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FACT SHEET

TO ALL STUDENTS ATTENDING MARINELLO SCHOOLS OF BEAUTY IN CALIFORNIA USING THE GI BILL

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Marinello Schools of Beauty (Marinello) has announced that it is ceasing operations and closing all campuses immediately. As a result, effective today the California State Approving Agency for Veterans Education (CSAAVE), a division of the California Department of Veterans Affairs (CalVet), withdrew approval for all Marinello campuses in California. Withdrawal of CSAAVE approval prevents Marinello from enrolling Title 38 beneficiaries using Veterans' GI Bill education benefits.

"CalVet takes very seriously our duty to ensure our California Veterans receive the education and training they are paying for with their earned GI Bill benefits," said Keith Boylan, Deputy Secretary, Veterans Services at CalVet. "CalVet stands ready to assist veterans through this transition period as they make decisions regarding their future education."

The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (USDVA) administers the GI Bill and makes all determinations related to Veteran education benefit eligibility and payments. USDVA also regulates entitlements paid to Veterans and performs all calculations.

Where you can seek assistance:

- Questions or concerns related to Marinello Schools of Beauty should be directed to the school.
- Only USDVA can assist you with GI Bill eligibility or payment. *CalVet is unable to answer questions or provide assistance regarding eligibility or payment of VA education benefits.*
- Visit USDVA's GI Bill website at www.gibill.va.gov to access education benefit information.
- You may email your questions about CSAAVE approval to csaaveinfo@calvet.ca.gov.

WHAT YOU CAN DO:

In order to continue your education using your GI Bill benefits, you will need to enroll in an educational institution that is approved by CSAAVE. **GI Bill benefits may only be used at approved institutions.**

You can find a list of approved institutions on CalVet's website: www.calvet.ca.gov

We encourage you to visit the GI Bill Website at www.gibill.va.gov to access the GI Bill Comparison Tool research approved programs, tuition/fees, housing allowance, graduation, and loan default rates.

All questions regarding eligibility and payment of GI Bill benefits must be directed to USDVA at **1-888-GIBILL1.**