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NMEA Obtains VA GI Bill Approval For Marine Electronics Installer Trainings

Thanking veterans for their service with VA reimbursement for NMEA installer certifications

SEVERNA PARK, MD—The post 9/11 GI Bill (Chapter 33) helps veterans pay for job training and all National Marine Electronics Association (NMEA) marine electronics installer trainings and certifications are now approved for VA reimbursement. This milestone will help alleviate the skilled worker shortage in the marine electronics industry by making it easier for veterans, who already have numerous, proven job skills, to help NMEA member companies looking to hire reliable staff.

“After getting our approvals from our local VA office, we needed to test the process before making an announcement to the industry, to ensure the VA process worked as advertised,” said Mark Reedenauer, NMEA President. We were fortunate to meet Navy Veteran, Carl Greiner, owner of Atomic Marine Electronics, who attended the NMEA Conference last September. Carl tested the reimbursement process through his local VA in San Diego.”

“Being fresh out of active duty, I was happy to hear at the NMEA Conference that NMEA was working on VA GI Bill approval. I offered my help as a veteran to test the reimbursement process. I immediately registered for both of the basic NMEA installer certifications. Reimbursement through my local VA took about a month overall from sending in the paperwork to seeing my reimbursement directly deposited,” said Greiner. “I now look forward to taking the advanced NMEA trainings as part of my VA benefits.”

The VA License and Certification is a reimbursement process, and therefore the veteran or their beneficiary will need to pay out of pocket and up front for NMEA installer trainings. NMEA installer trainings are approved at the non-member rate, which varies from \$650 to \$850 per training class.

Veterans do not need to join NMEA as the approval will be reimbursed to the veteran at the non-member rate. NMEA still welcomes veterans as new members if they wish to join the association and take advantage of great networking opportunities and additional member benefits. NMEA is here to help and serve all veterans and walk them through the reimbursement process. For more information and assistance, call 410-975-9425, or email info@nmea.org.

About the NMEA

Founded in 1957, the NMEA has led the way in establishing technical standards for data exchange in marine electronics, with the widely accepted NMEA 0183 data protocol, NMEA 2000® and certification standards for marine electronics technicians. NMEA standards and programs focus on ensuring that the boating consumer is provided with reliable products and professional service. For more information, visit the NMEA website at www.NMEA.org or call (410) 975-9425.