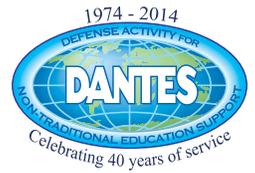


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DANTES SEA gets grand tour of Ft. Stewart

I want to tell you about my most recent trip, the first one that I took on my own since joining DANTES — Fort Stewart, Ga. It was a great visit, very informative. Prior to my trip, the ESO (Pamela King) told me to contact her directly upon arrival. First impressions are everything,

and that really showed her leadership upfront. I want to thank Dr. Olivia Penrod, Robin Ellert, Pamela King and the staff for making me feel at home. They are true professionals that care.

I arrived first thing at the Sgt. First Class Paul R. Smith Army Education Center. The center is named for Paul Ray Smith, a great Service member posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor for his actions in Operation Iraqi Freedom. While serving with B Company, 11th Engineer Battalion, 3rd Infantry Division in Baghdad, Iraq, his team was attacked by a group of Iraqi fighters and after a short firefight he was killed by Iraqi fire. For his actions during this battle he was recommended and approved for the Medal of Honor. Two years later, the medal and newly approved Medal of Honor flag were presented to his family, specifically to his eleven-year-old son David, at a White House ceremony by then President George W. Bush. Again I say, what a great Service member.

After touring this facility, I had to mention to the team that I've been in for 25 years and this was the

best education office facility I've ever seen. Then I met with Thomas Allmon, the Director of Human Resources for Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield, Ga. He discussed the local installation and mentioned that I should schedule a trip to Hunter Army Airfield. I am looking forward to visiting that location in July or August. The staff was so thankful that a representative from DANTES visited their Education Center.

Next came sessions for a day and a half. The education office scheduled five sessions with Service members. In all, about 100 Service members were briefed in these sessions. I also took the opportunity

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CMSgt Velez, DANTES SEA, and the Ft. Stewart Education Office staff surround a bust of Medal of Honor recipient Sgt. First Class Paul R. Smith, for whom the Army Education Center was named.

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between sessions to make contact with an additional 50 Service members one-on-one. The amazing feedback I received after these sessions and individual contacts is that these Service members did not know anything about DANTES programs!

I provided information to the Service members on: Online Academic Skills Course; College Placement Skills Training; Kuder® Journey; Distance Learning Readiness Self-Assessment; DoD VolEd MOU; Military Evaluations Program; Joint Services Transcript; Exams Program; Servicemembers Opportunity Colleges; Outreach; Third Party Assessment; Troop to Teachers; and Waypoints.

They appreciated our mission and how these programs can set them up for success while in the Service and after. Granted, only 150 Service members were contacted, but that is 150 more than last week. Those numbers should increase because some of the Service members in earlier sessions mentioned they were going back to tell their subordinates and friends. And some of those showed up at later sessions! As I like to say, communication is everything.

We may never know the full impact of the sessions I conducted. But, down the road, many of these Service members may be getting that four-year degree that they were encouraged to pursue. The knowledge that DANTES helped them achieve this accomplishment is all the reward we need.

In closing, this was a great trip. This trip would not have been successful if it were not for my teammates that set me up for success. It all started with Mike Alexander and John Schnell at the Distribution Center. They put 100 folders together last minute for the Service members. Also, I want to thank Taheesha Quarells, Kathy Bratsch, Candice Rice, Sharon Beaudoin, Demetra King, Stacey Kirkpatrick, Michelle Alexander, Kiwanis Short, William McAleer, Teresa Daniels, and John Turner for their assistance on the presentation that each Service member received—“Thank you teammates for your true professionalism.”

Also, I want to pass on that the Fort Stewart Education Office specifically mentioned Demetra King and Kirstin Savage in the Examinations Program for all of the assistance they provide.

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 enlisted events at your military installation please let me know, I would appreciate the invite. Also, remember, 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. My next trip is to Fort Bragg and Pope AFB, N.C. I hope I'm able to meet you at your location. Send me an email at ea@navy.mil. I would enjoy hearing from you. Until next time.

DANTES PERSONNEL NEWS

Congratulations go out to two DANTES team members

MILEVAL Program Manager



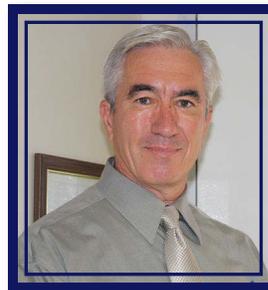
Join us in congratulating Taheesha Quarells, currently the DANTES Strategic Planning Program Manager, on her selection as the DANTES Military Evaluation Program Manager.

