

Troops to Teachers honors math teacher for service

U.S. Air Force retiree says teaching is his calling

By Jaime Cone
Brattleboro Reformer

Tom Talbot teaches math at Hinsdale High in Brattleboro, Vt. He is known throughout the school by staff and students as a kind and patient teacher with an uncanny ability to break things down and explain complex concepts.

What many of his students don't realize is that Talbot's teaching methods, not to mention his math skills, were honed by 20 years of service to his country in the Air Force.

"I look at teaching as a service to my country. A calling," said Talbot. "This country needs good math teachers."

Talbot was honored recently by Troops to Teachers, an organization that helps military personnel transition into teaching careers.

"In Troops to Teachers, 10 years is a milestone," Talbot said. "I appreciate the recognition. It shows the milestones – 10 years – and how quickly life goes by."

The award was presented by Troops to Teachers New Hampshire Councilor Gary Lovgren. Talbot was given a certificate recognizing his accomplishments, as well as a certificate of appreciation from the school.

He also was honored with the gift of a military coin, a symbolic item usually given by a senior officer to someone who has done something extraordinary.

"He's a plank owner – someone who is one of the leaders,"



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Hinsdale High School Principal John Sullivan, left, applauds math teacher Tom Talbot, during a longevity award presentation from Troops to Teachers.

said Principal John Sullivan. "He has a nice way of interacting with teens. His whole demeanor is very supportive, especially with the kids that are struggling."

"He understands what it means to be part of a mission and a contributing member toward the completion of that mission."

Sullivan said people who go on to teach after being in the military usually make excellent teachers.

"I've worked with six or seven of them, and every one of them has been successful," he said. "They take personal and professional pride in doing the job well."

Talbot has been recognized as an outstanding teacher by his students as well.

"His nature is so gentle," said senior Kayla Matuszewski. "He

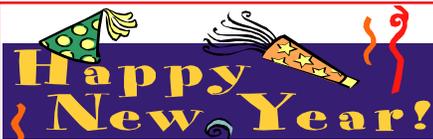
doesn't yell at all. He's patient with all the problems that we do, and he sometimes relates it to the Air Force. We've done airplane problems."

For sophomore Michael McCosker, math now makes more sense.

"He's the best math teacher I've had in my entire school career. He uses smaller words and easier terms, and he comes up with good examples. If someone says 'when are we ever going to use this stuff?' – he comes up with answers you wouldn't normally expect."

The other teachers agree.

"I often hear secondhand that Mr. Talbot makes confusing concepts easy to learn," said teacher Carrie Goldsmith. "The true gift of teaching is to be able to break down ideas and make them



DANTES TRIVIA

This is the seventh in a series of trivia questions commemorating DANTES 35th anniversary, which will be celebrated July 29, 2009, at DoD's Worldwide Education Symposium in Atlanta. Be the first person to submit the correct answer to pubs@navy.mil for a chance to win a special prize and be recognized at the Symposium.

Congratulations to Jon Richardson, VOLED Southwest Regional Director, San Diego, Calif., who correctly answered that the U.S. Armed Forces Institute was streamlined in 1974 to create DANTES.

Question #7: Going back to voluntary education's early days, which president was the first to offer troops instruction in reading/writing/math?

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understandable. And besides that, they like him. He's nice, and all the students know that."

Talbot is involved in the school and the community in ways that go beyond teaching.

"He's just a delight to work with," said Sharon Feely who is one of the joint officers of the National Honor Society along with Talbot. "I work with him on a number of joint, community-based projects and fundraisers, and he has incredible efficiency and proficiency."

He has stayed involved within Troops to Teachers as well.

"I serve as a person for those in active duty to talk with if they're interested in becoming a teacher," said Talbot.

Though his military career has taken him all over the world, Talbot has always felt a connection to home. He was raised in Dummerston and attended Brattleboro Union High School.

