

## DoD Worldwide Education Symposium: A Service member's perspective

Next month the Department of Defense (DoD) will host the DoD Worldwide Education Symposium 2012 (WW12). Many of our military members may be wondering what all the excitement is about concerning this triennial event, so I decided to share my insights as to why I believe the symposium is important and how we as Service members directly benefit from the educational opportunities offered there.



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The symposium brings together key military and civilian professionals working at military installations around the world along with partners from colleges and universities. These professionals provide the "stepping stones" leading Service members toward their educational goals. It is anticipated that approximately 2,000 military and civilian educators will be in attendance at WW12.

With the theme of "Educating the Force – Joint Effort, Joint Success," the primary objectives of WW12 are: to explore Voluntary Education (VolEd) issues faced by today's military; collaborate with professional experts to prepare for changing needs and challenges posed by declining resources; strengthen joint Service educational partnerships; build professional networks; and inspire enthusiasm for education and professional growth amongst those supporting VolEd programs. To accomplish these goals the symposium has been developed with an agenda that is both robust and substantive. To that end there will be three general and

eight breakout sessions delivering over 80 education topics. Additionally, education professionals will have exposure to more than 250 exhibitors, comprised mostly of colleges and universities. Finally, it is important to note that 40 hours of sessions and networking activities are planned to occur within only a four day period.

So how do Service members benefit from the symposia? They have become a medium that enables and promotes continuing learning for educational professionals

within DoD VolEd to assist Service members attain their educational goals. Sessions are designed and planned to build the attendees' competencies in force support, human resource development, program management, transition, contract management, strategic management, and instructional technology. Because WWs are the only official, government-planned symposia devoted exclusively to military VolEd programs, they have become a primary source of professional development and training.

Military members enjoy a distinct advantage that no other agency within the private sector affords its employees: a team of educational professionals located on almost every military installation and platform throughout the world to assist Service members in attaining their desired educational goals. The symposia help to ensure that these education professionals are the best trained and have shared in the latest VolEd innovations. The ability to meet with Service Chiefs, civilian and military adult education specialists, educators, and Education Service Officers (ESOs) at a single event also aids to develop synergetic innovations and relationships that can be propelled into new or improved programs within DoD VolEd.

Interested in Worldwide? Go to [www.ww2012.com](http://www.ww2012.com) for more information.

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## The “Five Ws” of DANTES test inventory reporting

While it seems at times that our ever changing and fast paced environment leads to absentmindedness, we remind DANTES Testing personnel of the most critical element for protecting the DANTES-sponsored Examination Program from test loss or compromise: regular inventory reporting.

### Who?

Test Control Officers/Assistant Test Control Officers (TCOs/ATCOs) are responsible for all DANTES-sponsored exams listed on the DANTES Test Inventory Report. All inventories must be signed by the TCO or ATCO and must ensure inventory is submitted to the proper testing agency. Release of proprietary information to the wrong agency may jeopardize operations at your test site.

### What?

Strict efforts are in place to protect the integrity of DANTES sponsored exams, which includes regular inventory reporting as detailed by the DANTES Examination Programs Handbook (DEPH) and the various testing agencies. Failure to follow these instructions may result in the implementation of Test Loss Compromise operating procedures and possible suspension of your DANTES test site.

### When?

Quarterly Inventory Reports are submitted five calendar days before the first of the month and no later than five days after the first of the month. Third Quarter Inventory Reports are due between June 26 and July 6.

### Where?

Send ACT inventory reports to [ACT-DANTES@act.org](mailto:ACT-DANTES@act.org) and DSST, CLEP and SAT inventory to [PNJ-DANTES@Prometric.com](mailto:PNJ-DANTES@Prometric.com).

### Why?

Why should you be concerned? Administration of a wide range of voluntary education programs is a large mission. Providing DANTES-funded examinations may be just one part of performing our mission, but it takes all of us to make it a success. By being proactive, we not only protect the integrity of DANTES-sponsored exams, we secure the availability of this benefit for our Service men and women for years to come.

