

Counseling and testing Service members prior to their enrollment in higher education programs can ensure success and prevent problems for those who can't or don't complete the program and pay back of tuition assistance.




Thirty five years of DANTES

In anticipation of DANTES' 35th anniversary on July 29, 2009, the DIB is adding some new features to mark the occasion. Each month for the next 12 months, the DIB will take a "look back" at a specific event from the more than three decades of DANTES history. In July, the DIB will kick off a 12-month long trivia contest that will include a wide range of questions about DANTES.

The contest will end just prior to the start of DoD's Worldwide Education Symposium in Atlanta.

More information about contest will be available in the July DIB.

Preparation is key to success in distance learning



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Often in our zealous approach to promote voluntary education programs to Service members, we overlook a simple fact – whether the individual is ready

for the rigors of higher education.

With so many options, and newer technology making access to these programs easier than ever before, Service members might be enrolling in programs for which they may not be ready.

As a rough estimate on my part, Service members – because of course failure or incompletion – were required to reimburse \$20 million to their prospective tuition

assistance programs.

That may not seem like a lot when compared to the total tuition assistance of \$465 million that is provided to active duty Service members.

But my estimate does not include the millions of tuition assistance dollars that were written off for mission-specific demands.

While the failure rate of Service members is on par with their civilian counterparts, its impact on Service members may be greater because of the negative effects indebtedness has on the members, their families and the armed forces.

These impacts may include non-judicial punishment, loss of security clearance and non-availability for many key positions.

Recommending testing programs

is more beneficial now than ever before.

A huge benefit of testing is that failure to pass has a minimal financial impact on Service members.

Testing provides an alternate path of preparedness without the negative financial impacts.

Test preparation may also prepare the Service member for the rigors of other higher education programs.

Some recent tuition assistance reports indicate a far higher failure and incompletion rate of distance learning programs when compared to classroom programs.

Service members are often unaware of the increased demands of distance learning programs, which require specific technology

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Testing Calendar

June 2008

20 ECE Extended Response
(Essay) Exams

July 2008

26-30 Praxis *

August 2008

15 ECE Extended Response
(Essay) Exams

Notes:

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

*Select only one test date from the published period for DANTES testing and specify that date on the order form.

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

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SAT forms due 30 June 2008

Test Control Officers are reminded that June 30, 2008, is the last day for administration of the current year Scholastic Aptitude Test.

SAT forms administered after this date will not be scored, so potential examinees need to be informed of this deadline. In lieu of the SAT, use the ACT from July through September.

DANTES test sites may continue to use the current SAT examination, Form 57, until the June 30 cutoff date. Return all SAT Form 57 examinations immediately after June 30.

The SAT for use 2008-2009 may be ordered at the same time, but it will not be shipped until all of the test center's old SAT test booklets are received at the testing agency.

The new SAT will be shipped in September 2008 and scoring will begin October 1, 2008. A 2008-2009 DANTES/SAT Examiner Manual will provide instructions for the SAT Examination.

Please send questions about the SAT to exams@navy.mil.

DSST Public Speaking Topic Sheet

The Principles of Public Speaking is perhaps the most demanding DANTES-sponsored test that Test Control Officers are asked to administer.

TCOs first have an examinee sit for the objective portion. Then, during the oral presentation, the TCO times the examinee's three- to five-minute impromptu and persuasive speech as the examinee speaks into a tape recorder with no audience. For the TCO there are additional considerations with the topic sheet, including:

- It is a controlled item and must be entered into the test center's inventory when received.
- It has its own serial number, it must be returned along with the tape after each administration and it must be correctly annotated on the Document Receipt Form.
- It must be ordered in significant quantities to ensure continuous testing.

The Principles of Public Speaking is a very valuable test. To ensure this exam is administered properly, pay particular attention to the instructions provided with each examination. For questions concerning this exam, contact us at exams@navy.mil.