After serving in the Air Force, he wanted to come back and become a teacher in the area where he was brought up.

"I wanted to teach (after college,)" he said. "I was a Baby

Boomer who graduated from the University of Vermont in '72. At that time there were six openings at Brattleboro Union High and over 6,000 applications. They wouldn't even interview me."

That prompted Talbot to enter the Air Force.

He served in Washington D.C. and Korea, Monterey, Calif. – where he earned an advanced degree in meteorology. He also served two tours at Hanscom in Bedford, Mass., one tour in Germany and another in Omaha, Neb.

"I really wanted to make (the Air Force) a career," Talbot. "There were times when I was torn, but they kept offering me continual incentives to stay."

Despite being in the military for so long, Talbot said he feels like teaching is his calling.

"It's what I feel like I'm supposed to be doing," he said of his time in the classroom. "In the Air Force I had 11 jobs in 20 years and no chance to settle in."

"Here, if you really want to, you have the chance to get really good at your job by continually looking for ways to be a good teacher."

Beware of errors on exam answer sheets

The two most common errors examinees make when completing the Green CLEP and Brown DSST answer sheets are incorrectly bubbling in social security numbers and using incorrect resources to locate a school's Designated Institution (DI) Code

Regardless of the digits printed in the spaces for the social security number on answer sheets, only the marked ovals below these spaces are scanned. If the number is incorrect, the examinee's score is not accepted by military transcripts systems such as AARTS, CCAF, CGI and SMART.

CLEP and DSST answer sheets provide instructions for locating applicable DI Codes. For example, DSST DI Codes can be found on Prometric's Web site at <http://www.getcollegedcredit.com>, and CLEP DI Codes can be found on College Board's Web site at <http://www.collegeboard.com/clep>.

DANTES Test Control Officers and assistants are responsible for ensuring the accuracy of information on answer sheets before signing and mailing to the appropriate testing agency. Providing thorough instructions to examinees prior to administration of an exam should eliminate minor errors that delay the scoring process or cause score-reporting problems.



DANTES Services Workshop

Forty people from colleges, universities and military installations from Hawaii to New York attended the DANTES Services Workshop in November. The three-day event presented a broad overview of DANTES, with emphasis on the details of each program provided by their respective managers.

For many of the attendees, the highlight was the training on Myers Briggs Type Indicator (MBTI). There was positive feedback on other segments as well, including a Veterans Affairs update briefing and presentations from the Reserve Component Advisor and Special Enlisted Advisor on their roles at DANTES. The workshop ended with panel discussion on maintaining quality in voluntary education. Panel members included representatives from Community College of the Air Force (CCAF), Service Members Opportunity Colleges (SOC), Troy University and the American Council on Education (ACE).

Sandra Winborne, DANTES Credentialing Program manager, answers questions from Louis Vance, Hickam AFB.

Josh Soliz, Miramar MCAS, and Grant Doan, Dover AFB, pick up promotional materials provided during the workshop.



Sharon Beaudoin, DANTES training/outreach manager, plays an interactive game of "Who came the farthest distance to attend?"



Barry Nelson, above, DANTES Exams Program manager, talks with Kelly Curreri, NAS Pensacola.

Major Ron Lee, DANTES Reserve Component Advisor, discusses education benefits.



During a break between presentations, DANTES Director Jeff Cropsey talks with James Selbe, American Council on Education (ACE).



Panel members (from left) Betty Varnado, Andrea Baridon, David Durham and Cynthia Bruce participate in a Q&A session.

Testing Calendar

January 2009

10-14 Praxis*

February 2009

9 – LSAT (U.S./Puerto Rico/Canada)
13 – ECE Extended Response (Essay)

April 2009

5-11 – GRE Subject
17 – ECE Extended Response (Essay)
15-29 – Praxis*

May 2009

7, 12, 14 – ASE (CONUS)
12, 13, 14 – ASE (Overseas)
(ASE registration deadline: March 24)

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

Thirty five years
of DANTES



1974 — 2009



Looking back
to the year:

2005

In March of this year, DANTES launched the Exam Management Information System (EMIS) that houses a variety of exam program applications for TCOs, commands and Service HQs.

