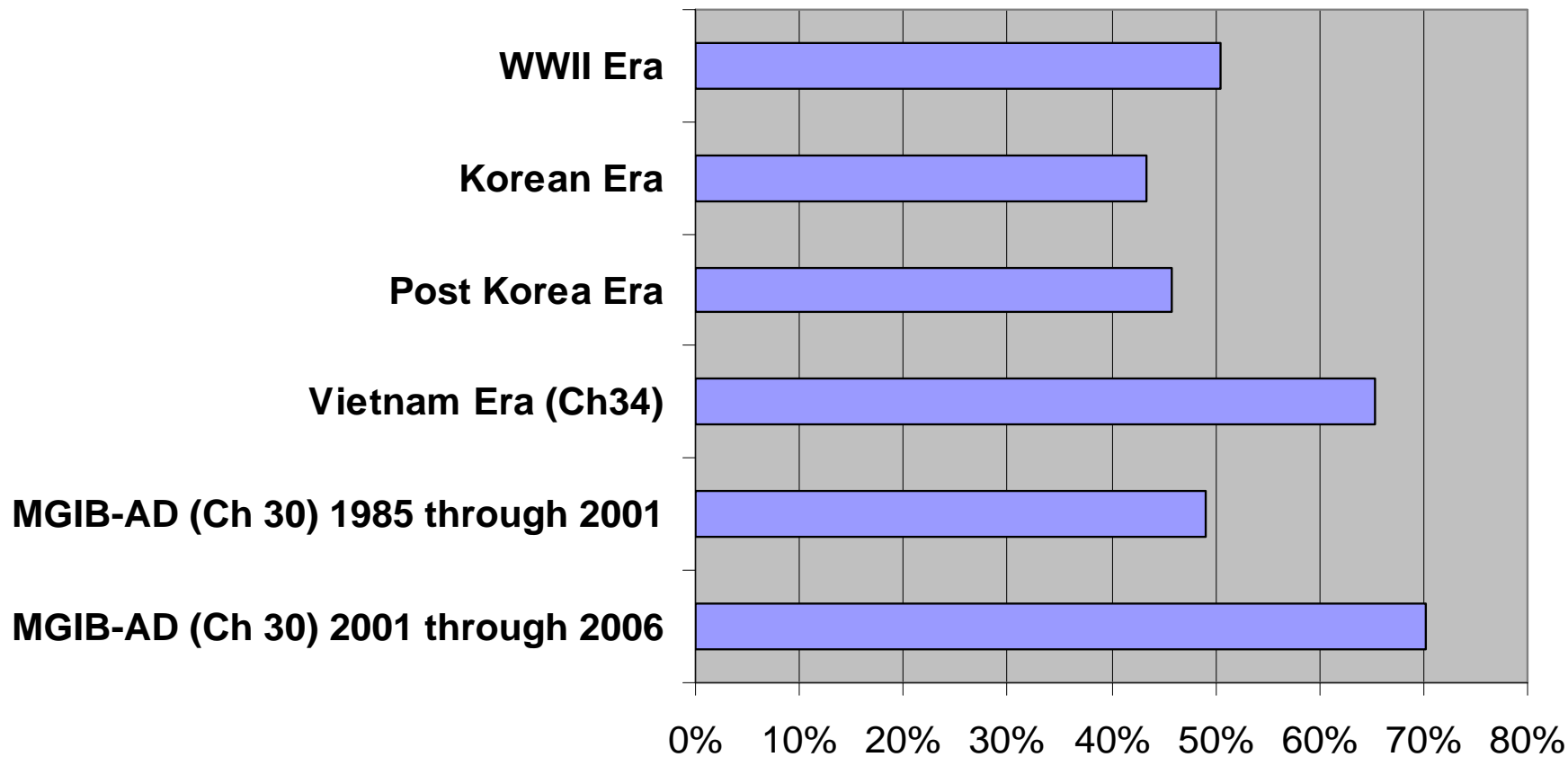


***VA Education Benefits Overview***

***June 4, 2008***



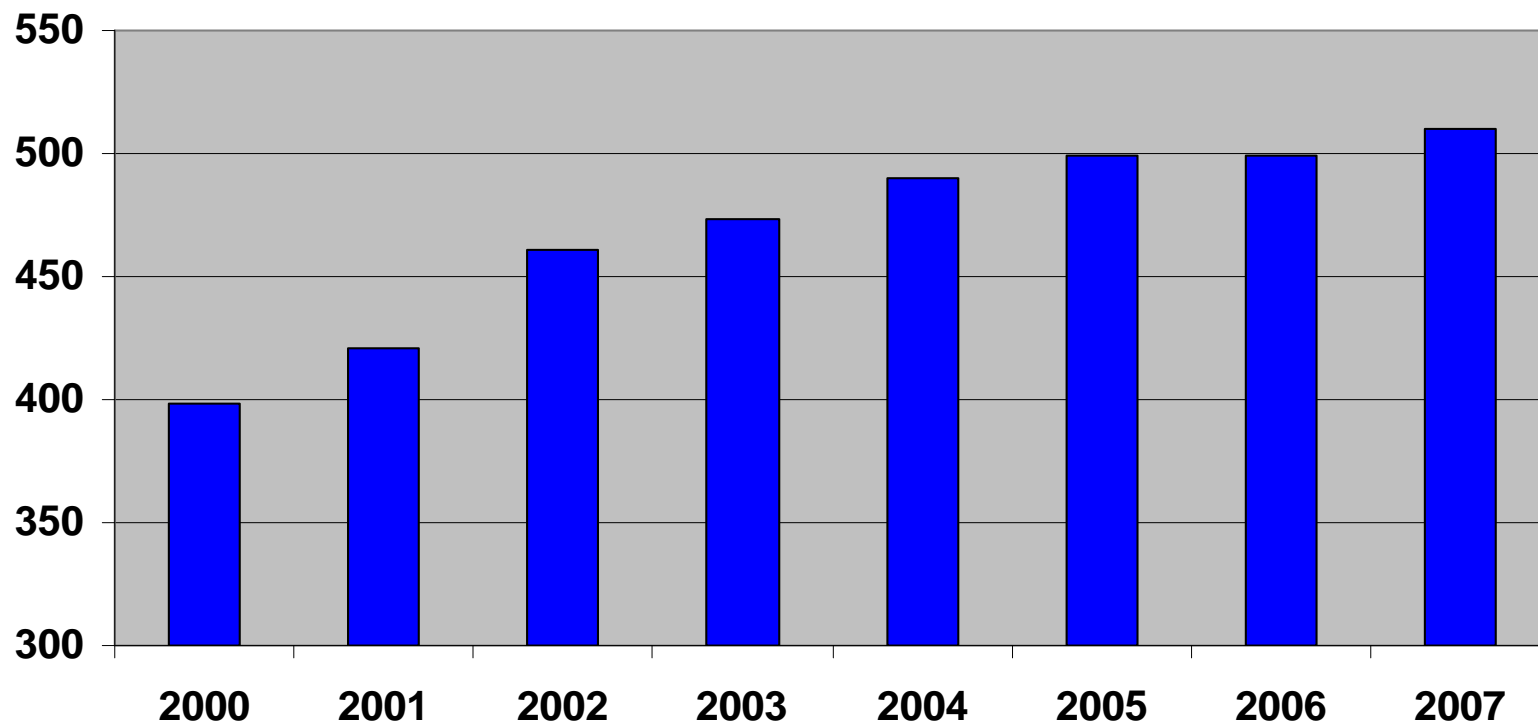
# Usage Rates





# VA Education Beneficiaries

(in thousands)





# Trained During FY 2007

■ Chapter 30	=	343,751	65.68%
■ Chapter 35	=	77,339	14.78%
■ Chapter 1606	=	60,298	11.52%
■ REAP	=	41,388	7.91%
■ VEAP	=	568	0.11%
■ TOTAL	=	523,344	100%