## Deadlines for OCONUS CLEP paper-based testing fast approaching

College Board will discontinue its College Level Examination Program (CLEP) paper and pencil testing program of the 14 test titles for OCONUS, effective Sept. 30, 2012.

Below are CLEP OCONUS paper-based testing deadlines:

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| July 1, 2012   | FINAL date for stocking and non-stocking DANTES-sponsored Test Sites in OCONUS to order CLEP paper-based exams and optional essays. |
| Sept. 30, 2012 | FINAL date for DANTES Test Sites in OCONUS to administer CLEP paper-based exams.  |
| Oct. 5, 2012   | FINAL deadline for postmarked administered exams to be returned for scoring and for unused exams to be returned.                    |
| Nov. 15, 2012  | FINAL date for the testing agency to score completed exams.   |

## SAT Form 65 cutoff in June

Test Control Officers (TCOs) are reminded that the last day to administer the current year Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) Form 65 is June 30, 2012.

DANTES test sites may continue to use SAT Form 65 until the cutoff date. SAT exams administered from July 1 to Sept. 30 will not be scored. TCOs should inform potential examinees of ACT availability during this period.

TCOs must return all SAT Form 65 examinations immediately following the June 30 cutoff. The SAT form for use during 2012-2013 may be ordered at the same time, but it will not be shipped until the test site's entire inventory of FY12 SAT testing materials is received by the testing agency. The new SAT will be shipped in September 2012. Additional support materials such as the DANTES Examiner's Manual for the SAT are not automatically shipped and must also be ordered prior to administration of current year SAT examinations. Test sites may resume SAT administration after Oct. 1, 2012. Send questions about the SAT to [exams@navy.mil](mailto:exams@navy.mil).

### Improved TCO training course prepares TCOs for new role

The shift from paper-based examinations to an increased reliance on Internet-based testing (iBt) and computer-based testing (CBT) by testing agencies is changing the role of DANTES testing personnel. The automation of the test administration process will decrease testing personnel's workload by eliminating the ordering, shipping, receiving, and paper-based administration processes. To support this transitioning role, the Exams Program redesigned the online Test Control Officer (TCO) Academic Testing Course this past March.

The Exams Program transitioned to the online course in the spring of 2010, replacing the traditional classroom training held in Pensacola, Fla., and the 50-question TCO exam administered at education centers. Since its inception, the online course has trained over 480 active duty, reserve, government, and contract testing personnel, saving an estimated \$913,000 in travel and per diem costs associated with the previous classroom-based course.

Many of the course improvements updated program and policy information and increased instructional design elements that support student learning transfer by incorporating interactive simulation exercises. The update also adds many new features to support the dynamic responsibilities of testing personnel, including:

- » Test Preparation course module. Since much of the assistance provided by test site personnel to potential examinees will now emphasize test preparation rather than test administration, a new module was added to help potential examinees better prepare for DANTES-sponsored exams. The new section incorporates information on learning styles and corresponding study habits, methods to assist an examinee cope with test anxiety, and

identify helpful online resources for each DANTES-sponsored exam.

- » Virtual TCO Mentor program. This program provides new testing personnel with four months of follow-up support and increased interaction with Exams Program staff members. While applying the exams policy principles taught in the course at their local test site, the program provides new testing personnel timely information that can: increase test security; safeguard against test loss/compromise situations; prevent scoring delays; address commonly asked questions; provide important exam program management information; and prepare for Annual Facilities Reviews.

The changes to the course will assist DANTES test site personnel in becoming knowledgeable of the resources available to help examinees prepare for taking any of the DANTES-sponsored exams. Being able to refer examinees to the appropriate resource will help examinees acquire exam study materials which will greatly improve the candidate's ability to successfully complete the exam with a passing score.