Get your fair share of financial aid

Families consistently overestimate the cost of college and underestimate the availability of financial aid.

They are convinced college is essential to a prosperous future, yet terrified they won't be able to afford it for their kids.

In truth, college can be expensive; however, don't throw up your hands and walk away. Financial help is available – and there's plenty of it.

But there is more to getting aid than matching a list of scholarship leads to a pile of stationary. It takes special knowledge.

Specifically, you should:

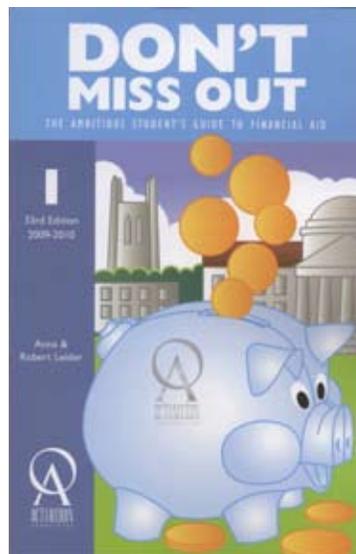
- * Know the written (and unwritten) rules
- * Know how to apply
- * Know about the buyers market
- * Know basic personal finance techniques

* Know how to tell good advice from bad

In “Don't Miss Out: The Ambitious Student's Guide to Financial Aid” (DANTES Stock #2421), the authors use clear prose and irreverent humor to explore grants, loans, scholarships and tax credits.

It cuts through red tape and government jargon, explodes financial aid myths and teaches you where the money really is to ensure you get your fair share.

To order this free publication, e-mail the DANTES



Distribution Center at dist@voled.doded.mil with your DANTES ID number and the quantity needed. There is a limit of 50 per year.

For a complete listing of all the DANTES Reference Publications, visit http://www.dantes.doded.mil/Dantes_web/distribution/refs.htm.

South Carolina military educators meet

The Council on Military Education in South Carolina (COMESC) held their annual conference in North Charleston, S.C., last month.

Speakers included Ann Hunter, Voluntary Education Service Chief for the Navy; Vernon Taylor, Chief of Marine Corps Continuing Education; and Kelly Mustion, program manager for GoArmyEd.

The speakers discussed current issues for their respective Services, with emphasis on educational opportunities and upcoming policy changes.

Linda McAllister, Chief Education Liaison Officer for the Atlanta Region, also spoke on the impacts of

the new Veterans Affairs Chapter 33 education benefits.

Coastline Community College presented a new way of “gaming” that involved interactive language learning for students and active duty military members.

Other topics discussed include Servicemembers Opportunity Colleges (SOC), Troops to Teachers, National Association of Institutions for Military Education Services (NAIMES) and upcoming Army National Guard legislation (being introduced during the next legislative session). The organization's next conference will be in November 2009. For more information, go to www.comesc.org.

Web site for DANTES Distance Learning gets new look

The home page for the DANTES Distance Learning Program has been redesigned to be more user-friendly.

Users can easily navigate their way through the DANTES distance learning catalogs and get more information about distance learning programs.

Features also include an expanded search function; a “Latest News” section to provide useful and timely information; a “Step-by Step” DANTES tutorial; a section of featured schools; a personal assistant to save search results; and a link for prospective schools to apply for affiliation.

Check out the new look at <http://www.dantes.doded.mil>. Click on distance learning programs and follow the prompts to the 2009 distance learning catalogs.



Navy College Office at Pearl Harbor recognizes Sailors

The Navy College Office at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, recently conducted its annual joint military recognition ceremony for Navy and Coast Guard Service members that completed certificate programs, GEDs, Apprenticeship Certificates, associate, bachelor's and master's degrees.