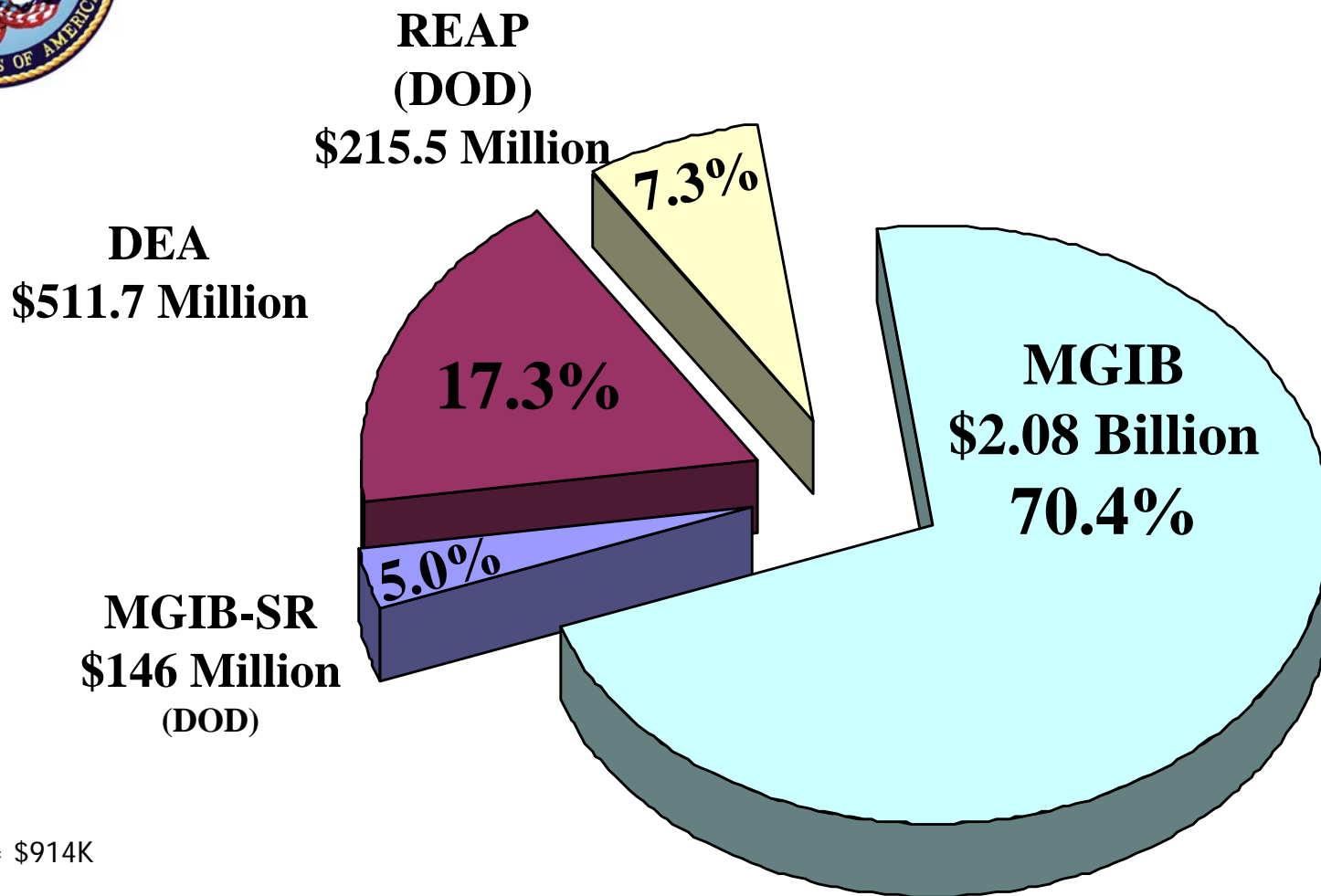


# Type Training Pursued in 2007

- Participants located at 6,800 locations worldwide
  - 42% 2-year degree
  - 40% 4-Year degree
  - 8% Graduate Degree
  - 5% Vocational-Technical Training
  - 5% OJT, Apprenticeship, Flight Training, Correspondence,



