Benefits provided to veterans by the U. S. Department of Veteran Affairs:  This link http://www.va.gov/opaperch/publications/benefits_book.asp is for the VA’s online benefit booklet. This booklet will provide an overview of the range of benefits available to eligible veterans.

Funding Your College Education

The U. S. Department of Education provides information about, and access to a variety of student assistance programs. Further information and application procedures may be found at their website http://studentaid.ed.gov

A free search engine for scholarships offered by organizations throughout the nation can be found at http://www.collegescholarships.com/free_scholarship_searches.htm

Thomas Edison State College offers a number of scholarships to veteran and their family-members. Information may be found at http://www.tesc.edu/military/scholarships.cfm.

Career Services for Veterans
Choosing a Post-Military Career

Finding a New Career-Fit:  The VA has provided an online tool to help veterans identify a relevant career field for them following their military service. This tool can be found at http://mycareearatva.va.gov/careerfittool/

Teaching as a Second Career:  Many veterans begin a second career as an elementary or secondary teacher. Many school districts are eager to hire veterans, and the federally sponsored Troops to Teachers program offers assistance and financial support for veterans seeking state teaching certification. Further information can be found at the Troops to Teachers website http://www.proudtoserveagain.com/. Note that teachers must be certified or licensed by the State Department of Education in the state they teach in. Each of those agencies has a website that will explain the certification process to become a teacher in that state. Many veterans pursue the “alternate route to certification” program provided in most states.

Jobs with the Federal Government:

The VA has provided information for individuals seeking a second career with the federal government at http://mycareearatva.va.gov/Resources/Pages/MilitarytoCivilian.aspx. Many veterans are eligible for preferential hiring for federal jobs.

A complete listing of federal job openings and application procedures may be found at www.usajobs.gov.