More than 400 individuals were recognized, including 118 that completed their United States Military Apprenticeship Program (USMAP) certificates.

More than 50 individuals were able to attend the ceremony conducted in their honor at the Naval Station base chapel.

The Navy's Pacific Fleet Band provided music and a vocalist for the National Anthem and the Naval Station Color Guard posted the Colors. A reception was held for graduates and guests after the ceremony. Staff from the Navy College Office and Coast Guard Station at Sand Island



coordinated the event.

Graduates from 21 different colleges and universities were honored during the event.

Degrees were awarded from Chaminade University, Coastline Community College, Excelsior College, Hawaii Pacific University and Wayland Baptist College.

The guest speaker was Capt. (SEL) Lawrence D. Hill, Executive Officer of the Naval Station, Pearl

Harbor, who began his Navy career in the enlisted ranks in 1977. Hill utilized Navy College (at Pearl Harbor) and tuition assistance to complete a Bachelor of Science degree from Thomas Edison State College in Nuclear Engineering Technology.

He then went on to obtain a master's degree in leadership and management from Webster University.

DANTES bids a fond farewell to its retiring employees

On Jan. 31, DANTES will say goodbye to two of its own who are retiring – Ann Crowder and H.S. “Ace” DuBose.

“Ann and Ace have been outstanding members of the DANTES team. Over their many years of service, each has been an example of dedicated public service and in particular support of the men and women of the Armed Services. All of DANTES wishes Ann Crowder and Ace DuBose all the best in the future,” said Dr. Jeff Cropsey, Director of DANTES.

Crowder has worked in resources management and administrative services for 32 years -- and has the dubious distinction of being the longest-serving DANTES employee.

Although she prefers to remain in the background, Crowder is something of a legend among her co-workers. She is one of the few people who can say she has worked for every DANTES director.

DuBose is leaving federal service after 36 years.

DuBose spent 20 years in the Air Force, retiring as First Sergeant from Langley Air Force Base in 1986.

DuBose came to DANTES in 1994 to work in the Examinations Department. He left in 1998 for a position at the Naval Financial



Ann Crowder

Management Career Center (NFMC) in Pensacola, Fla., as a financial management recruiter and education specialist.



Ace DuBose

He returned to DANTES in 2004 as training manager, responsible for coordinating the DANTES Regional, Services and Test Control Officer workshops.

His farewell message to all of you is, “Thank you for your friendship and help throughout my career and please keep up the great work that you do to make the lives of our military men and women better.”

From the Advisor's Desk

Congratulations to the Service members who earned degrees this year

Last year was a remarkable year for Service members participating in voluntary education.

I would like to send out my personal congratulations to the 25,800 active duty Service members that earned associate degrees, the 10,484 Service members that earned bachelor's degrees, as well as the 2,666 that earned master's degrees.

I commend each of you on achieving such tremendous success while dedicating yourself to the service of your country. You are a shining example of commitment, honor and pride to all Americans.

I also would like to thank the voluntary education professionals behind this success.

These dedicated professionals provide an invaluable service to the armed forces. I am extremely impressed with

the voluntary education community and its dedication to helping military members achieve their educational goals. Counseling non-traditional students working to earn college degrees is a monumental task.

I can't forget to thank the colleges and universities that go out of their way to provide specialized services, programs and support to military students.

They recognize the positive impact they have on the nation's finest – and in doing so, they play an integral role in advancing our mission readiness.

We have seen a lot of changes in the voluntary education system over the last 20 years, but one thing that remains the same is the extent Service members will go to achieve lofty goals.

Additionally, we have voluntary education professionals and university staffers that dedicate themselves to help turn these dreams into reality.

Active duty Service members have earned more than half a million college degrees in the last two

decades.

