

CLEP paper-based testing to end in CONUS Dec. 31, 2011

College Board will discontinue its College-Level Examination Program (CLEP) paper-and-pencil testing program for CONUS, effective Dec. 31, 2011.

CLEP CONUS paper-based testing deadlines:

- » Oct. 1, 2011 – FINAL date for stocking and non-stocking DANTES-sponsored test sites in CONUS to order CLEP paper-based exams and optional essays. Any paper-based CLEP exams ordered after Oct. 1, 2011 will not be honored.
- » Dec. 31, 2011 – FINAL date for CONUS DANTES test sites to administer CLEP paper-based exams.
- » Jan. 5, 2012 – FINAL deadline for postmarked administered exams to be returned for scoring and for unused exams to be returned.
- » Feb. 15, 2012 – FINAL date for the testing agency to score completed exams.

College Board decided to terminate this service due to the decreasing number of paper-based test takers. Over 95 percent of military examinees now test on the CLEP computer-based exams either at an on-base or on-campus national test center. Service members utilizing the computer-based exams benefit from instant score results and access to all 33 CLEP eCBT test titles.

The base-sponsored National Test Center (NTC) option is available for education centers in CONUS to partner with academic institutions located at or near their base to host an NTC for computer-based Credit-By-Exam testing.

For more information, contact the DANTES Exams Program at exams@navy.mil.

DANTES Web site has a completely new look!

DANTES is proud to unveil the new DANTES Web site at www.dantes.doded.mil. The look is new but the information is just as valuable and important as ever. We worked long and hard to update our site to provide accessible information in a user-friendly manner.

Each page has a consistent look and feel, providing a more professional appearance. The top, bottom and left navigation menus are on each Web page, providing immediate access to programs, contact information, site search and more. Information can be searched three

ways via the left menu list and the Site Map and Search links in the top menu.

While the home page has the same URL as before, sub pages will not. Update your Favorites!

"Our new Web site was designed with the user in mind. We wanted a fresh new look and to make finding information easier and faster. We welcome feedback and comments - let us know what you think of the new site."

**Dr. Carol A. Berry
Director, DANTES**

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Every effort has been made to ensure there are no bugs, but with a redesign of this magnitude it is inevitable that something may have been overlooked. If you encounter a problem, have a question, or would just like to let us know what you think about the new site, send an e-mail to pubs@navy.mil with detailed information. We will continue to made adjustments and improvements over time, so check back often.



Demetra B. Malone
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Program Manager

EXAMINATIONS NEWS

TCOs - have you completed your annual review?

With decreasing budgets and fewer available personnel, many DANTES test sites are tasked with doing more with less. Although many Test Control Officers (TCOs) serve in various roles within their commands, DANTES is confident that they work hard to maintain a high caliber of test security while providing Service members with academic examinations.

An element that assists TCOs in sustaining their testing operations is the requirement to complete an Annual Testing Facilities Review once each calendar year by Dec. 31. This review of test center operations provides commands and testing personnel an objective

assessment on their testing program's success and may potentially identify areas that may need improvement. Since the beginning of this fiscal year, more than 80 percent of Test Loss/Compromise Investigations revealed that an annual facilities review would have provided an early identification of the circumstances surrounding a potential test loss.

TCOs are encouraged to contact their respective authorizing military Service headquarters or major command to arrange an inspection. While these reviews can be completed at any time during the calendar year, the deadline of Dec. 31 is steadily approaching. For additional information, contact exams@navy.mil.

ECEs update

DANTES funding for Excelsior College Examinations (ECEs) will expire Sep. 30, 2011. All paper-based DANTES testing sites will be expected to return all ECE exam booklets and testing materials upon completion of testing on that date, with a shipping postmark date not later than Oct. 7, 2011. ECEs administered after Sep. 30, 2011, will not be processed unless the member pays for the exam.

Effective Oct. 1, 2011, a signed official transcript request and \$12 transcript fee will be required to report ECE grades to another institution or organization. Transcripts can be ordered online through MyExcelsior or by faxing signed transcript instructions and payment information to the Bursar's Office at (518) 464-8700. Upon request, Excelsior College will continue to provide official transcripts of individual exam grades for DANTES-funded ECEs administered through Sep. 30, 2011, as long as the request is made when the exam is submitted for processing.