She brings with her a varied skillset, including strategic planning, training, research, program evaluation, contract management, education counseling, and project management. She hasn't seen a project yet that she couldn't take on and master.

Now she is ready to apply those skills to the Military Evaluation program.

Congratulations, Taheesha. We know you will do an outstanding job!

Contract Management Dept. Head



Congratulations to Jim Coppenger on his selection as the Education Programs Contract Management Department Head.

He is currently the Contract Manager for a number of DANTES programs to include CENTCOM Education Services, DoD MOU, VolEd Strategic Plan, DANTES Digital Strategy and Web Support and the Virtual Education Fair. With over 30 years working as an Air Force, Army, and Navy Contracting Officer, he has the background and expertise to keep the contract management department running smoothly and efficiently.

Good luck, Jim, and again, congratulations!

EXAMINATIONS NEWS

Prometric DSST updates

As a follow-up on Prometric's January announcement of efforts to enhance their examinations, here are the current updates for DSST:

Public Speaking examination

Prometric is pleased to announce 12 new Public Speaking topics- yes 12! Service members will be presented with interesting and current topics related to subjects such as cell phones, sports and governance. Public Speaking is the number one DSST examination taken by military candidates around the world and is widely accepted by colleges and universities.

Cybersecurity

The Federal Trade Commission reports more than 330,000 consumer complaints and over \$24 billion dollars in financial losses in 2012. A significant and troubling number right?

Most recently, we have heard of consumer information leaks from some of the most successful and well known businesses. Cybersecurity in both the consumer and government market is very important to everyone. In 2013, DSST launched the Fundamentals of Cybersecurity exam geared toward students interested in an IT or Business career path. Topics such as Information Systems Security, Application Security, and Network Security are covered.

Candidates seeking upper level credit can take Fundamentals of Cybersecurity, saving time and money for other classes necessary to complete their degree.

For more DSST credit-by-exam information, visit www.getcollegecredit.com or email exams@navy.mil.

DANTES TCO Portal to be replaced by DAIMS

Like the TCO Portal, the DANTES Academic Information Management System (DAIMS) is designed for use by DANTES Testing Personnel to manage paper-based DANTES Test Site operations and provide resources specific to the academic exams sponsored by DANTES. The new system features enhanced and up-to-date volume reporting by authorized users for a variety of academic programs and electronic data share capability with DANTES military partners.

The initial rollout scheduled for June 2015 is for internal use only, by HQ DANTES staff.

It is essential that DANTES Testing Personnel log into their TCO Portal accounts prior to May 31, 2015, and download all items under DOCUMENTS which are crucial to test site management and paper-based test administration. DANTES

CIRF available on TCO Portal

Test Control Officers (TCOs) can utilize the new Contractor Incident Report Form (CIRF) available on the TCO portal for any problem or issue that cannot be resolved with the testing agencies. CIRFs will only be accepted for the following authorized testing agencies pertaining to DANTES-funded test administrations: Prometric, College Board, ACT and GEDTS.

TCOs may use this form for any issue that cannot be resolved after the first attempt of communication with the testing agency. Attempts to resolve the issue must be made before submitting this form to DANTES. A qualifying issue is any action defined in the DANTES Examination Program Handbook (DEPH) where a DANTES test site is authorized to communicate directly with the testing agency and any others related to the DANTES Examinations Program as listed on the incident report form under "Classification".

TCOs must read the instruction sheet included with the CIRF before completing the form. Submit the CIRF to the Examinations Program, DANTES N32, by email to exams@navy.mil or fax to 850-452-1160, DSN 459-1160. A response to the reported issue and/or resolution will be received by DANTES from the testing agency within 10 business days of submission. This response will be forwarded to the TCO.

Important note: Do NOT submit this form directly to the testing agency!

Contact the DANTES Exams Program concerning any questions or concerns at exams@navy.mil or 850-452-1111 ext 3128.

recommends creating backup files of the following proprietary documents to avoid test administration delays: CLEP Examination Guides; 2015 CLEP titles; DEPH Online (Parts I and II); and all forms and exhibits.

Backup files may be burned to discs, saved to the DANTES TCO or ATCO hard drive and to a Shared Drive when access is restricted to authorized DANTES Testing Personnel. With the exception of the 2015 CLEP Examination Guides, the remaining items MAY NOT be accessible via the military installation Intranet.

Until DAIMS is fully functional, the staff at DANTES HQ Exams Program will make every effort to ensure continued operations and provide support as needed. Email requests for information and assistance to exams@navy.mil.