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tools, good self-motivation and excellent time management skills. To help identify student readiness for distance learning, use the surveys at http://www.dantes.doded.mil/Dantes_web/distancelearning/index.htm#DLRIGHT.

These surveys do not guarantee success, but they can raise flags on an individual's readiness for distance learning.

Finally, I will always believe that leadership plays a key role in student success. Leaders often are unaware of a subordinate's course failure.

They find out for the first time when the letters of indebtedness come down from the command. By then it is too late to help. Good leaders are aware of their subordinates' education progress and can provide support in times of need. Thank you for supporting our Service members!

New generation Common Access Cards valid for testing

Effective immediately, Service members may present either the current (original) Common Access Card (CAC) or the new generation Geneva Conventions Identification Card (also a CAC) for identification to establish eligibility for funded DANTES academic testing.

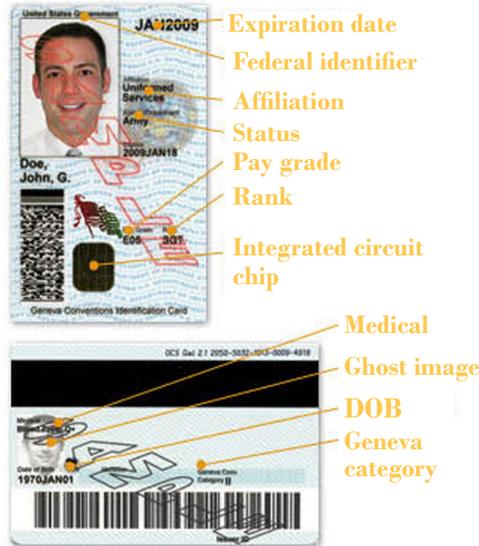
Other forms of identification are not acceptable. Several DANTES test sites have reported that their Service members are being issued the new generation CAC. Until everyone has the new generation CAC, test sites will need to recognize the new and older versions. The DANTES Examination Program Handbook (DEPH) will be changed to reflect this.

How to recognize the current or original CAC:

- “Armed Services of the United States” appears across the top.
- DEPH, page I-2 provides details.

How to recognize the new generation Geneva Conventions ID Card CAC:

- “Geneva Conventions Identification Card” appears across



the bottom.

- “United States Government” appears in the upper left hand corner.
- “Uniformed Services” and either “Air Force, Army, Coast Guard, Marine Corps or Navy” will appear to the right of the photo.

The Geneva Conventions Identification Card will be issued to Active Duty Armed Forces, Selected Reserves, National Guard, National Oceanic and Atmosphere

Administration (NOAA), U.S. Public Health Services (USPHS) and the U.S. Coast Guard. The NOAA and USPHS card holders are not eligible for funded DANTES academic examinations.

Three other new generation CACs that will be issued to other personnel include the following:

- The Geneva Conventions Accompanying Forces Card – issued to emergency-essential civilian employees, contingency contractor employees and deployed overseas civilian combatant personnel.

• Identification and Privilege Card – issued to DoD uniformed service civilians residing OCONUS on military installations, civilians or contracted civilians residing in a foreign country for 365 days or more and Presidential appointees approved by the Senate.

- Identification Card – issued to DoD civilian employees, eligible contractor employees and non-DoD/ other government employees.

For more information on the four new generation CACs, go online to: <http://www.cac.mil/CardInfo.html>.

New federal student aid brochure available

Thinking about attending college? Will you need a loan?

If so, think Federal Aid First! The new Department of Education brochure Federal Aid First (DANTES Stock # 2422) explains the differences between federal and private education loans, the various kinds of federal loans offered and the dollar amounts available.