ECEs will remain available in computer-based format on a self-paid basis at base-supported National Test Centers (NTCs), computer-based DANTES Testing Centers, and Pearson VUE civilian testing centers. The UExcel Examination program, which offers seven separate undergraduate exams, will also be available at NTCs on a member-funded basis starting Oct. 1, 2011. Members should contact their local education office to learn whether Tuition Assistance is available for ECEs and UExcel exams.

Contact exams@navy.mil with any questions.

CREDENTIALING NEWS

Last chance for ASE paper-based testing

Beginning January 2012, the National Institute for Automotive Service Excellence (ASE) will offer their certification examinations through Prometric test centers in computer-based test (CBT) format only. Therefore, this Fall 2011 administration cycle will be the last time ASE offers their exams in paper/pencil format.

A reminder that for this administration cycle, applicants are responsible for all ASE fees (registration & test). However, commands may request approval from DANTES to use their IMPAC card for payment.

ASE Fall 2011 information and forms are now available from DANTES Credentialing programs, at certprog@navy.mil. The deadline for receipt of these registration packets at ASE from an authorized DANTES TCO for this Fall administration cycle is Sep. 23, 2011.

NOTE: The DANTES registration deadline and test dates are different than those on the ASE web site. DANTES test dates are:

- » CONUS: Nov. 10, 15, & 17, 2011
- » OCONUS: Nov. 15, 16, & 17, 2011

For information, questions or concerns, contact the DANTES Credentialing office at (850) 452-1111 ext. 3194 (DSN: 922), or e-mail certprog@navy.mil.



Kiwanis Short
Distance Learning
Program Manager

DANTES/DoD MOU training presented to Navy and Air Force personnel

On July 19, 2011, Sharon Beaudoin, DANTES Education Outreach Manager, and Kiwanis Short, DANTES Distance Learning Program Manager, presented DANTES information at the Air Force Professional Development Institute conference held in Boston, Mass. The conference, attended by over 150 Air Force education technicians and counselors working directly with voluntary education, provided a wealth of knowledge and presented an excellent opportunity for the DANTES managers to discuss with education services officers their needs and concerns. Beaudoin presented information on the various DANTES programs and distributed satchels filled with DANTES brochures that are available to education centers with

a DANTES ordering ID number. Short presented the details of the Department of Defense Voluntary Education Partnership Memorandum of Understanding (DOD MOU) between the DoD and Educational Institutions.

On July 28, 2011, at the request of Ann Hunter, Department of Navy Voluntary Education Service Chief, Short conducted a DoD MOU training session with Navy regional directors, using the Defense Connect Online (DCO) system. The DCO system allows connection with individuals all over the world to provide training or conduct a business meeting.

For more information about the DoD MOU, visit www.dodmou.com or e-mail questions to voledconcerns@navy.mil.

DANTES PERSONNEL NEWS

DANTES welcomes new Training Manager

John Turner joined DANTES in July as the new Education Support Department Training Manager.

Turner joined the U.S. Navy right after high school graduation in 1985 and spent the next 20 years as a cryptologic technician (collection), retiring as a chief petty officer. His career in education began in 1993 at NTTC Corry Station, Pensacola, Fla., serving 12 years as an instructor for a myriad of Navy courses, earning Master Training Specialist and Curriculum Development Specialist certifications.

He earned an associate degree in general education from Pensacola Junior College in 2000; a bachelor's degree in psychology from University of West Florida in 2002; and a Master of Science degree in counseling and psychology from Troy State University in 2003. It should be noted that ALL of Turner's education was obtained utilizing Department of the Navy and Federal educational programs, such as PELL Grants, Tuition Assistance (TA), and the Sailor/Marine American

Council on Registry Transcript (SMART) system. Way to use your benefits, John!

