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## Collegiate Purple Star of Indiana

# PART THREE: APPENDICES

### Appendix A:

#### Collegiate Purple Star Acronyms and Definitions

The following general information may be referenced in the Collegiate Purple Star Field Guide or other appendices.

#### Acronym

<b>AACRAO</b>	American Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers
<b>ACE</b>	American Council on Education
<b>ACT</b>	American College Testing Program
<b>AD</b>	Active Duty
<b>AMVETS</b>	American Veterans
<b>AVECO</b>	Association of Veteran Education Certifying Officials
<b>CAC</b>	Common Access Card (military)
<b>CCAF</b>	Community College of the Air Force, as well as the Space Force
<b>CCME</b>	Council of College and Military Educators
<b>CLEP</b>	College-Level Examination Program
<b>CoE</b>	Certificate of Eligibility (GI Bill® benefits)
<b>CPL/M-CPL</b>	Credit for Prior Learning/ Military Credit for Prior Learning
<b>CPSI</b>	Collegiate Purple Star of Indiana Award
<b>CVSO</b>	County Veterans Service Office
<b>DANTES</b>	Defense Activity for Non-Traditional Education Support
<b>DDST</b>	Defense Subject Standardized Test
<b>DoD</b>	U.S. Department of Defense
<b>DWD</b>	Indiana Department of Workforce Development
<b>FTE</b>	Full Time Equivalent
<b>GPA</b>	Grade Point Average
<b>GWBI</b>	George W. Bush Institute
<b>IC</b>	Indiana Code
<b>CHE</b>	Indiana Commission for Higher Education
<b>IDVA</b>	Indiana Department of Veterans Affairs
<b>JST</b>	Joint Services Transcript for Army, Navy, Coast Guard, and Marine Corps
<b>K-12</b>	Kindergarten through 12th grade



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<b>MOA</b>	Memorandum of Agreement
<b>MOU</b>	Memorandum of Understanding
<b>MPM</b>	Military Program Manager
<b>NASPA</b>	National Association of Student Personnel Administrators
<b>NAVPA</b>	National Association of Veterans' Program Administrators
<b>NGES</b>	National Guard Extension Scholarship (Indiana)
<b>NGSG</b>	National Guard Supplemental Grant (Indiana)
<b>PLA</b>	Prior Learning Assessment
<b>ROTC</b>	Reserve Officers' Training Corps
<b>SAA</b>	State Approving Agency (GI Bill®)
<b>SCO</b>	School Certifying Official
<b>SHRM</b>	Society for Human Resource Management
<b>SVA</b>	Student Veterans of America
<b>TA</b>	Tuition Assistance (Army)
<b>U.S.</b>	United States
<b>USA</b>	United States Army
<b>USAF</b>	United States Air Force
<b>USCG</b>	United States Coast Guard
<b>USMC</b>	United States Marine Corps
<b>USN</b>	United States Navy
<b>USO</b>	United Service Organization
<b>USSF</b>	United States Space Force
<b>VA</b>	U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs
<b>VFW</b>	Veterans of Foreign Wars
<b>VSOC</b>	VetSuccess on Campus (through VA)

### **Definitions**

**Alumni** - An individual is a former student or has graduated from the institution.

**Alumni Association** - The association often organizes social events, publishes newsletters or magazines, and raises funds. Many provide a variety of benefits and services that help alumni maintain connections to their educational institution and fellow graduates.

**Continuous Improvement** - An ongoing effort with a mindset to improve services or processes through incremental improvement over time.

**Common Access Card** - The standard identification for active-duty uniformed service personnel, select reserve, and more. It also provides access to DoD computer networks and systems. The CAC is a controlled item, monitored by the DoD at all times.

**Common Application** - An undergraduate college admission application that applicants may use to apply to any of more than 700 member colleges and universities in 49 states and the District of Columbia, as well as in Canada, China, and many European countries.



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**County Veteran Service Officer** - The County Veterans Service Officer is a local point of contact for veterans in their county to assist with all veteran issues. They work closely with The Indiana Department of Veteran Affairs, The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, and various veteran service organizations assisting veterans and their family members with benefits they may be eligible for due to their military service. Also referred to as the Veterans Service Coordinator.

**Credit** - Units that a school uses to indicate that a student has completed and passed courses that are required for a degree. Each school defines the total number and types of credits necessary for degree completion, with every course being assigned a value in terms of “credits,” “credit hours,” or “units.”