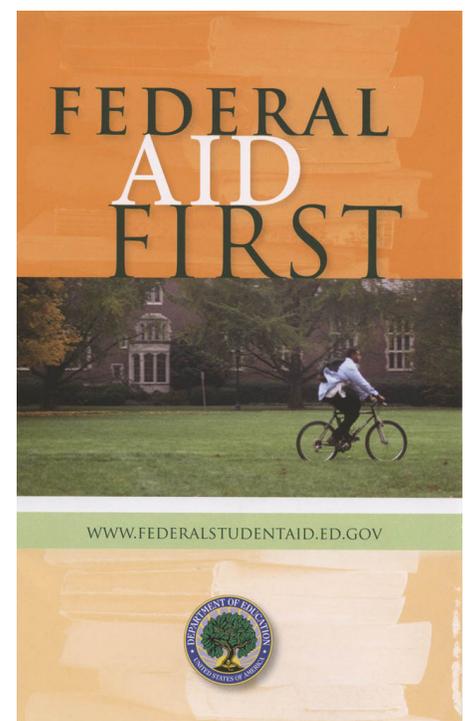
Federal loans usually offer borrowers lower interest rates and have more flexible repayment options than loans from banks or other private sources. Included are details on the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) – your starting point for obtaining financial assistance for college. Think Federal Aid First!

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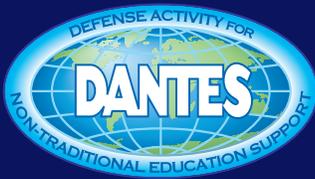




Looking back
to the year:

1974

It was in this year that DANTES became fully operational. It had been in "developmental status" since July 1974 and was changed to "operational" on Nov. 1.



Universities in Michigan agree to military tuition plan

Michigan's public universities have agreed to give some military families a break on tuition.

University presidents have signed a pact that will allow students from military families in Michigan – including those whose parents are transferred out of state – to pay in-state tuition rates.

Universities will grant in-state tuition to members of the active duty armed forces, as well as their spouses and dependents, if the Service member is a Michigan resident or is stationed in Michigan.

The cost savings could be significant because many universities charge far higher rates for out-of-state students.



Distance education growth continues in community colleges

Student demand for distance education continued to grow rapidly at community colleges in 2007, according to a survey released in April 2008.

The survey is an annual project of the Instructional Technology Council (ITC), an affiliate of the American Association of Community Colleges.

The ITC reported an 18 percent growth in distance education enrollments in 2007 and comes on the heels of a 15 percent increase the year before.

Schools are offering more online courses and 65 percent report offering at least one online degree.

Additionally, 45 percent of community colleges charge students an extra fee for distance education courses, which is an increase over the previous year.

Major concerns of those institutions surveyed were in the areas of training professors and workload issues that included limited faculty time.

Status of Online Student Services at Community Colleges		
Service	2007	2006
Online admissions	84%	77%
Online registration	89%	87%
Online student orientation for distance classes	75%	66%
Online counseling / advising	51%	43%
Online library services	96%	96%
Online plagiarism evaluation	54%	48%

Also, some faculty remained vocal in their belief that good learning outcomes were possible only in face-to-face instruction.

In prior years, administrators had identified "orientation/preparation for taking distance education classes" as their greatest challenge related to students. However this was edged out in 2007 by a failure of students to complete course evaluations.

The ITC survey also included the status of technology services for community college students, which showed a steady increase from the year before. For the full report, which is posted on the ITC Web site, go to <http://www.itcnetwork.org>.

Scratch paper is mandatory for CLEP tests

Why is scratch paper mandatory for use with the CLEP eCBT paper-based tests?

Scratch paper is issued to help prevent examinees from writing in the reusable CLEP test booklets, and provides the examinee an alternative for making notes and calculating difficult problems.

Even with scratch paper available, TCOs still need to inspect test booklets, and if the booklets are written in, the TCO must return the unserviceable test booklets to the

testing agency.

The official College Board scratch paper, sent with the initial exam shipment, may be reproduced locally for use in DANTES Test Sites.

The following applies:

- Issue two sheets of the official College Board scratch paper to each examinee.

- Collect all scratch paper at the end of each

test administration.