Upon retiring from active duty in 2005, he worked as an Acute Psychiatric Behavioral Therapist and in neuroscience-pharmaceutical sales. Then, seeking to further his educational scope, Turner enrolled in Troops to Teachers and, in 2010, acquired his Florida Teacher's Certification in Social Science for 6-12 grade. Unfortunately for the Santa Rosa County school district, but fortunately for the VolEd community, DANTES brought him onboard before he could put his teaching skills to the test.

Turner is a prime example of how to use education benefits to reach education goals. He will be a great asset to DANTES and we welcome him to the team!



Calling all writers and camera-bugs!

Ed Centers - do you have a VolEd-related story to share with other education professionals? If so, DANTES is waiting to hear from you.

Send submissions to pubs@navy.mil. If sending photos, please include names and a description of the event.



Candice Rice
Counselor Support
Program Manager

Education is the foundation

The 2011 U.S. Coast Guard Education Services Officer (ESO) Symposium was held Aug. 9-11, in Norman, Okla. This year's theme was "Education is the Foundation." The Coast Guard Institute staff organized a 3-day opportunity for ESOs to learn more about education and training policies and procedures, specific education and college programs from the visiting representatives, and to network with other ESOs.

Lt. Cmdr. Kevin McCormack, Commanding Officer, Coast Guard Institute, welcomed the 237 Coast Guard participants, saying "We salute your dedication to promoting, encouraging, and supporting the educational efforts of our Coast Guard shipmates as you strive to make education the foundation. Your efforts are not only building a stronger Coast Guard, but build fuller lives, better citizens, and a better America."

Carolyn Baker, Chief of Continuing Education, informed the participants that, according to the Department of Defense Instruction 1322.25, dated March 15, 2011, the new Department of Defense (DoD) Voluntary Education Partnership Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) mandates that all institutions

participating in the Military Tuition Assistance (TA) program must have a signed MOU prior to Jan. 1, 2012.

Candice Rice, DANTES Counselor Support Programs Manager, presented the DANTES Overview Brief and encouraged the ESOs to utilize DANTES programs (DISCOVER, OASC, and credit-by-examination) to their fullest capacity. Rice challenged them, saying "As a counselor, it is our responsibility to make the education counseling materials accessible to our Service members so they will have sufficient information and guidance to plan an appropriate program of study."

Other topics of discussion were the Navy College Management Information System (NCMIS), SMART Transcript and the Coast Guard, Post 9/11, and the ESO Workshop Orientation. The ESOs also attended a local education fair with over 61 college and program representatives, to learn about their specific programs, both college and testing.

This year's symposium ended with a Change of Command Ceremony. After serving three years as the Coast Guard Institute Commanding Officer, McCormack turned over the helm to Cmdr. Don Winfield.



Pictured above: The Coast Guard Institute change of command ceremony concluded with a handshake between (l-r) Cmdr. Don Winfield (new Commanding Officer) and Lt. Cmdr. Kevin McCormack, former Commanding Officer.



Pictured left: Debra Annam, Sector Jacksonville, is presented with the Full-time ESO of the Year award.

Pictured right: Alex Mangum is presented with the Inspirational Student of the Year award.



HIGHER EDUCATION PROGRAMS NEWS



Victoria Street
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Program Manager

ACE team evaluates Navy hospital corpsman rating

A team from the American Council on Education (ACE), consisting of numerous academic professionals, recently visited Naval Air Station Pensacola, Fla., and talked with several hospital corpsmen. The ACE team was evaluating the hospital corpsman rating for potential academic credit recommendations.

The evaluation process is founded on high quality standards of practice including a rigorous review and selection of subject-matter experts and academic faculty, a site visit to analyze the content, and an evaluator consensus in determining the learning outcomes and appropriate academic credit recommendations.