**Credit by Examination** - The awarding of college credit based on exams offered either through the college (e.g., challenge exams designed by faculty) or via specific programs offered by an external organization such as the College Board’s Advanced Placement (AP) or College Level Examination Program (CLEP) programs.

**Credit for Prior Learning (CPL)** - Enables military-affiliated students to receive college credit for experiences outside of the traditional classroom setting. CPL may also be referred to as prior learning assessment (PLA).

**Fully Executed** - The point at which a document is signed and dated by the appropriate individual. (This is not the contractual definition).

**GI Bill®** - GI Bill benefits help military-affiliated students pay for college, graduate school, and training programs. Since 1944, the GI Bill has helped qualifying student Veterans and their family members to cover all or some of the costs for school or training. Payment amounts are paid after each month’s classes and are based on the number of classes students go to and the hours spent in those classes.

**Graduate** - A person who has successfully completed an academic degree, course of training, or high school. (also refer to alumni)

**K-12 Purple Star Designation** - Honors schools that have displayed a significant commitment to service members, veterans, and students and families connected to our nation’s military. The Indiana K-12 Purple Star School Designation is valid for a three-year time period.

**Loans** - Funds that are borrowed that are expected to be paid back with interest.

**Military-Affiliated individual** is considered anyone who is actively serving in the United States armed forces (regular duty, reserve duty, or Indiana National Guard) or is honorably discharged (veteran).

**Military-Affiliated Student** is a military-affiliated individual who has been accepted or is a current student at a postsecondary institution.

**Military/Veterans Center** - standalone area, office, or building where military-affiliated students can meet, socialize, study, etc.

**Military/Veterans Office** - standalone office or area, other than the main financial aid office.

**Orientation** - An important part of successfully transitioning new students to the institution. The goal is to welcome, support, and acclimate them to their new environment.



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**Pell Grant** – A subsidy the U.S. Federal Government provides for undergraduate students who demonstrate financial need to pay for college.

**School Certifying Official** – Employee of an educational institution with the primary responsibility for certifying veteran enrollment at the educational institution.

**School Certifying Official Handbook**- This is an online handbook written for VA Certifying Officials and anyone at a school involved with the certification of beneficiaries. It is intended to be the official source of information for the certification of VA education benefits.

**Student (traditional)** – Postsecondary students, 18-24 years old, who enroll directly from high school in a four-year program, attend full-time, and do not have major life and/or work responsibilities (e.g., full-time job or dependents).

**Student (non/post-traditional)** - Adult students, typically 25 years or older, who have delayed postsecondary enrollment. They bring with them a diverse set of experiences and life circumstances such as full-time employment status or military service, married or divorced, having dependents or being a caregiver, etc.

**Transcript** – An official record of a student’s work, showing courses taken and grades achieved.

**Tuition** – A sum of money charged for teaching or instruction by a school, college, or university.

**Work Study** – Relating to a college program that enables students to work part-time while attending school.



## Appendix B: Collegiate Purple Star Award Resources

The following resources may assist the postsecondary institution in implementing the standards within the CPSI field guide.

### **Indiana's Key Military and Veteran-Related State Agency Information**

- Indiana Commission for Higher Education (CHE)
  - Main website at [www.che.in.gov](http://www.che.in.gov)
    - » Collegiate Purple Star Award webpage at <https://www.in.gov/che/adult-strategy/collegiate-purple-star/>
    - » Email questions to [CollegiatePurpleStar@che.in.gov](mailto:CollegiatePurpleStar@che.in.gov)
  - TransferIN website page for military students (benefits, enrollment, deploying) at <https://transferin.net/military-students/>
- Indiana Department of Veterans Affairs (IDVA)
  - Main website at [www.in.gov/dva](http://www.in.gov/dva)
    - » GI Bill program approval
    - » Locate your County Veterans Service Officer
  - IDVA newsletter "The Hoosier Veteran" at [www.in.gov/dva/newsroom](http://www.in.gov/dva/newsroom)
- Indiana Department of Education (DOE)
  - K-12 Purple Star School lists at [www.in.gov/doe/educators/purple-star-school-applications/](http://www.in.gov/doe/educators/purple-star-school-applications/)
- Military Department of Indiana- Indiana National Guard
  - Main website at [www.in.gov/indiana-national-guard](http://www.in.gov/indiana-national-guard)
  - Education Services home page.

