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## TWIN CITIES FLIGHT TRAINING VETERANS INFORMATION BULLETIN

**Airport(s):** Downtown St. Paul Airport (STP)  
**Address:** 270 Airport Road  
St. Paul, MN 55107  
**Telephone:** 651-290-2055 | 763-780-4375  
**Services:** Flight Training, Aircraft Sales, Rental, Leasing and Maintenance

Approved by the Federal Aviation Administration under FAR Part 141  
Approved by the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to train veterans, service members and reservists under provisions of Title 38, U.S. Code

**Effective date:** \_\_\_\_\_

All materials contained in this bulletin are true and correct in content and policy.

**BULLETIN VA-1, Effective 10/1/2008**

**Signature of School Official:** \_\_\_\_\_

### School Governing Body, Administrators, and Faculty

**Owner** Twin Cities Flight Training, Inc.

**Director** Mr. William Ahmann, President  
Mr. Jim Canine, Vice-President

**Administrative Officials** Mrs. Christal Misukanis, Operations Manager, VA Certifying Official

**Instructors** Mr. Wade Baribeau, Chief Flight Instructor  
Mr. William Outlaw, Flight Instructor  
Mr. Gregory Krantz, Flight Instructor  
Mr. Dan Whipple, Flight Instructor  
Mr. Orlin Lewis, Ground Instructor

### Instructional Facilities

The downtown St. Paul airport facilities are located in the St. Paul Flight Center located at 270 Airport Road, St. Paul, MN 55107. The facilities consist of a 150 Sq. foot office/lobby area containing a 10 person table with chairs for flight briefing/debriefing and an office space for dispatching and checking in aircraft. Upstairs above this office is a 150 Sq. foot area with 2 desks and 4 chairs that may be used for ground instruction or flight briefing/debriefing. Across the hangar there is a 100 Sq. foot office area that consists of a desk, table, computer with internet connection and white board. This space is quiet and provides a great space for ground instruction. This



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space can accommodate up to 4 students at one time. Within the St. Paul Flight Center is a weather facility available to all Twin Cities Flight Training staff and students. The weather facility consists of 2 computers with internet connections and a large desk available for flight planning. An overhead projector is also available for instruction, as well as an Elite BATD flight training device for use in flight instruction.

All facilities are lighted, heated, air-conditioned and have bathroom facilities available for use. All facilities provide a place where students will not be disturbed by outside training or maintenance operations.

**Aircraft Inventory**

Make	Model	Horsepower	Owned/Leased	Hourly Rates	
				Dual	Solo
Cirrus	SR-22	310	2	\$381	\$321
Cirrus	SR-20	200	1	\$297	\$232
Cessna	172SP	180	2	\$205	\$155
Piper	Arrow	200	1	\$225	\$175
Elite	BATD		1	\$100	\$50

**Leasing**

A veteran, service member or reservist or group (all or part of whom are veterans, service members or reservists) owning a helicopter or airplane may lease it to this flight school and have exclusive use of the aircraft for flight training. The aircraft must meet the requirements prescribed for all aircraft to be used in the course and must be listed in the approved aircraft inventory. The leasing arrangement should not result in charges for flight instruction for those owning the aircraft greater than charges made to others not leasing an aircraft to the school.

**Instructional Schedule**

Flight and Ground Training is conducted Monday through Sunday from 7:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.

**Enrollment Policy**

Students may enroll on any day the office is open. Veterans, service members or reservists may be enrolled in only one flight course at a time. Students must possess the appropriate ratings and/or certificates and must meet the medical requirements for Commercial Pilot Certification at the time training begins. A Veteran, service member or reservist must be in pursuit of a vocational objective in aviation.

*Note: VA education benefits cannot be paid if a student does not possess a valid second class medical certificate at the start of each course.*

**Credit Evaluation Policy**

A written record of any previous training will be maintained in the student’s file. The Chief Flight Instructor will grant credit as appropriate for all previous training and shorten the veterans, service members, or reservists flight course proportionately. Even when an FAA regulation indicates that it is not required, an analysis of prior credit



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must be performed for the purpose of VA payment. Evaluation of prior credit may be based upon a review of training records and other transcripts, oral and/or written examination, flight check or a combination thereof. Any credit granted shall be indicated on an enrollment certification, and the student shall be notified.

