



AUBURN UNIVERSITY
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To the men and women who have served in our military,

The Auburn University family is immensely grateful to you for the service you have provided for our nation. We have trained many military leaders and members since we first became a land grant institution in 1872, so we feel a particular sense of connection with the veterans from our state.

We are delighted that the U.S. Legislature has recognized your contribution with the passage of the 'Post 9/11 Veterans Educational Assistance Act of 2008.' Nearly 14,000 members of the National Guard and 97 percent of the Air National Guard have been called to active duty from Alabama since 9/11. Half of the 908th Airlift Wing of the Airforce Reserves at Maxwell Air Force Base has been deployed, and many others from the Army Reserves and Marine units throughout the state, many of them our own students or sons and daughters of our alumni. That level of service from our state's veterans represents an amazing commitment, and we hope to return in some measure what you have given us.

With the passage of the bill, you may now be seeking to obtain a college degree or continue your education, and our doors are open to you here at Auburn. We believe you will find an inviting, warm campus community and town along with a comprehensive selection of academic programs. Because of your time spent in service, you may be worried about the length of time you've spent away from academic pursuits, or that your study skills are a bit rusty. Our Enrollment Management team will be happy to work with you and help you through the application process, and, due to the time you've spent away and in service to your country, admissions standards are more lenient. Once you are on campus, our student support office is equally happy to help you in the transition to campus life.

A recruiting announcement from 1878 indicates Auburn would faithfully carry out "by imparting to each student, not physically incapacitated to bear arms, practical instruction in the school of the soldier, of the company, and the battalion." After World War II, the university experienced a tremendous expansion and in turn educated thousands of veterans. This long connection with the military has us hoping that you, too, will benefit from both the new bill and an education here at Auburn.

Please accept our gratitude, and our best wishes for your bright future. You deserve it.

Sincerely,

Jay Gogue
President