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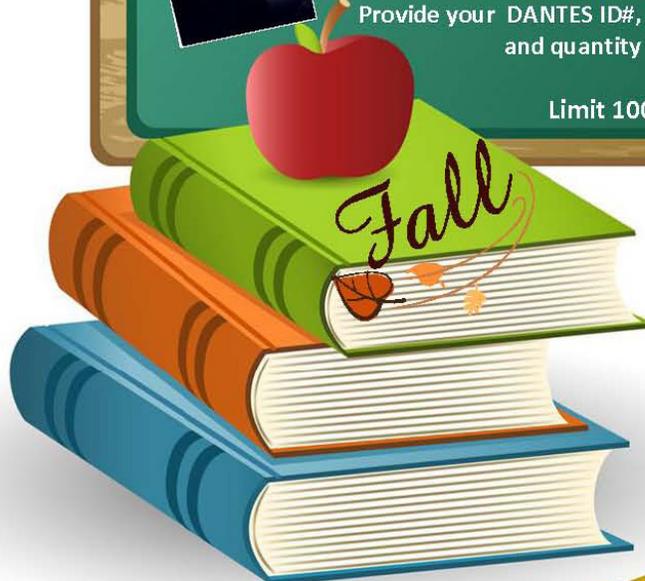
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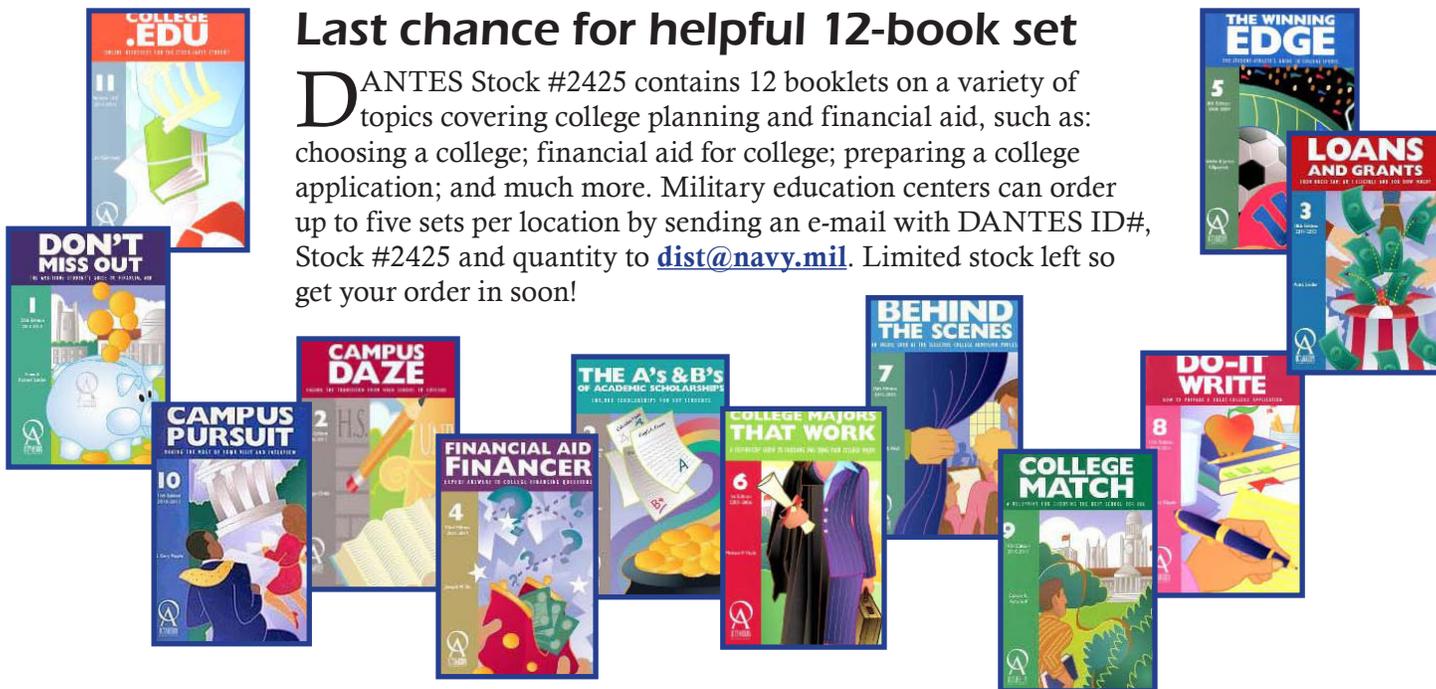
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REFERENCE PUBLICATIONS NEWS

Last chance for helpful 12-book set

DANTES Stock #2425 contains 12 booklets on a variety of topics covering college planning and financial aid, such as: choosing a college; financial aid for college; preparing a college application; and much more. Military education centers can order up to five sets per location by sending an e-mail with DANTES ID#, Stock #2425 and quantity to dist@navy.mil. Limited stock left so get your order in soon!