DANTES PARTNERSHIPS NEWS

The evolution of SOC (Part 1 of 3)

You may have heard that the Servicemembers Opportunity Colleges (SOC) program is changing and morphing with the needs of the military. Due to the Department of Defense Memorandum of Understanding (DoD MOU), signed by DoD and over 2,500 institutions, the need for the SOC Consortium has dissipated. However, the need for more program support of DoD, degree networks, and career/technical partnerships has increased.

Below is an illustration of the new SOC structure:



Under the new structure, SOC will continue to work as a liaison between Service representatives and education institutions. However,

their role has expanded to assist with the Postsecondary Education Complaint System, as requested by the Service or OUSD.

The SOC Degree Network System (DNS) will also be changing and in the future will include:

- » consolidation of SOC DNS by removing Service distinctions by program (SOCAD/NAV/MAR/COAST)
- » maintaining guaranteed course transferability as central focus of the SOC DNS
- » providing increased degree options for Service members across participating Services—Army, Navy, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard

Tune in next month for additional updates regarding the program.

VA-ACME announces 2015 Educator of the Year



Jacqueline Rhodes, the VA-ACME 2015 Educator of the Year, proudly shows off her new award.

Photo courtesy of VA-ACME

One of the highlights of the annual Virginia Association of College and Military Educators (VA-ACME) symposia is the announcement of the Educator of the Year. This year was no different.

The VA-ACME 9th Annual Symposium was held in March. Nora Graves, Past President, VA-ACME, made the announcement, saying, “The Educator of the Year Award is always the most difficult decision for all of us to make. But, this year it was very clear! This Educator has been in Vol-Ed for 30 years. She has held multiple positions and has had to adapt constantly. She is an innovator, creative, and constantly morphing to accommodate the military student.

“Her priority is always the military. Always! She advocates for them with her superiors, constantly changing COs and military leaders. She demands the BEST out of all of us...The Best! Sometimes we do not always like that, but it is always to benefit the students!

“Four years ago Jacque took on a huge undertaking: our own Distance Education Graduation Ceremony. We all look forward to this event every year as it has been a huge hit and continues to grow.

“This year’s Educator of the Year award goes to Jacqueline Rhodes!”

Rhodes is the Director of the Navy College Office at Naval Station Norfolk, Va. She has worked in the Navy’s voluntary education program for over 30 years, serving Service members at Portsmouth, Dam Neck, Little Creek and Norfolk. Rhodes is a native of Hampton Roads, Va., with strong ties to the community and serving the military.

Counselors, need help keeping up-to-date? DANTES virtual training to the rescue!

To assist education counselors in growing or refreshing their knowledge base, DANTES will be offering training focused on keeping counselors current on trends and available resources. Since DANTES supports more than 400 education and family support centers worldwide, the virtual training will be offered during various times to accommodate various geographic locations and time zones.

According to the National Career Development Association (NCDA),

having a strong information and resource knowledge base is essential for counselors who assist clients with career development. For military education counselors, having access to a wide variety of education and career-related resources is important in helping Service members through their education and career journey. It is recommended that this knowledge and resource base include:

» trends in education, training, and employment

- » current labor market information and resources that provide information about job tasks, functions, salaries, requirements and future outlooks related to broad occupational fields and individual occupations
- » knowledge of vocational and education institutions and their programs
- » awareness of alternative sources of college and vocational credit
- » community/professional resources available to assist clients in career and education planning
- » best practice use of computer-assisted career guidance systems (CACGS) to assist with career planning

The May topic is “Cybersecurity and Information Technology Education Resources.” One-hour sessions will be conducted at 7 am, 10 am, 2 pm, and 8 pm (all EST) on May 19, 20 and 28.

To register for a session or for more information, email dantes_outreach@navy.mil.

The training will be sponsored by the Defense Cyber Investigations Training Academy (DCITA), the training directorate of the Defense Cyber Crime Center (DC3) serving a diversity of students from many federal agencies. The upcoming training sessions for education counselors will explore how DCITA can help Service members obtain industry recognized training, certifications, continuing education units (CEUs) and American Council on Education (ACE) recommended college credit without tuition costs.



Virtual Counselor Training

Attend training designed to help you assist military members prepare for **IT and Cyber Security Careers** May 19th, 20th, or 28th

Attend one of the 70 minute training sessions offered each day at 7:00 a.m.; 10:00 a.m.; 2:00 p.m.; or 8:00 p.m. EST

Learn how to help military members:

-  **PLAN** for IT & Cyber Security careers
-  **EXPLORE** available training options
-  **LOWER** education & credentialing costs

For information on how to register for one of the training sessions, email: dantes_outreach@navy.mil

Counsel with competence and confidence

TROOPS TO TEACHERS NEWS

Dan Walsh, John Adams High School Teacher of the Year

By Emily Siefken: Illinois and Indiana State Director

Many military men and women will tell you that there is a special kind of camaraderie between those who have taken the oath of Service. This willingness to help can be invaluable to those who are ready to retire or separate from the military.