- The test site must destroy marked-on scratch paper.

- Do not return used scratch paper to the testing agency.



Praxis testing required for prospective teachers

As you are aware from previous DIB articles, the Troops to Teachers program is doing its part to overcome the tremendous need for school teachers. By some estimates, two million teachers are needed in the next decade.

Your test site may be inundated with questions about the Praxis examinations.

Many states require one or more of the nearly 200 examinations in order for the individual to be eligible to apply for a teaching position.

Before ordering or administering a Praxis exam, ask the individual what state they will be teaching in and whether they have contacted the Troops To Teachers (TTT) office in that state.

For more information, visit the the Troops to Teacher's Web site at <http://www.ProudToServeAgain.com>.

If individuals require Praxis testing, the following information will be of assistance:



- Military personnel may test for free at DANTES Test Sites, but they must pay the registration fee of \$50.

- Praxis exams are special ordered and the test center must designate one day to test everyone and provide examinee names on the test order form. The next testing window is July 26-30, 2008. Exams should be ordered 4-6 weeks in advance.

- To administer Praxis exams, test

sites must order *The Praxis Series Supervisors Manual*.

- As a reminder, DANTES funds only one complete or partial administration of the Praxis I: Pre-Professional Skills Test and one administration of the Praxis II: Subject Assessments, which includes the Principles of Learning and Teaching, per lifetime at a DANTES Test Site.

TCOs administering State Teacher Certification Exams need to be aware of the requirements

DANTES Test Control Officers are occasionally asked to administer state teacher certification exams.

These exams are not DANTES-sponsored, but since the TCO may be the only alternative in a remote location for an individual to take a state teacher certification exam, many TCOs opt to assist.

If you do elect to administer a state teacher certification exam, please follow the rules or do not administer the exam.

Once again, these exams are not part of the DANTES-sponsored exam program and are not covered by the DANTES Examination Program Handbook.

Several state teacher certificate departments require individuals desiring to teach in their state to take a state-specific teacher's certification exam, including Arizona, California, Georgia, New York and Texas.

Each state has its own set of administration and handling rules.

Many of these rules state a specified date and time window in which the test must be administered.

These state rules do not allow for illness, work hours or late delivery of the exam.

Additionally, the state of Texas requires that the exam be returned to them within 10 days of the specified administration or the test will not be scored. Compliant test sites have used overseas FedEx to

meet this requirement.

If you are not able to return the tests in time, please do not administer them. NES/Pearson has a contract with these states to ship the exam and provide state administration/handling instruction to you. NES/Pearson is aware of the DANTES Test Sites located worldwide. They call the DANTES exam section only to confirm the identity of a DANTES-appointed Test Control Officer or Alternate Test Control Officer.

Service members who are unable to meet the specific testing window because they are stationed overseas may need to consider a CONUS visit to the state they wish to teach in and take the exam there.

Deployed Airmen better themselves, their careers with CCAF accomplishment

By 2nd Lt. Tania Bryan
379th Air Expeditionary Wing

Nearly two dozen Service members received degrees from the Community College of the Air Force in a ceremony at the Blatchford-Preston Complex in Southwest Asia on April 21.

The ceremony was hosted by Brig. Gen. Charlie Lyon, 379th Air Expeditionary Wing commander, and featured a commencement address by Chief Master Sgt. David Greene, the 379th Expeditionary Operations Group chief enlisted manager who graduated with his CCAF degree in 2000.

“I think this is a perfect example of the opportunities we get to send home better Airmen, make the installation a better place, and accomplish the mission,” Lyon said. “Master Sgt. Milton Littlejohn began the rotation with the opening of the new Education and Learning Resource Center, and now he’s rounded out his tour by seeing the first-ever CCAF graduation from here.”

The wing here has made great strides to offer a wide range of educational opportunities – from testing to CCAF.