Potential TCO candidates must still be nominated by their headquarters/major commands before they are allowed access to the TCO Academic Testing Course. The course is also available to Test Examiners being appointed by TCOs. After DANTES receives a system notification of successful completion of the online course, the nomination is processed and the candidate is appointed. Requests for refresher training may also be provided for a TCO/ATCO or Examiner upon request from a headquarters/major command.

For more information about the TCO Academic Testing Course, contact [exams@navy.mil](mailto:exams@navy.mil).

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### Other VoEd news in the world...

**Obama takes action for veteran higher education at Fort Stewart**

[www.dvidshub.net/news/87497/obama-takes-action-veteran-higher-education-fort-stewart](http://www.dvidshub.net/news/87497/obama-takes-action-veteran-higher-education-fort-stewart)

**20 years after high school, a soldier graduates**

[www.dvidshub.net/news/88037/20-years-after-high-school-soldier-graduates](http://www.dvidshub.net/news/88037/20-years-after-high-school-soldier-graduates)

**Georgia soldiers staying focused on education**

[www.dvidshub.net/news/88072/georgia-soldiers-staying-focused-education](http://www.dvidshub.net/news/88072/georgia-soldiers-staying-focused-education)

**AFMC kicks off "Year of Continuing Education"**

[www.afmc.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123284850](http://www.afmc.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123284850)

## HIGHER EDUCATION PROGRAMS NEWS

### Military Evaluation Program publications

The American Council on Education (ACE) recently updated brochures for the Army ACE Registry Transcript System (AARTS) and the Sailor Marine ACE Registry Transcript (SMART). The DANTES Distribution Center is currently processing back orders for each of the brochures. Test Control Officers and other education center personnel who ordered the AARTS and SMART brochures should expect receipt soon.

DANTES offers other Military Evaluation Program (MilEvalProg) publications available through the DANTES Web site at [www.dantes.doded.mil/Sub%20Pages/Order Materials/Order Materials HigherEd.html](http://www.dantes.doded.mil/Sub%20Pages/Order%20Materials/Order%20Materials%20HigherEd.html).

Send questions concerning the MilEvalProg to [DANTES\\_ace@navy.mil](mailto:DANTES_ace@navy.mil) or call 850-452-1111 Ext. 3213 or DSN 922-1111 Ext. 3213.

### Altus AFB first installation to receive Third Party Educational Assessment

On May 1, 2012, the Department of Defense Educational Assessment team from Management and Training Consultants, Inc., conducted the first review of base educational programs at Altus AFB, Okla.

Donald Sprague, 97th Force Support Squadron Chief of Education and Training, led the process for Altus AFB and was excited to be the first base to undergo the new Third Party Educational Assessment process.

"The assessment team came to review the education programs that are provided by the Air Force," Sprague said. "The team also reviewed the level of support the base education office provides to military personnel to the support offered when attending college at a campus."

The assessment team interviewed the ESO office personnel, institution support personnel and faculty, and Service members pursuing their college education. The team has 60 days to prepare and submit a report of their findings to the Office of Under Secretary of Defense.

Congratulations to Altus AFB for being the first to complete an installation assessment. Their hospitality and dedication to Service members pursuing an education was evident.



Front row (l-r): Don Sprague, 97th Force Support Squadron Chief of Education and Training; Staff Sgt. Dionisio Casas; Erica Sanders; Juanita Garcia-Farley; and Marie Law  
Back row (l-r): Tech. Sgt. Robert McCutcheon; Tech. Sgt. Tammie Witcher, and Steven Sears.

## COUNSELING NEWS

### DISCOVER® ending soon

DISCOVER, an online career planning program that DANTES provides to education centers, will be retired Sept. 30, 2012. DANTES has not yet identified or procured a replacement counseling tool. Data from the existing DISCOVER application will not be transferred to the replacement tool, so all active users are recommended to print their information for future reference.

The replacement career exploration tool will harness the features of DISCOVER while employing the latest in technology and social media.

