

## New official joint transcript now available

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Do you remember being told during your career that military training and experience may count for college credit? Maybe you remember being told that there were American Council on Education (ACE) recommended credits awarded for military service schools and occupational specialties. Have you taken courses from different colleges throughout your career?

Perhaps you took college courses prior to entering the military. What about College-Level Examination Program (CLEP) or DSST exams that you've passed? How do you keep track of it all?

Fortunately, this month we will see the implementation of a new transcript system that will serve as a collection point for almost all of your educational accomplishments. The new transcript is called the Joint Services Transcript (JST). Services had previously developed independent transcript and education repositories of ACE college credit recommendations for their members: the Army ACE Registry Transcript Service (AARTS) created in 1987; the Sailor Marine ACE Registry Transcript (SMART) created in 1999; and the Coast Guard Institute Transcript. The problem? These systems were not standardized in a way that made it easy for colleges and higher learning institutions to award the maximum

ACE recommended credits. Maximizing this credit source can provide Service members with advanced standing in their degree programs at participating colleges.

It's important to note that the Air Force will continue to make its records available through the Community College of the Air Force (CCAF) and the Air Force Virtual Education Center.

The JST is designed to be a convenient, computer-generated document that will carefully track your military training and coursework. When the AARTS and SMART were created in partnership with ACE, both documents listed personal student data, courses, and occupations evaluated by ACE, including descriptions, learning outcomes and equivalent college credit recommendations, as well as national college-level exam results. The new JST has all of these and more. It is endorsed by ACE, carries the official ACE seal, and will be monitored for quality assurance. The JST will be available online for personal use or individuals may request, at no charge, that an official copy be sent to accredited colleges and universities.

While many colleges and universities review Service transcripts for potential transfer of credit, students need to ask their school about their policies for awarding extra-institutional credit. Knowing how the recommended credit is applied to the program of study and the total number of semester hours accepted may affect your enrollment decisions. Institutions that participate in the DOD MOU program or in Service members Opportunity Colleges (SOC) have agreed to at least review military credit recommendations toward degree requirements. SOC is contract program managed by DANTES.

Since the decision to award credit for any military training and coursework rests entirely with the receiving institution; it may be wise to research more than one school to maximize college credit potential for your military experiences. And don't forget to take advantage of the free counseling support offered at your

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base education office or virtual education center. The JST Web site at [www.jst.doded.mil](http://www.jst.doded.mil) will be available Feb. 24, 2013.

Until next time, keep up with DANTES on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/DANTES.DoD](http://www.facebook.com/DANTES.DoD).

## EXAMINATIONS NEWS

### Annual online TCO Academic Testing Course updates

The new year often means starting new projects at home or setting personal goals such as exercise and weight management programs; for the DANTES Examinations Program Department, it means the online TCO Academic Testing Course will be under construction for maintenance. 2012 was definitely a busy year with all of the Exams Program changes that took place, and equivalent updates throughout each of the course modules have been scheduled for incorporation.

The FY13 edition of the DANTES Examinations Program Handbook (DEPH) Part I and the most current DEPH Part II Chapters can be found in the references section of the TCO Academic Testing Course. Look for the References icon:  Test Control Officers (TCOs)/Alternate Test Control Officers (ATCOs)/Interim Test Control Officers (ITCOs) appointees are strongly advised to review these references prior to beginning the course modules.

All TCOs/ATCOs/ITCOs are reminded “when first in doubt, always check your DEPH out!” Send questions to [exams@navy.mil](mailto:exams@navy.mil).

### CCME Symposium 2013 offers free admittance Feb. 27 to military members

The Council of College and Military Educators (CCME) Symposium will be open to Service members, veterans, and their families free of charge on Wednesday, Feb. 27. Not only does this provide a great opportunity for their career and education exploration, but also the chance to attend presentations and breakout sessions related to this year’s theme, “Building Bridges to Success through Education for the Military Community.”

For more information, go to [www.ccmeonline.org/annualsymposium](http://www.ccmeonline.org/annualsymposium). The symposium will be held in San Diego, Calif., Feb. 25-28.

Key Joint Services Transcript (JST) Q & As	
What is JST?	The ONE official standardized military transcript for colleges and universities to recognize.
Which military transcript programs does JST replace?	The Army/American Council on Education Registry Transcript System (AARTS); Sailor/Marine American Council on Education Registry Transcript (SMART); and the Coast Guard Institute (CGI) transcript program.
Which Services participate in the use of JST?	The Army, Navy and Marine Corps initially. The Coast Guard at a later time. (Note: The Air Force will continue to use the Community College of the Air Force (CCAF) for their personnel’s transcripts.)
What is the JST URL?	<a href="http://www.jst.doded.mil">www.jst.doded.mil</a> (available Feb. 24, 2013)
What is the email address for JST correspondence?	<a href="mailto:jst@doded.mil">jst@doded.mil</a>
Who is the JST POC?	Laurine Anderson, Program Manager for SMART/JST. Contact her via e-mail ( <a href="mailto:jst@doded.mil">jst@doded.mil</a> ) or call (850) 452-1001 Opt 3 Ext. 1097.