### **Federal Government**

- U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) at [www.va.gov](http://www.va.gov)
  - School Certifying Official (SCO) On-line Handbook
  - VA Facility Locator (includes VA Medical Centers, Regional Benefit Offices, and Vet Centers) at <https://www.va.gov/find-locations>

### **Materials**

- Indiana Commission for Higher Education: Indiana Veterans' Education Pathways Task Force Recommendations, July 2023 at <https://www.in.gov/che/adult-strategy/collegiate-purple-star/>
- Harvard Business Publishing Education: The Support Military and Veteran Students Really Need from Higher Ed Institutions featuring Minsoo Jung, Patricia N. Crawford, David Keefe, Brad Carney, and LeNaya Hezel, November 2, 2023 at <https://hbsp.harvard.edu/inspiring-minds/the-support-military-and-veteran-students-really-need-from-higher-ed/>
- American Council on Education: Undergraduate Military Learners: Exploring Differences Between Military Learners' Experiences in Higher Education by Melidona, D. and Emmanuel Wright, C., 2023 at [www.acenet.edu/News-Room/Pages/Military-Learners-Unique-Challenges.aspx](http://www.acenet.edu/News-Room/Pages/Military-Learners-Unique-Challenges.aspx)
- George W. Bush Institute: Enrolling and Supporting Student Veterans- The Right Thing for Higher Education, November 2022. [www.bushcenter.org](http://www.bushcenter.org)
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- Syracuse University Institute for Veterans and Military Families and Student Veterans of America: Student Veterans: A Valuable Asset to Higher Education, November 2019 <https://ivmf.syracuse.edu/student-veterans-a-valuable-asset-to-higher-education/Presentations>
- Coffee With CAEL- Potential for Greatness: What Post-Secondary Institutions Need to Know to Help Military-Affiliated Learners Succeed with Dr. Amy Morys, August 2023. <https://evollution.com/programming/personal-development/student-veterans-beginning-with-the-end-in-mind>



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### **Staff Development Opportunities**

- Human Resources: SHRM Foundation at [www.veteransatwork.org](http://www.veteransatwork.org)
- Military Culture: Psych/Armor Institute at <https://psycharmor.org>
  - Transform the way our nation engages with the military and Veteran community through the power of education and training.
- Military Student Transition: Green Zone training by Nichols-Casebolt, A. (2012) at [https://www.naspa.org/images/uploads/kcs/Nichols\\_The\\_Green\\_Zone\\_A\\_program\\_to\\_Support\\_Military\\_Students\\_on\\_Campus\\_2012.pdf](https://www.naspa.org/images/uploads/kcs/Nichols_The_Green_Zone_A_program_to_Support_Military_Students_on_Campus_2012.pdf)
  - Modeled on Safe Zone training, educates institution employees so military students can navigate the collegiate system.
- National Center for PTSD at [www.ptsd.va.gov](http://www.ptsd.va.gov)
  - Provides fact sheets, videos and resources for understanding PTSD and PTSD treatment.

### **Professional Associations and Organizations (in alphabetical order)**

- American Council for Education (ACE) at [www.acenet.edu](http://www.acenet.edu)
  - Committed to affirming and strengthening public trust in higher education; championing equity, access, and completion; and enriching the capacity of institutions and leaders to innovate and adapt.
    - » Dedicated to supporting military learners in their pursuit of education and career advancement at <https://www.acenet.edu/programs-services/pages/todays-military-learners.aspx>
    - » Provides extensive training in how to grant credit for prior military training.
- Association of Veterans Education Certifying Officials (AVECO) at [www.aveco.org](http://www.aveco.org)
  - To prepare and serve administrators and counselors engaged in the support and/or administration of veterans' educational benefits.
- Council for Adult and Experimental Learning (CAEL) at [www.cael.org](http://www.cael.org)
  - Implement strategies that better attract and serve adult learners.
  - Credit for prior learning (CPL) values the lived experiences of diverse adult learners.
- Council of College and Military Educators (CCME) at [www.ccmeonline.org](http://www.ccmeonline.org)
  - Composed of military educators, civilian educators, post-secondary educational institutions, and suppliers of quality education products and services.
- National Association of Student Personnel Administrators (NASPA) at [www.naspa.org](http://www.naspa.org)
  - Dedicated to fulfilling the promise of higher education for every student.
- National Association of Veterans' Program Administrators (NAVPA) at [www.navpa.org](http://www.navpa.org)
  - Dedicated to helping the nation's veterans and their families achieve their educational goals.
- Student Veterans of America (SVA) at [www.studentveterans.org](http://www.studentveterans.org)
  - National organization that empowers military students in leadership, access to resources, and networking opportunities by assisting in developing a student veteran group on campus.