ACT, the providers of DISCOVER, would like to express their appreciation for the strong partnership they share with DANTES, saying, "It is an honor to support you in serving our country's military personnel as they explore their career and education goals."

Counselors - FY12 will be gone before you know it! Continue to provide this valuable tool to Service members during counseling sessions, briefs, and via email to those who are not able to sit down with a counselor.

To request tokens, email [counseling@navy.mil](mailto:counseling@navy.mil). For updates and information on the DISCOVER program, visit [www.dantes.doded.mil/Sub%20Pages/Counselor Support/DISCOVER.html](http://www.dantes.doded.mil/Sub%20Pages/Counselor%20Support/DISCOVER.html).



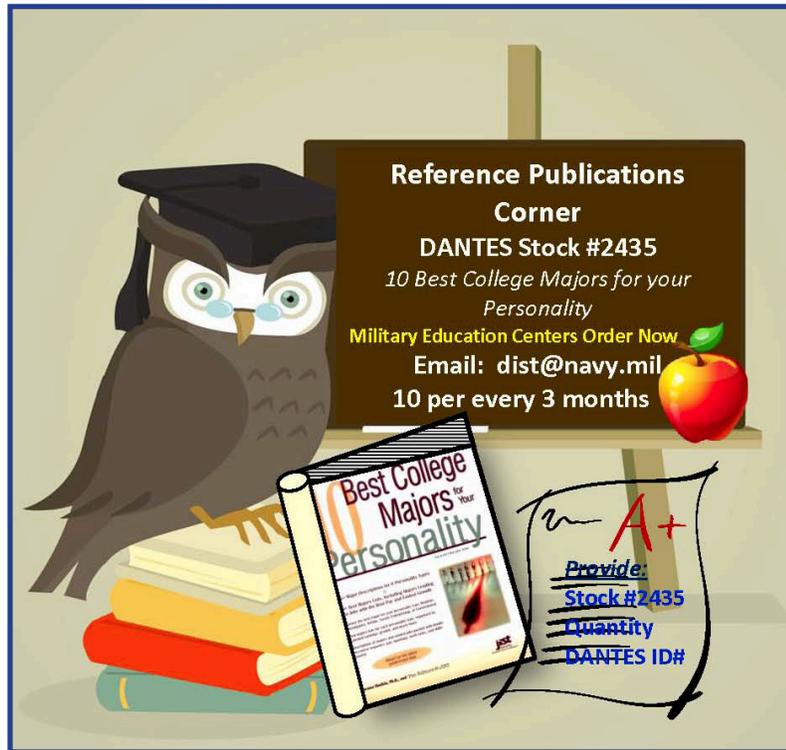
## Updated VA online pamphlets

The Post 9/11 GI Bill Yellow Ribbon Program

[www.gibill.va.gov/documents/pamphlets/Yellow\\_Ribbon\\_Pamphlet.pdf](http://www.gibill.va.gov/documents/pamphlets/Yellow_Ribbon_Pamphlet.pdf)

Post 9/11 GI Bill (Chapter 33) 22-09-1

[www.gibill.va.gov/documents/pamphlets/ch33\\_pamphlet.pdf](http://www.gibill.va.gov/documents/pamphlets/ch33_pamphlet.pdf)



## 2013 CCME Symposium

The 40th anniversary symposium of the Council of College and Military Educators (CCME) will be held Feb. 25-28, 2013, in San Diego, Calif., with the theme “Building Bridges to Success Through Education for the Military Community.”

Proposals will soon be requested for concurrent sessions that will deal with every facet of military and veteran education. There will be representatives from the Department of Defense, Veterans Affairs, a university presidents panel, student and faculty panels, and panels on transitioning to civilian life.

Speakers include Dan Clark, the inspirational and motivational hit of the 2012 CCME Symposium, and Larry Broughton, whose notably diverse background is highlighted by service as a Staff Sergeant in the US Army Green Berets. Larry will speak during general session, but also lend his expertise to educators and future “vetrepreneurs” with a session about transitional opportunities.