Sharon Beaudoin
Education Outreach
Manager

EDUCATION OUTREACH NEWS

DoD Worldwide Team SPIRIT Trivia contest #2

Congratulations to Sarah Connors of USAG Ansbach Army Education Center in Katterbach, Germany and Team Army--first to correctly answer last month's WW12 trivia question.

The question: "What was the first "tweet" posted by DoD WW2012 on Twitter?" Answer: "Viva VolEd!"

Lead-in for Question #2

According to the Las Vegas Convention and Visitors Authority, "Las Vegas means business." Each year, over four million visitors arrive to attend over 18,000 conventions and meetings. Not so long ago, however, Las Vegas was just a peaceful desert valley

The first correct answer to arrive in the official contest inbox (dantesww@navy.mil) will earn that player's team 150 points toward a first place finish in the Trivia event of the 2012 DoD Worldwide Education Symposium's Team SPIRIT competition. Subsequent correct answers earn 10 points for the player's team. Questions expire 10 business days from their first posting.

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Trivia Question

#2

In 1844, who arrived in Las Vegas and kept a journal describing two springs he found?"

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John Turner
Training Manager

TRAINING NEWS

From DANTES to DANTES: a logical journey

As the newest member of the DANTES team, I am amazed and encouraged by the scope of services DANTES provides to our Department of Defense family. I feel a tad bit embarrassed to admit that, as a young sailor, I was unaware of the depth of commitment the Navy and Department of Defense had regarding my personal and professional growth. In retrospect, many opportunities went unopened, unexplored, and unused.

However, I began to see a pattern emerge regarding sailors selected for advancement — most were pursuing some form of continuing education. Education may not have been high on my list of perceived needs at that time, but improving advancement opportunities certainly was.

After a life-changing discussion with a newly selected Chief Petty Officer about Pell Grants and Tuition Assistance, I started filling out applications. I enrolled in my first college class, adjusted personal schedules, dedicated study time, attended classes, and took exams; all of which were unique challenges to me. I found that what I put into the process, I got out of it... and I excelled. I experienced joy in the very process itself, and each success, no matter how small, spurred me on.

Eventually, by obtaining both “traditional” and “non-traditional” education credits, I completed bachelor’s and master’s degrees in psychological sciences while serving on active duty. But, it wasn’t until recently that I realized, after 20 years of active duty and six years post-retirement civilian employment, how integral a part DANTES played in my success. Without the credits recommended by the American Council on Education (ACE), Tuition Assistance (TA), or College Level Exam Program (CLEP) tests, I could have never accomplished my education goals; especially without incurring a significant financial burden and, most certainly, not in the same amount of time.

Ironically, DANTES and the programs I once took for granted led to education, which led to experience, which finally led to a career with DANTES — managing the programs I once took for granted. Hopefully, you can now understand why I feel “a tad bit embarrassed.”

Other VoEd news in the world...

Nellis AFB and Regis University offer new on-base test center

www.nellis.af.mil/news/story_print.asp?id=123266264

Marines, sailors take advantage of growing education opportunities

www.dvidshub.net/news/74163/marines-sailors-take-advantage-growing-education-opportunities

Attending college while in the fight

www.dvidshub.net/news/28855/attending-college-while-fight

Sept. in U.S. history:

