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DANTES Education Programs: 2016 Year in Review

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Each year, DANTES partners with the military Services, education providers, and academic institutions to deliver programs that help Service members achieve their education goals. For more than 40 years, this partnership enables the voluntary education community to provide military students with programs that ensure college readiness, facilitate academic success, and support transition.

Throughout FY16, DANTES continued its commitment to integrity, innovation and supporting Service members by conducting pilot projects and introducing new initiatives to improve student access to programs. Stay up to date with all the recent program changes by viewing the following snapshot of FY16 program highlights.

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Exams: Improving Preparation & Access

- Credit by Examinations continues to remain one of the most popular DANTES-sponsored programs. To help Service members better prepare for CLEP exams, DANTES partnered with College Board to offer free CLEP eGuides to Service members. Now every Service member has instant access to CLEP study guides when they register to take an exam.
- During the spring, DANTES partnered with Prometric to offer a “second chance” for Service members to obtain college credit when taking and passing DSST exams. For those who did not receive a passing score on their first attempt, they received an email with a voucher code for a FREE retake of the exam. By temporarily eliminating student costs, this initiative increased DSST testing volumes by nearly 20 percent.
- The Examinations program staff worked with testing agencies to stand up International Test Centers worldwide. This effort increased Service members’ access to academic exams in remote locations by adding more than 700 test centers where members can take exams around the world.
- DANTES automated the exam reimbursement process, making it easier and faster for members to apply online and receive repayment for select exams. While Service members can still take paper-based ACT and SAT exams at DANTES test sites, they are now eligible to be reimbursed for ACT, SAT, GRE, GMAT, GED and PRAXIS exams at national test centers.