Is there a topic you would like to see covered in the DIB? Do you have a question about DANTES? If so, let us know at [pubs@navy.mil](mailto:pubs@navy.mil).

## Maximize Your Military Training for College Credit – Part 3

By Michele Spires, Director, Military Programs, American Council on Education (ACE)

This is the third and final installment of the American Council on Education (ACE) military training article, reviewing ACE publications. Part 1, discussing ACE and how you can get started with an education plan, is in the December DIB. Part 2, discussing military transcripts, is in the January DIB.

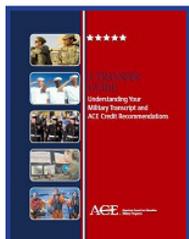
### What is the ACE Military Guide?

For more than a half century, the “Guide to the Evaluation of Educational Experiences in the Armed Services” has been the standard reference work for recognizing learning acquired in the military. It helps users identify, evaluate, and award college credit for military training.

Presented now in online format ([www.acenet.edu/militaryguide](http://www.acenet.edu/militaryguide)), the “Guide Online” contains ACE recommendations for formal courses and occupations offered by the Services. New military training courses and occupations are continually being evaluated by ACE, and entries are added daily to the online guide.

All course and occupation exhibits from the 1954–89 archived edition of the Guide have been integrated into the online version.

### A Transfer Guide: Understanding Your Military Transcript and ACE Credit Recommendations



This guide is based on the simple principle that if Service members have a clear understanding

of their military transcript and basic information about transfer policies and issues, they can more successfully navigate their way through the transfer process. This publication is a resource for understanding military credit recommendations, military transcripts, and how to use them when transferring to an academic institution.

The topics are presented in a straight-forward, non-technical manner that allow Service members to quickly understand ACE credit recommendations and transfer credit policies. To download a copy go to [www.acenet.edu/militaryprograms/transferguide](http://www.acenet.edu/militaryprograms/transferguide).

### Other ACE Guides

Service members may not be aware that, in addition to the college credit recommendations available to each branch of the military, similar recommendations are available for certification examinations, as well as the thousands of training courses and programs reviewed through ACE's CREDIT® recommendation service. These recommendations are published in the ACE guides “National Guide to College Credit for Workforce Training” ([www.acenet.edu/nationalguide](http://www.acenet.edu/nationalguide)) and “Guide to Educational Credit by Examination.”

ACE Registry transcripts for courses and examinations completed under these programs are available from ACE's CREDIT programs. For more information, contact the ACE College Credit Recommendation Service:

Toll-free: (866) 205-6267

Email: [credit@acenet.edu](mailto:credit@acenet.edu)

For more information on the Guide Online, Transfer Guide or the evaluation of courses and occupations by ACE, contact:

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[www.acenet.edu/militaryguide](http://www.acenet.edu/militaryguide)

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## Other VolEd news...

### Marines, sailors take studying abroad to another level

[www.dvidshub.net/news/100011/marines-sailors-take-studying-abroad-another-level](http://www.dvidshub.net/news/100011/marines-sailors-take-studying-abroad-another-level)

### AFMC continues education focus with “Year of the Graduate”

[www.afmc.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123332852](http://www.afmc.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123332852)

### Stennis sailors have what it takes to be COOL

[www.navy.mil/submit/display.asp?story\\_id=71249](http://www.navy.mil/submit/display.asp?story_id=71249)

### Educating youth one grocery-shopper at a time

[www.dvidshub.net/news/100647/educating-youth-one-grocery-shopper-time](http://www.dvidshub.net/news/100647/educating-youth-one-grocery-shopper-time)

## HIGHER EDUCATION PROGRAMS NEWS (CON'T)

### Thirty minutes or less

In less than 30 minutes, active duty, Guard, and Reserve personnel and Service members in transition can take all three of the Kuder® Journey assessments to learn more about themselves. Taking the Kuder Work Values Assessment (learn what's most important to you), Kuder Career Interests Assessment (connect your top interests with career clusters), and the Kuder Skills Confidence Assessment-A (what do you believe you're good at doing?) will kick-start exploration and encourage more career satisfaction.



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1. Visit [www.dantes.kuder.com](http://www.dantes.kuder.com);
2. Watch the User Registration and Overview Tutorials;
3. Register as a new user.

Once the assessments have been taken, results are saved in the user's e-portfolio. Service members have access to view interest results, suggested occupations, and reports (Composite and One-page Summary).