### **Attendance Policy**

Veterans, service members or reservists receiving federal educational assistance benefits under Title 38, U.S. code, are required to complete a minimum of 15 hours of instruction per quarter (defined as every 90-day period following the date training began). Exceptions may be granted due to weather, illness, or other unavoidable circumstances and must be documented in the student file to be considered acceptable.

Veterans, service members or reservists failing to meet these quarterly minimums will be placed on probation for the following 90-day period. If the student, during the probationary period, again fails to meet these requirements they will be terminated for the purpose of VA payment effective the last day of that quarter. A student may be re-enrolled only after evidence is shown that the conditions relating to unsatisfactory attendance have been rectified.

### **Progress Policy**

**Flight Training:** A VA student who fails a Stage Check will be placed on probation. If the student fails the next Stage Check, that person's training will be terminated and the VA promptly notified. The student may be re-enrolled for VA benefits only after evidence is shown that conditions which caused the unsatisfactory progress have been rectified and the facility determines there is a reasonable likelihood that the student will progress satisfactorily.

**Ground Training:** A VA student who fails to pass the FAA written examination appropriate to the aircraft certificate or rating sought will be placed on probation. If the student again fails the written exam, that person's training will be terminated and the VA promptly notified. The student may be re-enrolled for VA benefits after the written exam has been successfully completed and the facility determines that there is a reasonable likelihood that the student will progress satisfactorily.

**Training Records:** All student records will be maintained in a secure area at the flight training facility and a copy will be furnished to the student upon request.

### **Conduct Policy**

The student will at all times comply with Federal Aviation Regulations and applicable airport course rules. A course rules briefing will be provide to the student by a competent authority prior to actual flight training and as needed thereafter. Violation of FAA rules and regulations is cause for dismissal.

The student shall, at all times when on the airfield, conduct themselves in a responsible and orderly manner, and shall appear for training in a sober and receptive condition. Violation of these conditions is cause for dismissal.



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### **Student Training Syllabus**

A student at the time of enrollment must receive a copy of the FSDO approved Student's Training Syllabus as required under FAR 141.93(a) (2). Contact the chief flight instructor immediately if the syllabus is not provided for you.

### **Solo Flight Time and Carrying Passengers**

Passengers shall not be carried on any solo flights as specified in the Training Course Outline during any phase of training. "Solo" flight is defined as the pilot alone in the aircraft. "Pilot in Command" may be applied to the solo requirement provided only persons authorized by the school are on board the aircraft.

### **Refund Policy**

This school maintains a policy of refunding the unused portion of tuition, fees, and other charges in the event the eligible person fails to enter the course, or withdraws, or is discontinued there from at any time prior to completion. The amount charged to the eligible person for tuition, fees, and other charges for a portion of the course may not exceed the pro rata portion of the total charges for tuition, fees, and other charges. The length of the completed portion of the course should bear to its total length. However, no more than \$150 may be retained as a registration fee.

### **Reimbursement to Veterans, Service members & Reservists**

The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs will reimburse an eligible veteran, service member or reservist for dual and solo flight training, preflight briefings, post flight critiques, and ground school at the rate of 60%. The allowance is paid monthly by the Department of Veterans Affairs to the student based on actual training received and certified to the Department of Veteran Affairs. No reimbursement is made for examination fees, books or other charges. Additional hours for FAA check rides may not be reimbursed for a flight course unless the FAA requires that a licensed pilot be present during the flight test. Advanced pay is not authorized for flight training courses. For more information or for resolution of specific payment problems the veteran, service member or reservist should call the VA nationwide toll free number 1-888-422-4551

### **Maximum Reimbursable Costs**

Maximum reimbursable costs are based on the most expensive aircraft approved for a particular course. For example, the Commercial Pilot Certification course – Airplane Multi-Engine Land is approved for 55 hours of dual flight training in the 360HP aircraft at \$381.00 per hour. However a student will typically train utilizing a far less expensive aircraft such as the Cessna 172SP. Specific aircraft rates are available in the course descriptions contained in this bulletin and prices may vary (but can not exceed VA approved limits) according to the current fuel prices and aircraft available.