“Our aim is to provide an environment to Airmen just like bases throughout the world,” Lyon said. “This wing is proud of our ability to provide education and promotion opportunities so Airmen don’t have to put their career goals and enhancements on hold when they’re deployed to Southwest Asia.”

Resources for Airmen deployed here include two colleges, according to Littlejohn, chief of education.



Brig. Gen. Charlie Lyon, Commander of the 379th Air Expeditionary Wing, awards Airman 1st Class Lonnie Ginn a scholarship award during AEW's CCAF graduation ceremony last month.

The University of Maryland and Central Texas College both offer general education courses that will satisfy CCAF degree requirements.

“The education office also offers CLEP and DANTES testing, which [a large number of graduates] have used to complete their degrees,” said Littlejohn, the chief of faculty and accreditation at the CCAF at Maxwell Air Force Base.

He encouraged Airmen of all ranks to make the CCAF degree a priority, because “the CCAF degree is now essential to obtain ranks of senior master sergeant and chief master sergeant.”

As for Airmen and junior non-commissioned officers, it “will help in career progression by giving them more knowledge in [various] fields” which will help them be more well-rounded, he said.

“Getting your CCAF – or any education – is important whether you have two stripes or seven,” said

Spring 2008 graduates from the 379th AEW and associate unit were:

** Master Sgt. Ruel Gadbury;
* Master Sgt. John Facemire;
* Staff Sgt. Jeffrey Witherly;
Master Sgt. Bubba Beason;
Airman 1st Class Joshua Fields;
Senior Airman Riki Foos;
Airman 1st Class Lonnie Ginn;
Staff Sgt. Thomas Gough; Master Sgt. Robert Haines; Staff Sgt. Lacy Hogan; Staff Sgt. Clyde Hunt; Airman 1st Class Stacy Jeffrey; Senior Airman Michael Kiser; Staff Sgt. Ryan Laube; Master Sgt. Ray Martinez;
*Master Sgt. Thomas McGowan;
Senior Airman Nicole Orr; Tech. Sgt. Isael Perez; Airman 1st Class Adrin Russell; Staff Sgt. Edward Sawyer; Senior Airman John Shiraef; Senior Airman Daniel Shirah; and Senior Airman Cory Williams.
* Denotes awarding of two degrees
** Denotes awarding of three degrees

Lyon. “I’m proud to see senior NCOs getting their CCAF degrees tonight because it shows we’re never too old to learn. Education is part of a life-long journey. The day we stop learning is the day we start getting stagnant and can make fewer contributions to the Air Force, our families, society.”

For those who are interested in obtaining a bachelor’s degree, the new ABC program (Associate to Baccalaureate Cooperative) allows Airmen to take up to 60 semester hours from their CCAF degree and roll them over into a bachelor’s degree program.

Also at the ceremony, Senior Airman John Shiraef and Airman 1st Class Lonnie Ginn received \$100 scholarships from the Chiefs’ Group. Airman Ginn also was awarded a \$50 scholarship from the Top 4.

Military-friendly degree programs available in sports-related fields

The United States Sports Academy, known worldwide as America's Sports University, is the largest graduate sports education program in the world. Its role is to prepare men and women for careers in the profession of sports.

The Academy offers accredited sports-specific bachelor's, master's, doctoral (Ed.D.) and continuing education programs in coaching, sports fitness, sports management, sports medicine and sports studies.

All degree programs are available entirely online, and students can complete degrees from anywhere in the world. Students can also enroll and begin their studies anytime.

The Academy also offers scholarships through its Wounded Warriors program.

This program offers full-tuition scholarships for the Academy's degree programs to U.S. military personnel wounded in combat in hot

spots throughout the world.

The United States Sports Academy is a member of the Air University (AU) Associate-to-Baccalaureate Cooperative (ABC) program, which allows airmen in the United States Air Force to turn an associate degree from the Community College of the Air Force (CCAF) into a bachelor's degree from the Academy.