Contact Jeff Cropsey at [PublicAffairs@ccmeonline.org](mailto:PublicAffairs@ccmeonline.org) or 850-380-6372 for more information.

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### Mystery Quote:

“Knowledge is power.”

If you know who said this, let us know at [pubs@navy.mil](mailto:pubs@navy.mil).

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

Shedrick S. Roberts, Education Counselor, Joint Base Andrews, Md.

was the first to identify the author of last month’s quote as Edith Hamilton.

Great job!

## WW12 Team SPIRIT Trivia #11

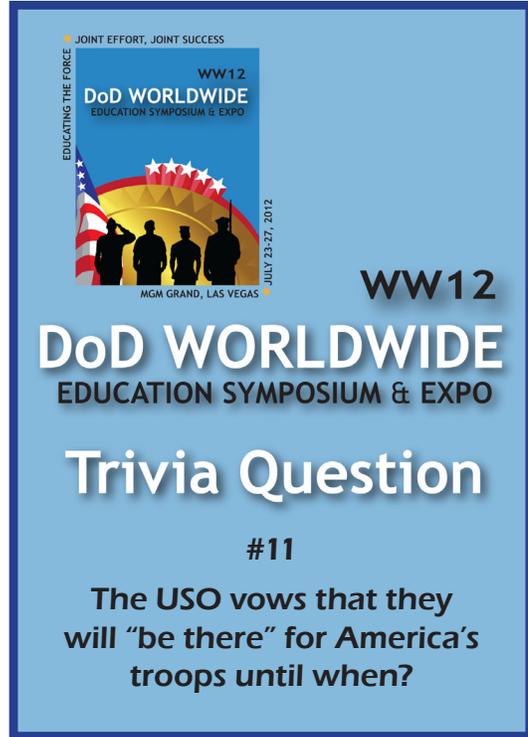
Congratulations to Team National Guard! Renae Wilkey was the first to correctly answer the formal name given to the new Hoover Dam Bypass is the Mike O'Callaghan-Pat Tillman Memorial Bridge.

Only TWO more WW12 monthly Trivia questions! There will be one last "bonus round". In July, not only will players find the last regular question in this publication, but those who periodically check the symposium Web site and social media pages may find bonus questions posted randomly. The trivia contest officially ends on Friday, July 13. Good luck to all the TEAMS!

The point standings as of May 31, 2012:

- » 1870 USCG
- » 1030 Navy
- » 810 Army
- » 790 Air Force
- » 560 USMC
- » 390 National Guard

For 70 years, the USO, a nonprofit organization chartered by Congress, has operated to lift the spirits of America's troops and their families around the world. McCarran International Airport recently opened a state-of-the-art USO facility that is expected to service over 55,000 troops and family members stationed in and transitioning through the Las Vegas region.



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## WW12 DoD WORLDWIDE EDUCATION SYMPOSIUM & EXPO

### Trivia Question

#11

The USO vows that they will "be there" for America's troops until when?

Submit answers to [dantesww@navy.mil](mailto:dantesww@navy.mil). The first correct answer wins 150 points and subsequent correct answers earn 10 points. Questions expire once the answer is posted (approximately 10 business days). Visit the WW12 Web site for complete contest rules.

## Meet the speaker. . . A monthly preview of WW12 speakers



Hollister K.  
"Holly" Petraeus

Holly Petraeus is an Assistant Director of the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB), heading up the Office of Service member Affairs. Her office's mission is to partner with the Pentagon to see that military families receive strong financial education; to monitor complaints from military families and responses to those complaints; and to see that federal and state agencies coordinate their activities to improve consumer protection measures for military families.

Prior to joining the CFPB, Petraeus spent six years as the Director of BBB Military Line, a program of the Council of Better Business Bureaus providing consumer education and advocacy for Service members and their families. A military spouse of 37 years and a former Dept. of the Army civilian, Petraeus also has extensive experience as a volunteer leader in military family programs.