Maximum reimbursable cost pricing is a means of providing more flexibility to flight school operators and students for designing an instructional program within the limitations of an FAA approved TCO and the law regarding payment of veteran's benefits.



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### **Flight Training Device/Simulator Training**

For VA purposes, simulator or Flight Training Device training is flight training.

### **Medical Certification**

Veterans, service members, and reservists may receive educational benefits for flight training provided that they hold a Class II medical certificate which is still valid for second class privileges upon enrollment. There is no waiver of this requirement. No benefits can be paid for any part of a course even if a valid medical certificate is obtained during the course. Students who dis-enroll from a course, obtain a valid medical certificate, then re-enroll may be paid VA educational benefits only for the remainder of the course after re-enrollment.

### **Certificate of Completion**

At the end of the course the student will demonstrate the required proficiency in the practical test standards for the rating sought. If found satisfactory, the chief flight instructor or designee will complete the student's training records and issue a certificate of completion. All logbook endorsements will be made by the flight instructor and the practical test will be scheduled.

### **FAA Part 141 Approved Courses**

#### **Instrument Rating**

#### **Enrollment Requirements**

Hold at least a Class II medical certificate, a private pilot license, and be concurrently enrolled in the Commercial Pilot Course – Fixed Wing. Demonstrated ability to read, write and understand the English language.

Note: By statute (38 DSC 3452), and individual receiving VA educational assistance must be pursuing a vocational, educational, or professional objective. If the instrument rating course were allowed to be taken first, there would be no assurance that it was taken for the purposes of reaching a vocational, educational, or professional objective. Instead, it could be taken merely to add a rating to a private pilot certification, which is not considered evidence of such an objective. By requiring that both courses be taken simultaneously, VA is helping to ensure that a student has made a commitment and is using his or her benefits to achieve a vocational objective. This is the only instance where this procedure will be followed. This will allow payment of VA education benefits while complying with FAA requirements.



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**Authorized Aircraft and Hourly Rates**

	180HP - Complex	200HP - Technically Adv	200HP - Technically Adv	310HP - Technically Adv	Simulator - Elite BATD
Dual	\$205	\$225	\$297	\$381	\$100
Solo	\$155	\$175	\$232	\$321	\$50

35 hours dual flight training @ \$381.00..... \$13,335.00  
 30 hours ground training @ \$60.00 ..... \$1800.00  
 8.75 hours pre/post flight @ \$60.00 = ..... \$525.00

**Total= \$15,660.00**

Maximum VA reimbursement: \$15,660.00 x 60% = ..... \$9,396.00

**Additional Costs NOT reimbursable by VA includes:**

- Books..... \$285.00
- Supplies..... \$100.00
- Equipment..... \$150.00
- Designated Examiner Fee ..... \$300.00
- Medical..... \$100.00
- Knowledge Test..... \$100.00

**Personal Equipment**

Textbooks, course manuals, computers, plotters and charts are considered personal equipment. Cost of these items will vary depending on the selected type. Hour's rate shown is the maximum rate for the most costly aircraft approved for the course. Other less expensive aircraft may be used and charges will be at the rate applicable for the specific aircraft used.

**Commercial Rating Single Engine Land**

**Enrollment Requirements**

Hold at least a Class II medical certificate, a private pilot license, instrument rating or be concurrently enrolled in the Instrument Pilot Course – Fixed Wing. Demonstrated ability to read, write and understand the English language.

Note: By statute (38 DSC 3452), and individual receiving VA educational assistance must be pursuing a vocational, educational, or professional objective. If the instrument rating course were allowed to be taken first, there would be no assurance that it was taken for the purposes of reaching a vocational, educational, or professional objective. Instead, it could be taken merely to add a rating to a private pilot certification, which is not considered evidence of such an objective. By requiring that both courses be taken simultaneously, VA is helping to ensure that a student has made a commitment and is using his or her benefits to achieve a vocational objective. This is the only



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Dual	\$205	\$225	\$297	\$381	\$100
Solo	\$155	\$175	\$232	\$321	\$50

55 hours dual flight time @ \$381.00..... \$20,865.00  
 65 hours solo flight time @ \$321.00..... \$20,995.00  
 35 hours ground training @ \$60.00..... \$2100.00  
 13.75 hours pre/post flight @ \$60.00..... \$825.00