The types of military financial aid available include tuition assistance, the Tuition Assistance "Top-Up" Program, the Montgomery G.I. Bill (active duty and veterans), the Veterans Educational Assistance Program (VEAP) and Vocational Rehabilitation.

USSA is listed in the DAN TES External Degree Catalog, which is available on the DAN TES Web site at <http://www.dantescatalogs.com/DEDC/DEDC.asp?RecID=500>.

— Story submitted by USSA

U.S. Sports Academy's Wounded Warriors scholarship

Eligibility criteria:

- ◆ Any veteran who served on active duty and was honorably discharged from the Marines, Navy, Army or Air Force; and
- ◆ Has sustained a significant wound or injury caused by or aggravated by military service in a combat zone as defined by the President of the United States after Sept. 11, 2001, and as a consequence of that injury now has a physical disability which severely impacts function of one or more major life activities;
- ◆ Applicant must meet entrance requirements of the Academy for the desired degree program; and
- ◆ Must enroll as a full-time undergraduate or graduate student at the Academy; and
- ◆ Meet all the requirements of the Academy regarding continuing eligibility.

TEACH grant program offers money to future teachers

Through the College Cost Reduction and Access Act of 2007, Congress created the Teacher Education Assistance for College and Higher Education (TEACH) Grant Program that provides up to \$4,000 per year to students who intend to teach in a public or private elementary or secondary school serving students from low-income families.

The first TEACH grants will be awarded to eligible students for the 2008-2009 school year.

In exchange for receiving a TEACH grant, participants must agree to teach full time in a high-need field in a public or private

elementary or secondary school that serves low-income students.

As a recipient of a TEACH grant, teachers must work at least four academic years within eight calendar years of completing the program.

Eligibility requirements:

- ❖ Complete a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), although you do not have to demonstrate financial need.
- ❖ Be a U.S. citizen or eligible non-citizen.
- ❖ Be enrolled as an undergraduate, post-baccalaureate or graduate student in a postsecondary educational institution that is participating in the program.
- ❖ Be enrolled in coursework

that is necessary to begin a career in teaching or plan to complete such coursework. Coursework may include subject area courses.

❖ Meet certain academic achievement requirements (generally, scoring above the 75th percentile on a college admissions test or maintaining a cumulative GPA of at least 3.25).

❖ Sign a TEACH grant Agreement to Serve.

For more detailed information, go to the "Hot News!" section of the DAN TES Web site home page at <http://www.dantes.doded.mil>.

Links to lists of nationwide teacher shortage areas and schools with low-income designation can be found there.

DoD, Peterson's launch MWR Libraries Learning Resource

When you or your family members visit any of the five Web sites listed below this summer, you will be treated to a full set of online products and services designed to help military Service members and their families reach their educational and career goals.

The five sites are:

- www.militaryonesource.com
- www.us.army.mil
- www.nko.navy.mil
- www.my.af.mil
- www.myarmylifetoo.com

Direct links from these sites will take you to a comprehensive online resource center where you will find everything you need to successfully plan and prepare for your future.

Unlimited and no-cost access is provided to all service members and their families by the Department of Defense MWR Libraries.

The resource center, which will be available 24 hours a day, seven days a week starting July 1, 2008, is powered by Peterson's – a leading provider of education and career guidance, and test preparation services.

Once you access the online resource center, you will be able to search for and find the right educational program, prepare for important tests and exams and take advantage of career planning resources to plan for your military or civilian career.

To ensure ease of use, the resource center will be divided into six distinct areas:

- 📖 Preparing for college
- 📖 Military career advancement
- 📖 Tools for a civilian career
- 📖 Skills for military success
- 📖 Tools for a nursing career
- 📖 Getting into graduate school

With all the online tools available within each section of the site, you can not only identify your education and career goals with confidence, but also will be able to take proactive steps to attain them.

The site will include a variety of online learning opportunities, including practice tests and online courses—all developed by the education experts at Peterson's.