Education Service Officers and counselors do not have access to individual user accounts. Therefore, Service members should bring a copy of the results and reports to counseling sessions or transition class for evaluation.

While this program is provided free to active duty Service members only, civilians and family members can purchase a lifetime user code for \$35.

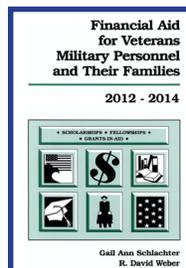
More information can be obtained via:

- » DANTES Counselor Support Programs Web page ([www.dantes.doded.mil/Sub%20Pages/Counselor Support/Counselor Support Main.html](http://www.dantes.doded.mil/Sub%20Pages/Counselor%20Support/Counselor%20Support%20Main.html))
- » DANTES Counseling Support email ([counseling@navy.mil](mailto:counseling@navy.mil))
- » Kuder customer support email ([support@kuder.com](mailto:support@kuder.com))
- » Kuder customer support phone (877-999-6227.)

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archived DIBs.**

## REFERENCE PUBLICATIONS NEWS

### College financial aid info specific for the military



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More than one third of America's population has either direct or indirect ties to the military. The publication titled "Financial Aid for Veterans, Military Personnel and Their Families" is the only publication providing comprehensive information on more than 1,400 financial assistance programs aimed specifically at individuals with ties to the military.

Every financial program listed in this book offers at least \$1,000 and many award \$20,000 or more, or pay all college expenses. This book offers "FREE" funding for education and never is the funding required to be paid back.

It also makes it easy to search for funding with six indexes for ease of search: Program Title, Sponsoring Organization, Residency, Tenability, Subject, and Calendar.

Military education centers can order this valuable college financial aid book from DANTES at no cost. Just send an email to [dist@navy.mil](mailto:dist@navy.mil), providing DANTES ID number, Stock #2464, and quantity desired (limit is 5 per 6 months).

#### **Mystery Quote:**

"The school is the last expenditure upon which America should be willing to economize."

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.

Bruce Barton, Chief, Force Development Flight  
Maxwell AFB, Ala.

was the first to identify the author of December's quote as Mestrius Plutarchus.

Great job!



Lt Col Eurydice Stanley  
Reserve Component Advisor

## How badly do you want your education?

In honor of African American History Month and in the interest of understanding the evolution of education benefits in the Services, I'd like to share the origins of the GI Bill and the challenges once faced by minority Service members. Often, knowledge of history makes one more appreciative of that which

may be taken for granted.

The Servicemen's Readjustment Act of 1944, commonly known as the GI Bill, almost never made it out of Congress as members of the House and Senate debated its provisions. According to the Veterans Administration Web site ([www.gibill.va.gov/benefits/history/timeline/index.html](http://www.gibill.va.gov/benefits/history/timeline/index.html)), some shunned the idea of paying unemployed veterans \$20 a week thinking it diminished their incentive to look for work. Others questioned the concept of sending battle-hardened veterans to colleges and universities, a privilege then reserved for the rich. However, despite their differences, all agreed something must be done to help veterans assimilate into civilian life.

The intent for passing a GI Bill of Rights was to prevent the destitution that had impacted many returning World War I veterans. The GI Bill Web site states, "Much of the urgency stemmed from a desire to avoid the missteps following World War I, when discharged veterans got little more than a \$60 allowance and a train ticket home."

The hard-sought assimilation back into traditional life for veterans was even more challenging for African Americans. Dr. Edwin J. Nichols recalls his experiences as a Korean War veteran while attempting to use his educational benefit in the pursuit of his Ph.D. He served on active duty as a staff sergeant in the racially segregated 1279th Combat Engineer Battalion, as a member of the Michigan National Guard.

Prior to being drafted in 1950, Nichols completed nearly two years of college. Upon returning from active duty, he used two of his four year GI Bill for undergraduate studies. In 1955, he applied for admission to a two year terminal master's degree in industrial psychology. The requirement for completion of the degree was a one year practicum in a company. Due to racism, no company in Michigan would give Nichols a practicum, despite his Korean Veteran status. Therefore, the university stated, it would be

unfair to admit him as he could not fulfill the requirements for graduation.

This "Catch 22" was not a new experience for African Americans. As a result, many of their parents made sacrifices and sent their children to Europe for advanced educational opportunities. Using his GI Bill, Nichols went to Germany to complete his master's and conducted his practicum at Mercedes Benz and Zeiß Ikon companies.

The primary challenge with studying abroad was that he had to be proficient enough in German to attend university lectures and seminars and to write his thesis. Consider the challenges Service members face as they consider going back to school – time, support, finances, fear – what if language were added to the list? "I had to also learn the regional dialect as a psychotherapist. Language proficiency was expected as I administered psychological test batteries to the apprentices of Mercedes Benz and Zeiß Ikon or worked with a patient that was psychotic. I had to be able to understand," said Nichols.

