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- **VRAP**
- **Chapter 35 Election Funds Transfer (EFT)**
- **Interval or “break” pay changes**

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- VRAP is apart of the VOW to Hire Heroes Act of 2011 that will begin on **July 1, 2012**
- **Purpose:** To offer 12 months of training assistance to unemployed Veterans
- **Applications:** submitted through the Department of Labor (DoL) and benefits paid by the VA
- **Payments:** receive up to 12 months of assistance at the full-time rate under Montgomery GI-Bill-Active Duty (\$1,473 per mo.)
- **Programs:**
 - must be VA approved program at a community college or technical school
 - Program leading to an Associates, Non-College Degree, or Certification

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- To qualify, a Veteran must:

- Be between 35 – 60 years old
- Be unemployed (determined by DoL)
- Have an other than dishonorable discharge
- Not be eligible for any other VA education program (e.g. Post-9/11 GI Bill, Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment Assistance)
- Not in receipt of VA compensation due to unemployability
- Not enrolled in a federal/state job training program

Chapter 35 Direct Deposit

- Effective January 23, 2012, Chapter 35 claimants may receive payments via direct deposit



Interval Pay Changes

According to Public Law 111-377 effective August 1, 2011:

No More Interval “Break” Payment:

- Break payments are **no longer payable under any VA education benefit program** unless under an Executive Order of the President due to an emergency situation such as a natural disaster or strike