- 2, 1945:** President Harry Truman declared V-J Day.
- 3, 1783:** Treaty of Paris signed, formally ending the American Revolutionary War.
- 5, 1774:** First Continental Congress assembled in Philadelphia with 56 delegates.
- 9, 1776:** The Continental Congress changed the name of the new American nation from the United Colonies to the U.S.
- 11, 2001:** The worst terrorist attack in U.S. history occurred as four passenger jets were hijacked then crashed, killing nearly 3,000 persons.
- 13, 1814:** Francis Scott Key observed the Battle of Fort Henry, inspiring him to write the verses which became the U.S. National Anthem in 1931.
- 15, 1857:** William Howard Taft, 27th U.S. President, born.
- 16, 1620:** The Mayflower left England, bound for America.
- 17, 1787:** U.S. Constitution ratified
- 18, 1947:** The U.S. Air Force was established as a separate military service.
- 24, 1957:** President Dwight Eisenhower ordered the National Guard to enforce racial integration of schools in Little Rock, Arkansas.
- 24, 1936:** Puppeteer Jim Henson, creator of the Muppets, born.
- 27, 1964:** The Warren Commission Report was issued stating a lone gunman was responsible for the assassination of President John F. Kennedy on Nov. 22, 1963.
- 29, 1789:** Congress created the U.S. Army, consisting of 1,000 enlisted men and officers.

FROM THE DESK OF THE SENIOR ENLISTED ADVISOR



HMCM (FMF/SW) David Acuff
Special Enlisted Advisor

Did you know that you can “skip” many core courses and receive credit for them through college credit examinations? College credit examinations are widely accepted by colleges and universities. By passing these examinations, individuals can earn one-third or more of the credits required for a degree. These examinations are available in more than 150 subject

areas and are similar to final examinations given by colleges and universities. Credit by examination is a relatively fast, low cost way to receive college credit.

One of DANTES main objectives is to make college more affordable and less time consuming for active duty and veteran military members. To accomplish this goal there are two programs that DANTES funds: College Level Examination Program (CLEP) and DANTES Subject Standardized Tests (DSSTs). The American Council on Education (ACE) recommends college credit for both of these credit-by-examination programs.

The DSST started when the U.S. Department of Defense (DoD) wanted to offer support for Service members who were working towards earning their degrees. To accomplish this, DANTES developed a series of standardized tests. There are currently DSST exams available in 38 subjects. Students who have gained knowledge through military training, work experience, or independent study can receive potential college credit for passing one or more of these tests. While looking at DSST success data for the Services, I noticed that some exams seem better for military than others with respect to pass-rates. For example, military members seemed more inclined to pass: Principals of Supervision (91%), Technical Writing (73%), and Introduction to Business (72%); as opposed to Business Math (1%), Physical Geology (10%), and Fundamentals of College Algebra (14%). Service members should keep their academic strengths in mind when selecting an exam and prepare themselves as best as possible prior to taking a test.

The CLEP is the most widely accepted credit-by-examination program in the United States today and affords the opportunity to earn up to 12 college credits by passing any of 33 exams. Over 2,900 colleges and

universities award credit for satisfactory scores on CLEP exams. CLEP exams help military students save money, time, and achieve their college goals. Developed by the College Board, CLEP is the most widely accepted credit-by-examination program that will recognize your comprehensive subject knowledge acquired through course work, independent study, military service schools, and professional development.

As you can see, there are definite advantages to passing DSST and CLEP exams. However, it is important that you have adequately prepared yourself to take these tests as there is no free retesting on the same test title. The online DoD MWR Libraries Education Lifelong Learning Resource provides everything you need to successfully plan and prepare for your educational goals. Unlimited and no-cost access is provided to all service members, DoD civilians and their families. The resource center is available 24/7. Once you access the online resource center you will be able to search for and find the right educational program, prepare for important DSST and CLEP exams, and take advantage of career planning resources to plan for your military or civilian career. You can access this valuable resource from either the link provided from Military OneSource (www.militaryonesource.com) or your respective military Service portal.

In closing, this column affords a unique opportunity to reach out to my fellow Service members concerning VolEd and DANTES programs. If there is an opportunity to visit or speak to NCOs, SNCOs, or at events at your military installation, please let me know. I would appreciate an invite. If you have a success story with military VolEd that you would like to share, send it to me and maybe you'll see it published in this forum. Until next time, keep up with DANTES on Facebook at www.facebook.com/DANTES.DoD or contact me at ea@navy.mil. I would enjoy hearing from you.

The logo for the Department of Defense Subject Standardized Tests (DSST). It features the lowercase letters "dsst" in a blue, sans-serif font. To the right of the text is a green icon of a graduation cap.