### **Military Credit for Prior Learning (M-CPL)**

- ACE Military Guide which supports academic institutions in awarding college credit to military-connected learners based on their military training and occupations at [www.acenet.edu/militaryguide](http://www.acenet.edu/militaryguide)
- Defense Activity for Non-Traditional Education Support is an official website of the United States government. It provides educational programs, webinars, counselor tools, financial aid, and outreach information at [www.dantes.mil](http://www.dantes.mil)



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### **Tutoring**

- The company Tutor.com is a service of The Princeton Review. It is funded by the U.S. Department of Defense MWR General Library Program. It provides no-cost, 27/7 online tutoring and homework assistance for U.S. military and their families at [military.tutor.com](http://military.tutor.com)
  - o Is not available to student veterans and others using the Post-9/11 GI Bill or retired, active, and part-time Coast Guard military.

### **Employment**

- O\*NET Online; the Occupational Information Network, which is the nation's primary source of occupational information, sponsored by the U.S. Department of Labor/Employment and Training Administration at <https://www.onetonline.org/>







## Appendix C: (cont.) Military-Connected Holidays and Observances

### **April 15**                      **Purple Up! for Military Kids Day**

Recognizes some of the military's most unsung heroes – their children. The day encourages everyone to wear purple which is the color representing all branches of the military and showing unity with each other. This is in conjunction with April as Month of the Military Child.

### **April 23**                      **Army Reserve Birthday**

## **MAY**

### **May 1**                          **Silver Star Service Banner Day**

Recognize those who have received The Silver Star Medal (the third-highest military decoration) but not exclusively dedicated to it. More broadly, this day pays respect to service members who have been affected by combat.

### **May, Friday before Mother's Day**    **National Military Spouse Appreciation Day**

Acknowledge the contributions and sacrifices made by military spouses. America's military spouses are the backbone of the families who support our troops.

### **May 13**                      **Children of Fallen Patriots Day**

Honoring the children left behind by the brave men and women who gave their lives while defending our freedom and raise awareness of the sacrifices and struggles they must endure. May 13 was selected due to it being the day Arlington National Cemetery was established in 1864.

### **May, Third Saturday**            **Armed Forces Day**

Dedicated to pay special tribute to the men and women who are currently serving in all branches of the U.S. Armed Forces.

### **May, Last Monday**            **Memorial Day**

Commemorate all who have died in military service for the United States.

## **JUNE**

### **June 14**                      **Flag Day**

Commemorate the adoption of the Stars and Stripes as the official flag of the United States on June 14, 1777 by the Continental Congress.

### **June 14**                      **Army Birthday**

### **June 23**                      **Coast Guard Auxiliary Birthday**

### **June 27**                      **National PTSD Awareness Day**

To raise public awareness about issues related to Post Traumatic Stress Disorder. A tribute to North Dakota National Guard member, Staff Sergeant Joe Biel, who took his life following two tours in Iraq. His birthday was June 27th. This is in conjunction with June as National PTSD Awareness month.

## **JULY**

### **July 4**                          **Independence Day**

On July 4th, 1776 the United States laid down its claim to be a free and independent nation by adopting the Declaration of Independence.



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### **July 25 National Hire a Veteran Day**

Inspire employers to recruit and hire veterans by recognizing the unique skills and values that these former military individuals bring to the workforce.

### **July 29 Army Chaplain Corps Anniversary (Birthday)**

Authorized in 1775 by the Continental Congress, this day reaffirms the Army Chaplain Corps' commitment to helping, mentoring, counseling, and teaching soldiers.

## **AUGUST**

### **August 4 Coast Guard Birthday**

### **August 7 National Purple Heart Day**

First observed in 2014, this day is a time for Americans to remember and honor the brave men and women who were either wounded on the battlefield or paid the ultimate sacrifice.

### **August 16 National Airborne Day**

Honors the nation's airborne forces and celebrates the accomplishments of Army parachute tradition.

### **August 14 National Navajo Code Talkers Day**

Honors the contributions of Native Americans during World War II, as well as recognizing the evolution of U.S. code related to Native American languages and the participation of First Nations tribe members in U.S. military efforts from many conflicts.