More than 188,000 of those degrees have been earned since the beginning of the Afghan/Iraq wars. It is tough to fathom the impact this has had on our country as a whole, but the impact on individuals, families, communities and the military is more than significant.

Voluntary education participation continues to grow. As it grows, so do the number of success stories. Service members continue to succeed under huge mission, family and financial demands.

As we move forward, let us take time to look back at these tremendous accomplishments by recognizing each person that sacrifices much, but still finds a way to succeed in a key aspect of their life.

Let us go into this new year fully committed to continued success and pride in what we accomplish. A lot of effort goes toward each degree. It is inspiring to reflect on that accomplishment – multiplied by the 38,950 successes of last year.



Navy College Office hosts education fair at Coronado

By MCS2 (SW) Ryan Valverde
Naval Base Coronado PAO

Hundreds of people turned out for the 10th annual Education Fair hosted by the Navy College Office onboard Naval Base Coronado (NBC) recently.

The event provided anyone with base access the opportunity to get information from 50 local and out-of-state universities and colleges.

Representatives from those schools informed prospective students about the educational opportunities that are available to Service members.

“The Education Fair will allow anyone with base access an opportunity to easily compare various educational programs that colleges offer, including financial assistance incentive programs,” said Susan Hannasch, Director of the Navy College Office aboard NBC. “There will be more colleges at a convenient one-stop location.”

Nearly 250 attendees browsed through venter booths and received counseling on a variety of topics such as admission requirements, degree programs and financial aid.

“Here you have schools from all over the country,” said Airman Aviation Boatswain’s Mate Sean Brady, 22, from USS Nimitz. “Most are offering classes online, which is great especially being in the Navy.”

Brady, from Tom’s River, N.J., said he joined the Navy for the college benefits.

He went on to say that the education fair was a great opportunity to visit with many different college advisors.

Seaman Soni Hernandez, 18, who’s assigned to Beach Master Unit One, agreed.

“This is a great place to get your college education started,” said Hernandez, a resident of San Diego.

Hernandez said the fair helped him narrow his search of potential schools to pursue a degree in criminal justice. Event coordinators



Naval Station Coronado’s Navy College Office recently hosted an education fair. Nearly 250 people showed up to get information on college admission requirements, degree programs and financial aid from more than 50 colleges and universities from around the country.

– Photos by MCS2 (SW)
Ryan Valverde



said the education fair was a great success.

“I am hoping that students will find this a very relaxed atmosphere where they can ask questions about college and be encouraged to begin their degree program,” said Hannasch.

Although the education fair was a one-day event, the Navy College Office is open Monday through Friday, ready to provide the tools, knowledge and information in support of students’ educational goals and professional development said Hannasch.

GMAT Exam now offered at Camp Victory in Baghdad

Aspiring business students working for the United States military in Iraq can now take the Graduate Management Admission Test (GMAT®) on a military base in Baghdad.

The GMAT – the standardized entrance exam relied upon by business schools around the world – is available at a new test center at Baghdad’s Camp Victory.

The Camp Victory test center was established after a member of the U.S. Army serving in Iraq contacted the Graduate Management Admission Council (GMAC®), owner of the GMAT, and inquired about taking the exam where he was posted.

He needed to take the exam before leaving Iraq to meet business school application deadlines for 2009 admission.

Restrictions prevented him from

traveling to an alternate GMAT test center.

GMAC worked with local military personnel in Iraq and Pearson VUE, the company responsible for the delivery and administration of the GMAT exam worldwide, to establish the test center at Camp Victory.

“Military personnel serving in Iraq obviously face numerous hurdles in doing many of the things that we take for granted,” said Melvin T. Stith, dean of Syracuse University’s Whitman School of Management. “The new GMAT test center at Camp Victory makes it possible for soldiers in Iraq to take the exam and continue with plans to advance their careers.”

The GMAT is available at the Camp Victory test center on Mondays and Fridays.