For example, within the Preparing

for College section, you and your family members can find everything necessary to plan, prepare and pay for college – including extensive college search and selection tools, practice tests for college admission tests, online courses, as well as expert financial aid guidance.

You will also be able to prepare for CLEP® and DSST exams that can save you both time and money by allowing you to earn college credit for knowledge you have acquired outside of the classroom.

To learn more, mark your calendar for July 1, and get started toward achieving your highest education and career goals.

MIVER training workshop set for July

A Military Installation Voluntary Education Review training workshop for ESOs/Institutional Representatives will be conducted July 30-31, 2008, at American Council on Education headquarters, which is at One Dupont Circle in Washington, D.C.

It is recommended that ESOs and institutional representatives who are scheduled for a MIVER visit attend this training, which will provide ESOs with the details involved in a MIVER visit to include preparation of self-study reports, logistical details of the teams, interviews with faculty, students, and education personnel, review of library facilities and any additional concerns and requirements involved with the MIVER visit. To register, go to the ACE Web site at http://www.acenet.edu/Content/NavigationMenu/ProgramsServices/MilitaryPrograms/MIVER/MIVER_Training_Works.htm and register online by June 27, 2008.

MIVER Schedule 2009

Jan. 12-14 – Fort Stewart, Ga., Army	Sept. 14-16 – Okinawa, Japan, USMC
Feb. 9-11 – Dover AFB, Del., USAF	Sept. 21-23 – Iwakuni, Japan, Army
March 16-18 – NAWS Point Magu, Calif., USN	Oct. 19-21 – Fort Lewis, Wash., Army
Sept. 14-16 – CFA Okinawa, Japan, USN	Nov. 2-4 – Honolulu, Hawaii, Schofield Barracks, Tripler Army Medical Center, Army

FL-ACME meets in Jacksonville

The Florida Advisory Council on Military Education (ACME) met recently for its Spring Conference 2008 in Jacksonville, Fla.

The keynote speaker was Gary Woods, Director of Education Opportunities, OUSD (P&R). Agenda topics included support for veterans and wounded warriors, transition assistance, higher education initiatives and Reservist perspectives. There were also reports from the Florida Department of Education and voluntary education Service chiefs. Charles L. Sidell, the Program Coordinator for the Department of Workforce Education and Development at Southern Illinois University – Carbondale, was elected as the organization's new president.

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Brig. Gen. opens DANTES Regional Workshop

Brig. Gen. Jeff W. Mathis III, Deputy Commanding General (Interim) 1st Corps, stressed the importance of education for all Service members in his opening remarks at the recent three-day DANTES Regional Workshop at Ft. Lewis, Wash., on May 13.

Using his own background as an example, Mathis told attendees that he began his military career in the Army as an enlisted soldier – then completed his college education to earn a commission.

The workshop had more than



Alison Hemmert, education services officer at Fort Lewis, is shown with Brig. Gen. Jeff Mathis and Ace DuBose, DANTES training manager.

70 registered attendees from the United States and overseas and included presenters

from colleges, universities, educational contractors and DANTES staff.

A major highlight of the workshop was the panel discussion on “Maintaining Quality in Voluntary Education.”

DANTES would like to thank the Ft. Lewis, David L. Stone Education Center Staff for their tremendous support in hosting this Regional Workshop.

The professionalism they displayed speaks volumes to the educational success of each client they serve.



Attendees at the DANTES Fort Lewis Regional Workshop listen intently to a presenter.



Above: Maj. Ron Lee, DANTES Reserve Component Advisor, Ace DuBose and Pat Landry, head of DANTES Education Support, prepare to register workshop attendees.



Susie Plantan conducts Myers-Briggs Type Indicator certification training.



At left: “Ensuring Quality in Voluntary Education” Panel members listen to their introduction. They are (from left) Cruz Arroyo, Andrea Baridon, Susan Huggins, Horst Marshall and Betty Varnado.