### **August 29 Marine Corps Reserve Birthday**

## **SEPTEMBER**

### **September 11 National Day of Service and Remembrance (Patriot Day)**

Remembering those who were injured or died during the terrorist attacks in the United States on September 11, 2001.

### **September 18 Air Force (USAF) Birthday**

### **September 18 Air National Guard Birthday**

These "Citizen Airman" became a reserve component of the U.S. Air Force on September 18, 1947.

### **September, Third Friday National POW/MIA Recognition Day**

Remembering those who were prisoners of war (POW) and those who are missing in action (MIA), as well as their families.

### **September, Last Sunday Gold Star Mother's (and Family's) Day**

Began in 1936, this day recognizes and honors the mothers (and families) of our nation's fallen service members.

### **September 29 Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Day**

Founded on this day in 1899, this nationwide veteran service organization focuses on lobbying, awareness raising, and outreach.



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### **OCTOBER**

#### **October 13 U.S. Navy (USN) Birthday**

Recognizes the 1775 anniversary of the historical formation of the Continental Navy during the American Revolution. This day celebrates the origins and history of the U.S. Navy.

#### **October 26 National Day of the Deployed**

Honoring our deployed troops and their families for their bravery and the sacrifices they are making for our country.

### **NOVEMBER**

#### **November 10 Marine Corps Birthday**

#### **November 11 Veterans Day**

This day evolved from the anniversary of Armistice Day, which ended the World War I. It has evolved into a day set aside to thank military veterans for their service.

### **DECEMBER**

#### **December 1 Civil Air Patrol (USAF Auxiliary) Birthday**

#### **December 13 National Guard Birthday**

These "Citizen Soldiers" have been active since 1636, originally as colonial militia.

#### **December, Saturday- mid month National Wreaths Across America**

Dedicated to remembering the sacrifices veterans have made in wars since the American Revolution. An annual tribute by laying wreaths at veteran's cemeteries across the nation.

#### **December 20 Space Force Birthday**

### **MILITARY MONTHS**

#### **April Month of the Military Child**

Recognize military children and youth for their heroism, character, courage, sacrifices and continued resilience. Former Defense Secretary Casper Weinberger established the Month of the Military Child as a Department of Defense-wide commemoration in 1986.

#### **May National Military Appreciation Month**

Recognize and show appreciation to the Armed Forces of the United States of America.

#### **May Month of the Military Caregiver**

Paying tribute to the people who care for more than two million veterans is an important part of supporting troops and military families.

#### **June National PTSD Awareness Month**

Designated in 2014, Post Traumatic Stress Disorder month is intended to raise public awareness about issues related to PTSD, reduce the stigma, and help ensure that those suffering from the invisible wounds of war receive proper treatment.



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### **November**                      **National Veterans and Military Family Month**

Annual Presidential Proclamation, beginning in 1996, to honor and celebrate the contributions and sacrifices of the families of the U.S. Armed Forces.

### **November**                      **Warrior Care Month**

Raises awareness of the non-medical needs and lives of wounded warriors.

### **OTHER**

#### **Every Friday**                      **Red Shirt Friday**

Remembering Everyone Deployed (RED). Wear a red shirt on Friday to show support of our deployed service men and women.



**Appendix D:**  
Self-Evaluation Checklist

LEGEND KEY		
MET		Achieved all requirements within the standard
N/A	Not Applicable	The standard does not apply to the institution
P.N.M	Partially Not Met	Achieved some, but not all, of the standards objectives
F.N.M	Fully Not Met	Has not achieved any of the standards objectives

CPSI POSTSECONDARY SELF-EVALUATION CHECKLIST					NOTES
STANDARD	MET	NOT MET		N/A	
		P.N.M	F.N.M		
CATEGORY 1: CORE REQUIREMENTS					
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CATEGORY 2: MARKETING AND COMMUNICATION STRATEGIES					
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CATEGORY 3: ADMISSIONS AND ENROLLMENT					
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CATEGORY 4: FINANCIAL SUPPORT					
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CATEGORY 5: INSTITUTIONAL SUPPORT SYSTEMS					
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## Appendix E:

### 2023 Indiana Veterans' Education Pathways Task Force Members

**A special thank you to the Indiana professionals who dedicated their time and provided voice to the issues surrounding current and former military members who are seeking postsecondary education. It is through their efforts that the foundation for an Indiana Purple Star Designation in Higher Education was achieved.**

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