Those interested in taking the exam at the center must possess a

Department of Defense-issued ID and may register online at <http://www.mba.com>.

The Graduate Management Admission Council (GMAC), based in McLean, Va., is a nonprofit education organization of leading graduate business schools worldwide dedicated to creating access to and disseminating information about graduate management education.

Created in 1954, the Graduate Management Admission Test (GMAT) is used by approximately 4,500 graduate management programs at some 1,800 business schools around the world to assess applicants. The GMAT – the only standardized test designed expressly for graduate business and management programs worldwide – is currently available at more than 450 test centers in more than 110 countries.

Congratulations to Dec. trivia winner

Congratulations to the Navy team for continuing their winning streak. CNCCM(SW/AW) Jose A. Velazquez, Center for Personal and Professional Development, was the first to e-mail a correct response. Several people knew the bonus question and were able to double their points.

Check the **WW09 Web** site for a roster of Planning Committee members. The December answer was: Mary Norwood of the U.S. Coast Guard and Marcy Shapiro of Servicemembers Opportunity Colleges (SOC), who are serving on their third WW.

Team standings are as follows: Army 595; Marine Corps 520; Navy 355; Air Force 225; Schools 190; National Guard 155; Coast Guard 100 and Others 20.

The Atlanta Marriott Marquis IS NOT SOLD OUT of rooms for July 26-31, 2009. When calling Marriott reservations at (800) 228-9290 you must request the “DoD WW09” group block.

WW09 trivia question for this month

It’s 2009! Happy DoD Worldwide Year! In January, we celebrate the birthday of Martin Luther King, who was born and raised in Atlanta, the 2009 DoD Worldwide host city.

QUESTION: What degree did Dr. King earn from Atlanta’s Morehouse College?

The first correct response sent to dantesWW@navy.mil earns 100 points toward the WW09 Team Spirit Award. All correct responses received after the winner will earn 10 points for their team. The top winner also will receive a limited-edition WW09 T-shirt. Questions are posted in the DIB and online the first of every month at <http://www.ww09Atlanta.com>. Contest rules are available on the WW09 Web site.

Don't be left out!

Only seven months remain until DoD’s Worldwide Education Symposium. From now until July 2009, the DIB will count down the Top 10 reasons you should attend.



#9: There will be 100 different breakouts, demos, workshops and roundtable discussions! Many will feature topics that have never been discussed at WW. There also will be cutting-edge, high-tech demonstrations.



MARTI READEL

Marti is DANTES European Advisor in Schwetzingen, Germany. She has been with DANTES since June 2000. Her office works with Air Force, Army, Navy and Marine Corps personnel at more than 70 DANTES test sites in 22 countries, providing educational testing and DANTES programs to Service members.



"It is a wonderful job working with all these individuals who, in turn, are working with the troops in continuing their education," said Readel. Prior to working at DANTES, Readel was an Education Services Officer with Army Education in Germany.

DANTES staffer visits Undersea Warfare Center

Sandra Winborne, DANTES Credentialing Programs manager, recently visited the Naval Undersea Warfare Center in Keyport, Wash., for an informational tour on the Personnel Certification Support System (PCSS), which moved into a government-hosted environment in early October.

This was a major undertaking, and DANTES greatly appreciates the work the Center does to make the voucher-tracking PCSS accessible to Service members and civilians who work for the Department of Defense (DoD).

Winborne met with project personnel who worked with JASZ Technology Inc. to transition PCSS from a commercial (.com) to a government-authorized Web environment.

The tour and discussion were informative and illustrated how government agencies can work together to benefit many other agencies.

To gain access to PCSS online using your Common Access Card (CAC), go to <https://pcss.dod.mil>.

E-mail questions on PCSS to DANTES Credentialing Programs at certprog@navy.mil or call DSN 922-1111 ext. 3213.