# FY 2007 Benefit Payments



VEAP = \$914K

Total Benefits Paid = \$2.96 Billion



# Current Basic Monthly Rates

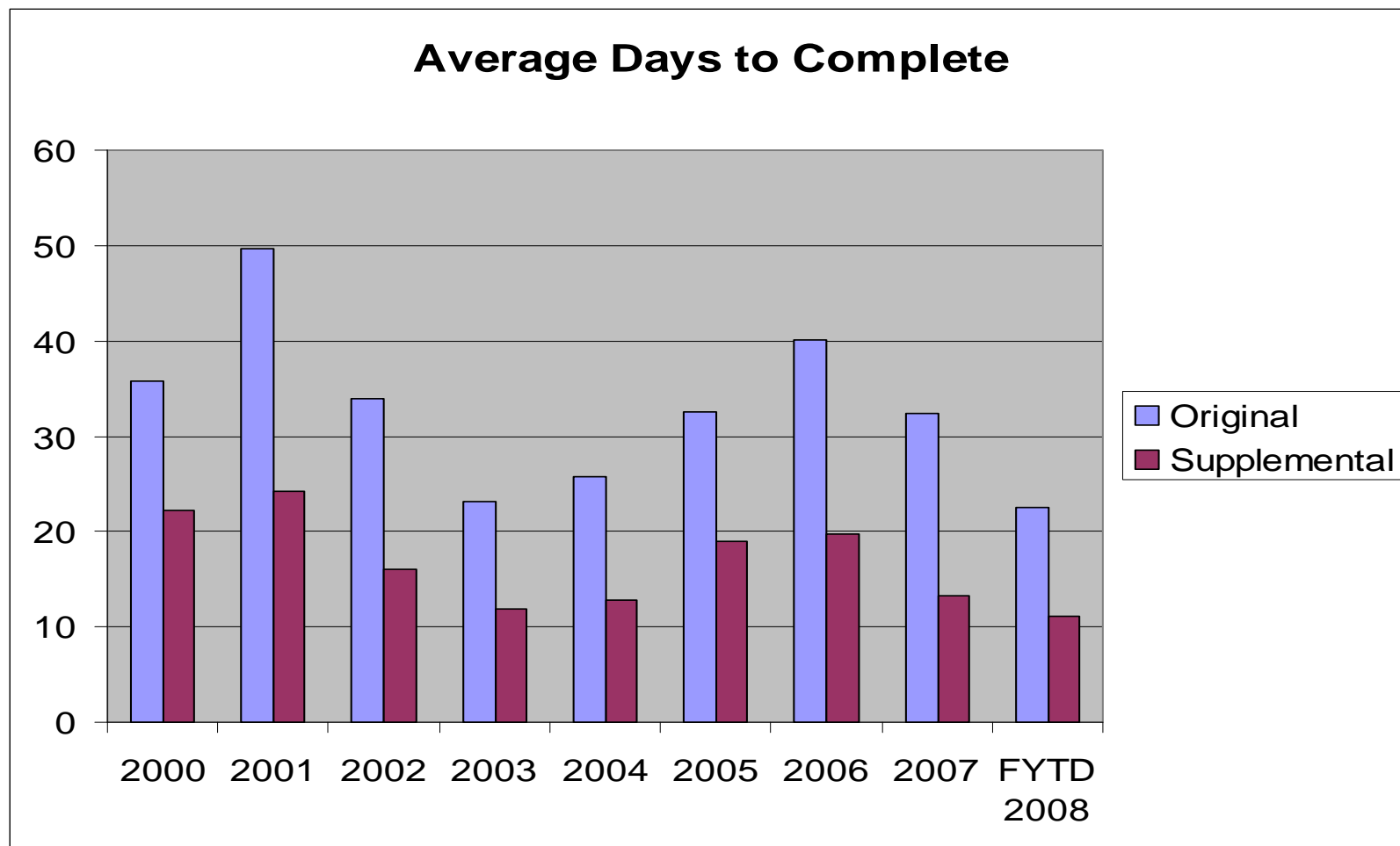
Effective October 1, 2007

- ◆ MGIB - 3 YR Enlistment\*    ■ \$1,101
- ◆ MGIB - 2 YR Enlistment\*    ■ \$894
- ◆ MGIB-SEL RES\*                ■ \$317
- ◆ REAP Rates\*                    ■ \$440.40 (>90 days)
- \$660.60 (>1 Yr)
- \$880.80 (>2 Yrs)
- ◆ DEA                                ■ \$881

\*Kickers Available from DoD



# Claims Processing Timeliness







# Pending Legislation

- I read the papers, *what* is going on??
- 36 bills related to VA education programs pending in House or Senate.
- “Equity” for NG/Reserve forces
- “Bring back” the WWII GI Bill

# S. 22 (Post 9/11 Veterans Education Assistance Act of 2007)



- Generally, three separate benefit payment types to each program participant
  - Tuition & Fees up to highest in-state public tuition paid to school
  - Monthly Living Stipend paid to participant
    - 300 different living stipend zone
  - Annual books and supplies stipend of \$1,000



## S. 22 (Post 9/11 Veterans Education Assistance Act of 2007) (Cont'd)

- 20% increase in Chap 30 rates eff. 8/1/08
- Other S. 22 provisions effective 8/1/09



# S. 22 (Post 9/11 Veterans Education Assistance Act of 2007) (Cont'd)

- Other S. 22 Items of Interest
  - Level of benefit based on cumulative active service
  - 15 year delimiting date
  - Yellow Ribbon program
  - Does not eliminate existing programs
  - Flight, OJT, apprenticeship not eligible for living stipend
  - Relocation Stipend
  - Potential for transfer of entitlement



# S. 22 (Post 9/11 Veterans Education Assistance Act of 2007) (Cont'd)

- Challenges to VA
  - Time:
    - Major IT upgrade required
      - Eligibility criteria unaccounted for in current IT system.
      - Recurring payments based on current eligibility criteria
    - Regulations required
    - Additional staff required
  - Unknown impact on services



# For More Information

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