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## HOW leaders can HELP

On July 25, 2012, HMCM (FMF/SW) Acuff and I will present the concurrent session “HOW leaders can HELP” during the 2012 DoD Worldwide Education Symposium (WW12). The symposium will feature more than 200 speakers addressing 75 education-related topics. You are all cordially invited to attend and

can obtain more information at [www.ww2012.com](http://www.ww2012.com).

The workshop is focused on developing strategies to assist leaders mentoring Service members in pursuit of their educations and, ultimately, personal and professional excellence. The need to address the workshop’s topic stems from the senior leaders who have said during our briefs that they want to help Service members prepare for possible transition due to draw-down, but with the numerous issues involved, they do not know where to start. This workshop will show leaders how to help junior personnel clarify their goals, delineate priorities and determine the best path toward achieving future aspirations.

The concept of life after Service can be a daunting thought for many military members, but leaders can help break down transition, which could be seen as an overwhelming task, by identifying much more palatable, bite-sized pieces such as earning an associate degree before a bachelor’s degree.

DANTES encourages leaders to visit an Education Service Officers (ESO) for assistance, but as budgets become more constrained, there are fewer ESOs available. Leaders conducting their own education counseling may find the acronym “H.E.L.P.” useful when mentoring junior personnel:

- » Higher education/credentialing
- » Employment
- » Lifelong learning
- » Productivity

By promoting the importance of **higher education or credentialing**, leaders can prepare Service members for viable military or civilian **employment** that will meet their financial needs. Visionary leaders promote **lifelong learning**, which will improve DoD **productivity** through organizational effectiveness, individual innovation and increase the number of independent, strategic thinkers within our organization.

The validation that leaders can use for education with mentees is lifetime earning potential and preparation for the future. According to Mark Schneider, a visiting scholar at the American Enterprise Institute and Vice President at American Institutes for Research, “Average annual earnings of individuals with a bachelor’s degree are more than 75 percent higher than the earnings of high school graduates. These additional earnings sum to more than \$1 million over a lifetime.” Even senior leaders with years of Service need to understand how the new realities facing today’s Service members apply to them as well. Retirement is no longer guaranteed despite one’s desire for tenured service. Many retirees correctly find it difficult to sustain their families without supplemental income, which may require a second career and additional credentials.

While education can help provide information that can make Service members more professional, it also provides a “Plan B” in case of drawdown or when simply facing life’s challenges. For example, during one of my recent briefs I was approached by a 6’4” Infantryman who appeared to be the picture of health. He told me that he had recently been diagnosed with Multiple Sclerosis and will be discharged from the Army within a few months. He has a wife and new baby and has been looking for jobs, but ultimately, he laments his decision to delay his degree pursuit. Transition comes in many forms.

“HOW” can be seen as both an acronym representing the DANTES “Handwriting on the Wall” brief as well as the resources offered to Service members and their families from DANTES. The “HOW” brief outlines the necessity of education when considering projected DoD personnel and budget cuts and encourages Service members to take control of their own destiny by pursuing voluntary education. Leaders — encourage your Service members to visit our Web site at [www.dantes.doded.mil](http://www.dantes.doded.mil) and utilize our many educational resources.

We hope to see you at our workshop in July or in a future “Handwriting on the Wall” brief. Please share our Web site and the importance of education with your personnel. They may not know what they need, but with our educational resources and your mentorship they can see HOW to get the HELP that can place them on the path to both personal and professional success.

I look forward to hearing from you - please contact me at [rca@navy.mil](mailto:rca@navy.mil) or follow me on Twitter for educational information and support @HOW2EDU.

# TESTING CALENDAR

June 2012

11 LSAT (50 United States, Canada, Caribbean)  
 12 LSAT (Europe, Middle East, Africa, South America)  
 25 LSAT (Asia, Australia, New Zealand)

July 2012

21-25 Praxis\*

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.

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