**Total = \$44,785.00**

Maximum VA reimbursement: \$44,785.00 x 60% ..... \$26,871.00

**Additional Costs NOT reimbursable by VA includes:**

Books..... \$285.00  
 Supplies..... \$100.00  
 Equipment..... \$150.00  
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 Medical..... \$100.00  
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**Commercial Rating Multi-Engine Land**

**Enrollment Requirements**

Hold at least a Class II medical certificate, a private pilot license, instrument rating or be concurrently enrolled in the Instrument Pilot Course – Fixed Wing. Demonstrated ability to read, write and understand the English language.

Note: By statute (38 DSC 3452), and individual receiving VA educational assistance must be pursuing a vocational, educational, or professional objective. If the instrument rating course were allowed to be taken first, there would



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	180HP	200HP - Complex	200HP - Technically Adv	310HP - Technically Adv	360HP - Technically Adv	Simulator - EliteBATD
Dual	\$205	\$225	\$297	\$321	\$360	\$100
Solo	\$155	\$175	\$232	\$381	\$300	\$50

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## VETERANS BENEFITS FOR FLIGHT TRAINING: THE MONTGOMERY G.I. BILL

### **The Good News and Bad News: The Honest Information**

When it comes to pilot training, the issues about Veterans' Benefits under the Montgomery G.I. Bill are somewhat complicated, so please read this page very carefully.

First of all, your G.I. Bill benefits do not cover any expenses at any flight training school anywhere for your private pilot's license. You must pay for all of those costs yourself. This often comes as a big surprise to those veterans who have been led to believe the G.I. Bill covers all the costs of flight training, unfortunately, this is not the case!

Your Private Pilot's license is the required first step in your pilot training. In the case of fixed-wing training, those costs will run you about \$10,000, no matter where you go for flight training, to a "VA-Approved (Part 141)" flight school or to a flight school that is NOT "VA-Approved (Part 61)."

### **What is a "VA-Approved" Flight School?**

In order to be able to use your veteran benefits, the flight school needs to be Part 141 approved. Not all schools are required to operate under this particular Federal Aviation Regulation. "Part 141" flight schools need to be approved by the Federal Aviation Administration; they have strict guidelines to follow and are subject to constant inspections and recurrent flight training with the FAA (Federal Aviation Administration).

Twin Cities Flight Training is an approved FAA Part 141 flight training school.

### **What WILL the G.I. Bill Cover for Flight Training?**

After you pay for your private pilot rating yourself, your g.i. Bill benefits will then cover approximately 60% of all of the training costs for any advanced pilot ratings (such as commercial pilot, flight instructor (cfi), instrument rating, etc.) At a VA and faa-approved part 141 school. Many of these schools have to be approved by state education departments in order to qualify as a "VA-approved" flight school. Your benefits, however, do not normally cover incidentals such as flight physicals, books, required test fees, etc. Nor do they cover housing, etc. While you are training.

### **Are There Any Other Ways to Use My G.I. Bill Benefits for Flight Training?**

There are some other options open to those eligible for VA benefits. If you are a full-time college student (taking at least 12 credit hours per semester), the VA will pay you a flat amount of just over \$1000 per month which you can use for tuition at the college, or for your flight training costs, or both.



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### **G.I. Bill Benefits That Will Pay for Flight Training at Twin Cities Flight Training in Our College-Degree Program**

Another option available is our program with Utah Valley State College. It offers a 2-year and 4-year college programs which you can take online (on the internet) through our affiliation with Utah Valley State College (UVSC). You take the courses online WHILE you are doing your pilot training in the aircraft at Twin Cities Flight Training.

Your benefits will normally pay for your tuition and other related expenses, if you are a student at an accredited college that requires pilot training as part of earning an aviation degree. This is a program we offer through Utah Valley State College (UVSC). Their website is [www.uvsc.com](http://www.uvsc.com)

### **Where Can I Learn More About MY G.I. Bill Benefits?**

Call the Veterans Administration Toll-Free at 1-888-GIBILL-1 (1-888-442-4551)

Or at the VA's Website at <http://www.gibill.va.gov>