Highlights from the Excelsior College Examination TCO newsletter

Attention test control officers and assistants: Excelsior College distributed its November 2008 TCO/ATCO Newsletter last month. Included were copies of the Excelsior College Test Materials Order Form 2008-2009, a CD – Excelsior College DANTES Program Exam Materials 2008-2009, as well as the ECE Test Control Officer's Manual.

The following exam forms have been retired, effective immediately. To order replacement exams, use the Test Materials Order Form 2008-2009.

Retired Code/Form	Exam Title	Replacement Code/Form
435 EA1, FA1, GA1	Organizational Behavior	435 HA1, IA1
436 AB1, BB1	Research Methods in Psychology	436 CA1, DA1
459 FA1, GA1, HB2	Abnormal Psychology	459 FB2, GB2, HC3
463 CB1, DB1	Nursing Concepts 3 (see item 2 also)	463 EA1, FA1
465 AB1, BB1	Nursing Concepts 5	465 AB2, BB2
486 EA1, FA1, GA1	Human Resource Management	486 HA1, IA1
487 CA1, DA1, EA1	World Population	487 FA1*, GA1*
488 AB2, BB2	Essentials of Nursing Care: Health Safety	488 CA1, DA1
537 EB2, FA1	Research in Nursing (non-stocking)	537 EC1, FB1
538 EA1, FA1, GA1	Labor Relations	538 HA1, IA1
554 NBZ, OBZ	Adult Nursing	554 PA1, QA1
558 DA1, EA1	Microbiology	558 FA1*, GA1*
583 CA1, DA1	Life Span Developmental Psychology	583 CB2**, DB2**
584 ABZ, BBZ	Pathophysiology	584 CA1*, DA1*

*Effective with the introduction of the new exam forms, students will be permitted to use the Excelsior College calculator to perform basic calculations related to new exam content.

Students will continue to have access to the Excelsior College calculator for exams 403, 461-466, 488-494 and 543.

**See item 7 in the newsletter for further guidance.

New GED exam forms arriving soon

Test sites that currently stock GED Batteries will soon receive Forms ID & IJ for use beginning Jan. 1, 2009. The forms currently stocked – IE & II – cannot be used after Dec. 31, 2008, and they must be returned to GED Testing Service after that date.

Form ID was first used in 2003 and IJ in 2006. If an individual who previously tested on these forms is re-tested, ensure they test on a different form. The 2009 GED Batteries require the use of the new GED demographic forms that will be shipped with the new 2009 exams.

ASE test dates

DANTES has received the ASE administration dates for CONUS and overseas for 2009. The dates are: CONUS – May 7, 12, 14, and overseas – May 12-14. The deadline to order ASE tests is March 24.

ASE forms and instructions should be online by the third week of January. For assistance, send an e-mail to certprog@navy.mil or call DSN 922-1111 ext. 3194.

DANTES Catalog of Nationally Accredited Distance Learning Program news

Ellis transitions from college to university

Ellis University – a non-profit, independent, online learning institution – launched recently as a result of its transition from Ellis College and after achieving independent accreditation.

On May 28, 2008, Ellis University was granted accreditation from the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools and is also accredited by the Distance Education and Training Council.

The university is based in Illinois, and has operating and degree-granting authority from the Illinois Board of Higher Education. Ellis University has roots in Ellis College, which was a collaborative partnership with the New York Institute of Technology (NYIT).

Ellis University operates independently and offers a host of new programs in professions that are in high demand.

Ellis College was founded in 2003

to provide working adults a way to advance their careers via an online learning environment.

Ellis' learning platform is based on a social constructivist learning pedagogy (learning by doing).

The school has added the following programs to its curriculum:

College of Behavioral Sciences

* Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice with concentrations in Forensic Investigation, Corrections and Leadership/Management

* Bachelor of Science in Paralegal Studies

* Associate of Applied Science in Paralegal Studies

College of Business

* Master of Science in Management

College of Education

* Master of Arts in Teaching

These programs rate high on the institution's new Professional Opportunities Index, which was developed to ensure that the university's programs are among those predicted by the Department of Labor to grow at an above-

average rate for the next decade.