If you are looking for information about what it takes to become an educator in the states of Indiana and Illinois, look no further than John Adams High School Science Department Head Dan Walsh, retired U.S. Navy Lt. Cmdr. and volunteer mentor.

Walsh currently lives in Granger, Ind., with his wife Meghan and two sons, Connor and Ryan. He became the Science Department Head for John Adams High School after just four years of teaching. Recently, Walsh was nominated for Teacher of the Year at Adams and will compete for the State of Indiana's Teacher of the Year. He currently holds an Indiana Department of Education Teacher Certification in Technology, Business, Math, Physics and Earth Science, and has achieved an astounding 99 percent student success rate in science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) subjects.

Walsh served more than twenty years in the United States Navy and retired in 2005. In addition to his duties as a P-3C Orion Naval Flight Officer, he served as Assistant Air Operations Officer onboard USS Enterprise during the Global War on Terror, Assistant Director of Training, (POW / SERE), Flag Secretary for the Commander, Icelandic Defense Force, as well as numerous other duties and deployments.

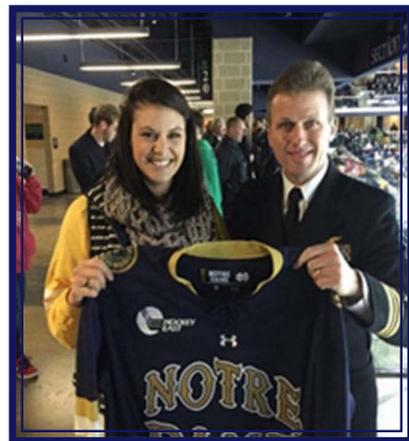


P-3C Orion VP- 26 Pictured Lt. Cmdr. Daniel Walsh (2nd Row 2nd from Left)

Following his distinguished military service, Walsh served as a JROTC Instructor at Bloom Trail High School in Illinois and returned to teach at the University of Notre Dame, his alma mater. Throughout his career, Dan has been a steadfast supporter of the Troops to Teachers (TTT) program. In his spare time, Dan volunteers his time with an organization for homeless veterans in South Bend, Millers Vets.

Through hard work and dedication, Walsh is currently in a position to help Service members who would like to teach in or around South Bend, Ind. He is also an excellent resource for anyone considering teacher preparation programs in the states of Indiana and Illinois or who would like to become JROTC instructors.

To get in touch with Walsh or to get more information on the TTT program, contact the Illinois/Indiana TTT Program Manager at emily.siefken@illinois.gov or 312-814-1831.



Lt. Cmdr. Dan Walsh was honored for his military service during a University of Notre Dame Hockey game.



For general information on the TTT program:

» websites:

www.dantes.doded.mil/service-members/troops-to-teachers/index.html

www.proudtoserveagain.com/

» email: ttt@navy.mil

» Toll free: (800) 231-6242

» DSN: 459-1320

» Fax: (850) 452-1096

Joint training turns into collaboration

On March 19, 2015, Master Sgt. Craig Dobbs, Air Force Reserve Component Liaison at the Community College of the Air Force (CCAF), conducted a special training session for DANTES personnel. Since DANTES is an education program and contract management organization, this valuable training provided personnel with information that will help them support development of joint Service education solutions. It also provided DANTES the opportunity to conduct its first hybrid event, broadening the audience to include in-seat and virtual participants.

The training familiarized DANTES employees with an overview of CCAF and their accreditation; degree program requirements; the General Education Mobile (GEM) program; the Air University Associate to Baccalaureate Cooperative (AU-ABC) program; and supporting education information management systems.

The hybrid training event allowed DANTES personnel to be joined by a diverse group of individuals. This group included academic institution representatives; local Air Force and Navy military education professionals from Hurlburt Field, Eglin Air Force Base, NAS Pensacola, and Saufley Field, and military education professionals as far away as Germany.

Due to the nature of the diverse group, the training session turned into opportunities to collaborate and identify opportunities for education program outreach. The group discussion identified the need for further information sharing among education field, headquarter, program management, and school personnel to ensure that current and future Service member education needs are being met.



Pictured above: The training took place on NAS Pensacola at the National Flight Academy. This state-of-the-art facility is primarily one of the most exciting and immersive learning adventures in the world aboard the world's largest simulated aircraft carrier. Programs for 7-12th graders inspire their interest in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM).



Pictured above and left: Master Sgt. Craig Dobbs, CCAF Air Force Reserve Component Liaison, briefs DANTES personnel and education professionals, both face-to-face and virtually.

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