The logo for the College Level Examination Program (CLEP). It consists of a blue rectangular box with the word "CLEP" in large, white, bold, sans-serif capital letters at the top. Below it, in smaller white sans-serif capital letters, is the text "College Level Exam Program".



Lt Col Eurydice Stanley
Reserve Component Advisor

GoArmyEd...the era begins!

The Army National Guard (ARNG) provided training in August to prepare ARNG Education Specialists to use the GoArmyEd Web site. GoArmyEd is the Army's (Active Duty, National Guard and Army Reserve) virtual education gateway, developed to provide a centralized source for all

transactions related to the educational needs of Soldiers. It is available 24/7, and facilitates course registration and authorization for tuition payments.

GoArmyEd was designed to be a "one-stop-shop" for Soldiers, providing Soldiers the opportunity to take control of their own educational futures with the ability to peruse the nearly 2,500 accredited schools on the site to determine the best fit for their degree goals. Also, if there is not a current agreement with a school a Service member is interested in, a request can be submitted and it can usually be set up within five days. Counselors who were previously few and far between can be readily reached within the GoArmyEd network, which includes 111 Army Education Centers and 128 Learning Centers worldwide. GoArmyEd supports the centralized management of all tuition assistance (TA) funds.

The key benefits that GoArmyEd provides are: a common application for admission; centralized TA application; online course registration; student registration system for recording grades; enrollment; graduation; and most importantly, degree requirement

tracking. Degree requirements tracking ensures that even if the requirements for the degree change, the Soldier is locked in with the original agreed upon education plan approved by the school. This helps Soldiers manage their degree pursuit and plan ahead.

Effective Aug. 1, ARNG Soldiers can request TA in GoArmyEd for classes that start on or after Oct. 1, 2011. GoArmyEd allows Soldiers to register up to two months prior to the class start date. Remember, fall class registration is a time of high demand! Soldiers are encouraged to register for classes early (which means ACT NOW) so they have time to complete the registration cycle by taking their approved TA Request Forms to their respective schools.

Soldiers must have a school-approved course plan posted and approved through GoArmyEd prior to the completion of nine semester hours. The GoArmyEd site provides the Army with the ability to better forecast education funding and enforce a TA policy standard. It provides deployed Soldiers with the same access to care as Soldiers stateside, ensuring timely resolution of education related issues. GoArmyEd counselors have ready access to Soldier information, and Soldiers can be assisted from any location.

Soldiers who are interested in utilizing TA to pursue a degree are encouraged to set up an account as soon as possible at www.goarmyed.com where a video presentation is available to explain the process of pursuing a degree. Ready to get your degree? GoArmyEd!

Contact the DANTEs RCA at rca@navy.mil.

Is there a topic you would like to see covered in the DIB?

Or, do you have a question about one of the DANTEs programs?

If so, let us know at pubs@navy.mil.

Mystery Quote:

"Education is not the filling of a pail, but the lighting of a fire."

If you know who said this, let us know at pubs@navy.mil.

The first correct responder will get his or her name published in the next DIB.

Francisco Mancillas, AF Guidance Counselor, Grand Forks AFB, N.D.

was the first to identify the author of last month's quote as George Washington Carver.

Great job!

TESTING CALENDAR

October 2011

4 LSAT (all locations)
16-22 GRE Subject*

ECE: Effective Oct. 1, 2011, Excelsior College Exams will no longer be DANTES-funded and the paper-based version retired. Computer-based ECEs will continue to be available on a self-pay basis through authorized National Test Centers. Visit www.excelsior.edu for information.

November 2011

12-16 Praxis*
13-19 GRE Subject*

December 2011

5 LSAT (all locations)

Notes:

- Overseas test sites send orders six weeks before the test date.
- CONUS test sites send orders four weeks before the test date.
- Contractors ship tests to arrive just before the planned test date.

*Choose only one day to administer. Submit separate Prometric order forms for GRE Subject and Praxis.

http://www.dantes.doded.mil/dantes_web/library/docs/examinations/exams_calendar.pdf

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