Ellis is listed in the DANTES Catalog of Nationally Accredited Distance Learning Programs at <http://www.dantescatalogs.com/NADLP/nadlp.asp?RecID=17>.

NAME CHANGES

* **The International Import-Export Institute** in Phoenix, AZ, changed its name to Dunlap-Stone University.

IIIEI will remain a division of the Dunlap-Stone University

* **Sessions Online School of Design** in New York, NY, changed its name to Sessions Online Schools of Art and Design. It has three divisions: Sessions Online School of Design/ Sessions Online School of Game Art/ Sessions Online School of Fine Arts

LOCATION CHANGES

* **Brighton College** moved to: 1737 Georgetown Road, Suite G, Hudson, Ohio 44236; Phone: 330-342-5579 or 1-800-231-3803; Fax: 330-342-8502

* **The Paralegal Institute** moved to: 18275 North 59th Avenue, Suite 186, Glendale, Ariz. 85308

Career and degree planning assessments are available online

Are you a counselor unsure of which guidance assessment to use to provide career and degree planning/counseling to Service members? If so, then a good approach is to utilize one, but no more than two online assessments.

Counselors should learn as much as possible about each of the assessments available, and then trust the results. They all are excellent, but each differs.

Counselors who currently are not using career assessments should contact counseling@navy.mil to receive free access to the online versions, or to order assessments stocked at DANTES.

The DANTES Distribution

Center can supply supporting manuals and documents for a variety of assessments, including the ones listed below.

CISS® (Campbell™ Interest and Skill Survey)

[🔗 CISS home page](#)

[🔗 CISS Materials](#)

Myers Briggs Type Indicator®

[🔗 MBTI home page](#)

[🔗 MBTI Materials](#)

Career Assessment Inventory™ (CAI)

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DISCOVER®

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[🔗 Discover Guide](#)



Strong Interest Inventory®, College Edition, Skills Confidence Inventory

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Kuder® Career Planning System

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[🔗 Kuder Tutorial](#)

Unofficial computer-based test scores require verification

More and more counselors and education service officers (ESOs) are questioning why the CLEP eCBT or iBT DSST test score, which is immediately available after testing, is not considered an official score.

The answer lies in the fact that unofficial test scores must be sent to Educational Testing Service or Thomson Prometric to ensure that the examinee has not taken the same

test – paper or computer-based – in the last 180 days. If the test score is invalidated because the examinee re-tested within 180 days, the designated institution selected by the examinee at the time of testing is notified of the invalid test result.

DANTES receives all DANTES-funded CLEP and DSST test results. Depending on the Services' transcript or counseling system requirements, we forward these test

reports on to them.

With this discussion as a background, ESOs are advised to counsel prospective CLEP and DSST examinees of the 180-day retesting policy and the effect it has on valid test scores.

Installations with on-base National Test Centers that administer CLEP eCBT and/or iBT DSST, are advised to discuss this issue with their personnel as well.

Steering group for California ACME ready to sign bylaws

The California Advisory Council on Military Education (ACME) Steering Group recently met at the Fort Irwin National Training Center. During the meeting, the group made final revisions to its bylaws.

The establishment of five ACME regions within California was approved and divided by county lines. Recruitment within each region will

begin soon.

With five regions, there will be many opportunities for members to volunteer their time to serve military personnel and veterans.

The Council of College and Military Educators (CCME) is the "institutional home" for ACMEs, so ratification of bylaws and installation of ACME officers will take place at

the upcoming CCME Symposium in Honolulu, Hawaii.

The Calif. ACME is scheduled to meet from 9-10:30 a.m. on Jan. 26, 2009, at the Hawaii Convention Center. The meeting is open to individuals providing academic and vocational education services to California military members and veterans.

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