He went on to complete his Doctorate of Philosophy in psychology and psychiatry, cum laude, at Leopold - Franzens Universität in Innsbruck, Austria.

Nichols did whatever it took to obtain his degree... are you willing to do the same? Can you go the extra mile to reach your education goals? He encourages all Service members to pursue their education. "You are wasting an opportunity to be able to have a better life for your children and your family," he said. "When I came back with my GI Bill, there were friends of mine that went to trade school to learn tool and die with their GI Bill...all paths will improve your quality of life."

Tuition assistance and the GI Bill are earned Service member benefits. There are many who preceded you in Service that did not have the same opportunities. Honor their legacy while improving your own future – by doing so, you will not only serve yourself, but you will serve your profession, your family and your country. DANTES is here to help – utilize our resources at [www.dantes.doded.mil](http://www.dantes.doded.mil). I enjoy hearing from you, please contact me at [rca.navy.mil](mailto:rca.navy.mil).



Staff Sgt. Edwin J.  
Nichols, 1950

## Welcome aboard!

Steve Myers joined DANTES last month as the DANTES European advisor, located in Germany. He was previously with the United States Army Installation Management Command Europe (IMCOM-E) Human Resources Division.

Myers started his career in education as a Program for Afloat College Education (PACE) instructor. He has 36 years of Government service, much of it with the Army Continuing Education System (ACES) where he served as a Guidance Counselor, Education Services Specialist, and Education Services Officer. His last position with ACES was serving on the IMCOM-E ACES Headquarters staff as the Alternate Contracting Officer's Representative for the European Command Tri-Services Post-Secondary and Support Services contracts, as well as the downrange contracts.

Since then, he has served as a Region Installation Support Specialist and as a Human Resources Specialist.

Steve is delighted to be back working with Department of Defense education personnel and is very excited about working with the DANTES program in Europe.

The DANTES European Office oversees 63 testing sites in 23 countries. Twenty-four of the sites are located at downrange locations in the Middle East and Africa.



### Jan. in U.S. history:

**1, New Year's Day:** The most celebrated holiday world-wide  
**1, 1863:** The Emancipation Proclamation by President Abraham Lincoln freed the slaves in the South  
**3, 1959:** Alaska admitted as the 49th U.S. state  
**5, 1925:** Nellie Tayloe Ross of Wyoming became the first female U.S. governor  
**7, 1800:** Millard Fillmore, 13th U.S. President, born  
**9, 1913:** Richard M. Nixon, 37th U.S. President, born  
**13, 1990:** Douglas Wilder of Virginia became first African-American U.S. governor  
**15, 1929:** Civil rights leader Martin Luther King, Jr., born  
**16, 1991:** The first war against Iraq began  
**28, 1915:** The U.S. Coast Guard created  
**28, 1986:** U.S. Space Shuttle Challenger exploded 74 seconds into its flight  
**29, 1843:** William McKinley, 25th U.S. President, born  
**30, 1882:** Franklin Delano Roosevelt, 32nd U.S. President, born

### **ATTENTION!!!**

It's been over a year since we redesigned our Web site. We are now working to improve on that design - version 2.0 you could say. We will simplify navigation even more, add interactivity, and make it easier to find exactly the information you need.

Here is where you come in... What features of our Web site do you like? Don't like? Would like to see added or removed? Your input will help ensure our site works for you. After all - YOU are why we are here!

Send your suggestions/comments to [pubs@navy.mil](mailto:pubs@navy.mil).

## New look for ACE Web site

The American Council on Education (ACE) online Military Guide has a revamped search function and an updated look, making it easier to locate and review the thousands of courses ACE has evaluated and recommended for college credit since 1954.

There is also a Frequently Asked Questions section that Service members and veterans, higher education institutions, and civilian employers will find helpful.

The Military Guide is the sole source of information for all military courses and occupations evaluated by ACE.

Learn more at [www.acenet.edu/news-room/Pages/Military-Guide-Online.aspx](http://www.acenet.edu/news-room/Pages/Military-Guide-Online.aspx).



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# TESTING CALENDAR

Feb. 2013

- 11 LSAT (50 United States, Canada, the Caribbean, Europe, Middle East, Africa and South America)
- 18 LSAT (Asia, Australia, and New Zealand)

April 2013

- 10-14 Praxis\*
- 20-26 GRE Subject\*

June 2013

- 10 LSAT (50 United States, Canada and the Caribbean)
- 11 LSAT (Europe, Middle East, Africa and South America)
- 24 LSAT ( Asia, Australia and New Zealand)

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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