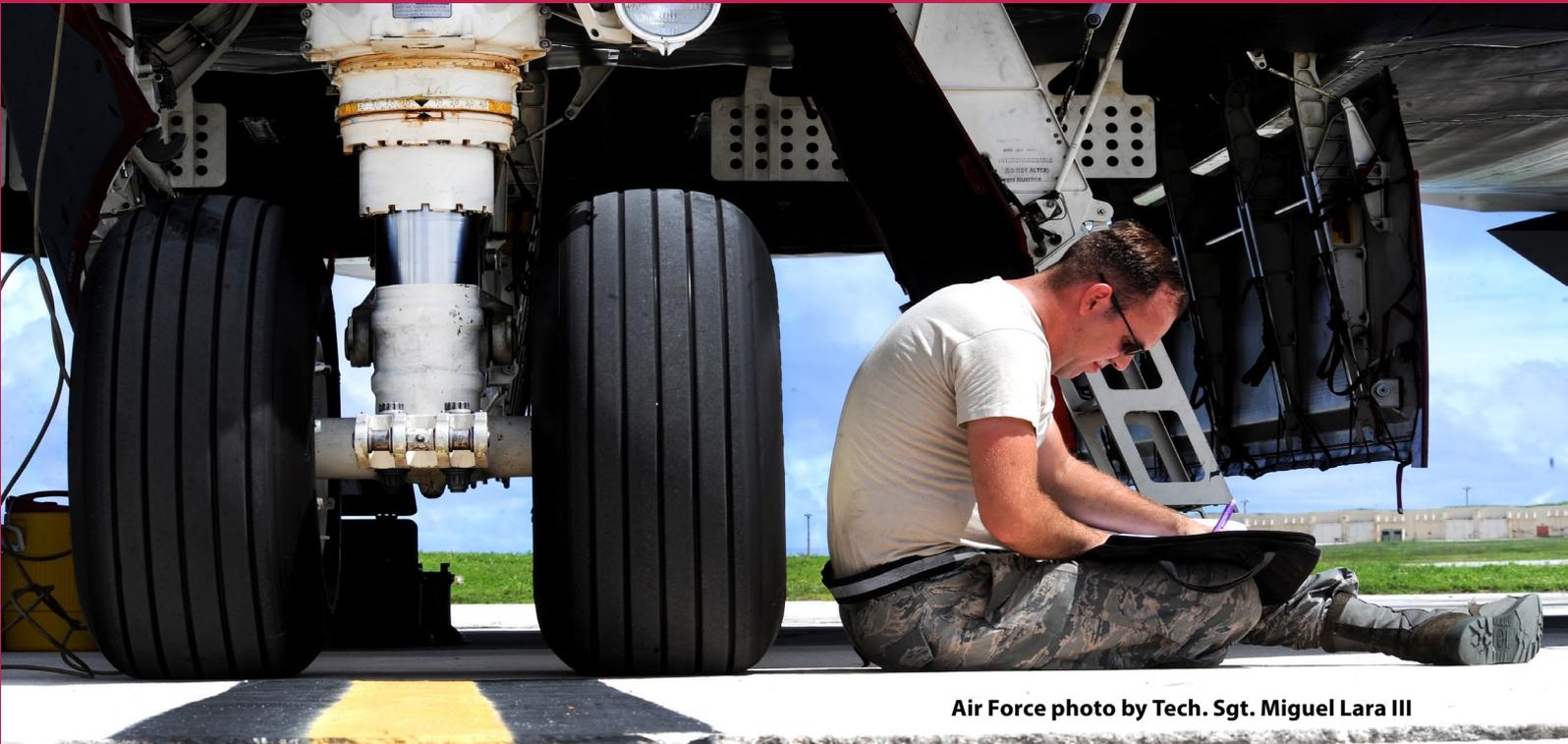


Pilot Programs for Student Success

- During FY16, the Department of Defense (DoD) Voluntary Education Program launched a DANTES-sponsored pilot program with Tutor.com to provide Service members with FREE online tutoring services. The goal of the pilot program is to assist Service members with reaching their professional development and educational goals by providing on-demand, 24/7, tutoring support. The program continues to grow each month and more Service members are getting help completing coursework.
- The Military Evaluation program has a long history of generating American Council on Education (ACE) evaluated college credit recommendations for military training and occupational experiences. DANTES, ACE and the Army collaborated to develop a pilot program that incorporated classified course reviews. This strategic initiative will enable Service members to receive potential college credit for classified training completed, which may reduce the amount of time and money needed to meet college degree requirements.
- In November 2015 and August 2016, DANTES-sponsored two pilot DoD Virtual Education Fairs. More than 70 schools, 11 government agencies, and over 2,300 registrants were connected in an online platform with live virtual chat capability.

Strengthening Academic Institutional Partnerships

- DoD's Voluntary Education Partnership Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) team implemented a new suite of tools to assist partner institutions with adherence to Presidential Executive Order 13607. Among these initiatives was the introduction of a new tool that allows institutions to submit program-level detail and annual reporting requirements for DoD Tuition Assistance (TA) eligible programs and associated tuition rates and fees into the MOU application system. These efforts are part of the Department's plans to enhance educational programs offered to Service members and ensure student access to meaningful tools that enable informed choices on education programs.
- Servicemembers Opportunity Colleges (SOC), DoD and the military Services partnered to develop and launch the Career and Technical Education (CTE) program. The CTE program serves as a pathway to help Service members transition from a military career into the civilian labor market. It operates with a career focus in specific areas that reflect the needs of the military, offer bright employment outlooks for members after military service, and meet certain DoD-established criteria to ensure quality education opportunities for Service members.



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Supporting the VolEd Community

- Voluntary education (VolEd) testing and counseling personnel now have access to the DAN TES Academic Information Management System (DAIMS). Depending on their role, DAIMS provides users access to test site information, Service member data, exam forms, volume and pass rate reports for their test site and branch of service, and access to the Testing Control Officer (TCO) training course.
- The DAN TES Education Services Advisory Group (DESAG) was reestablished to continually promote communication with the voluntary education community. This group represents all Services and offers their specific perspective of voluntary education services and programs to DAN TES; in turn, they pass information about these programs on to their education service teams supporting military members.
- The DESAG reviewed and streamlined educational publications offered through DAN TES. As a result, DAN TES implemented an improved online ordering process and distributed 322K items to 400+ education support locations.
- To improve outreach to the voluntary education community, DAN TES established its Communications Division. Tasked with leading synchronized publicity and outreach campaigns about DAN TES-sponsored programs, the new Division redesigned the format and increased monthly viewers of the DIB, doubled Facebook followers and engagement, executed outreach campaigns for strategic priorities, and increased monthly website traffic more than 20 percent.
- Throughout the year, a top-to-bottom review of the Troops to Teachers program resulted in a roadmap for future success for transitioning Service members and veterans. This year, the program increased the number of new teacher job placements by 24 percent.

For more detail on specific program features, benefits, changes, and updates, visit <http://www.dantes.doded.mil/dib.html> for previous editions of the DIB. Are you currently subscribed to the DIB? If not, subscribe today by emailing [dantes outreach@navy.mil](mailto:dantes_outreach@navy.mil) to be added to the monthly distribution list. 🎓



DANTES HELPS SERVICE MEMBERS ACHIEVE THEIR EDUCATION GOALS

FY2016

COLLEGE READINESS



- **91,902** Exams were taken for college entrance and recommended college credit.
- **60,749** Kuder Journey users planned for college & career success.
- **37,886** Military and family members improved their math & English skills.
- **20,252** Service members compared colleges for quality and value using TA DECIDE.

ACADEMIC SUCCESS



- **4,018** Recommended college credits were generated from evaluating military training & occupations.
- **2,739** DoD MOU Institutions participated in the tuition assistance program.
- **119** SOC CTE Program certificates were made available.
- **23,149** Tutoring sessions were facilitated to complete college coursework.
- **36,511** SOC student agreements were created to increase credit portability.

VOLED COMMUNITY OUTREACH



- **322,000+** Reference materials were sent to 400+ education locations worldwide.
- **160,000** Service members connected via digital outreach.
- **2,300** Participants registered for Pilot Virtual Education Fairs.
- Launched dantes4military.education - Blog for Service members with weekly VolEd information.

TRANSITION SUPPORT



- **4,990** New members registered to receive Troops To Teachers (TTT) counseling.
- **402** TTT participants awarded financial assistance (stipend and/or bonus) during FY16.
- **1,047** TTT participants found job placements.



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Hot News

FY17 DEPH is Available

The FY17 DANTES Examination Program Handbook (DEPH) is available for all DANTES testing personnel with access to DAIMS at <https://daims.doded.mil>. It is located under the Documents Tab. Users can view, search, or download the DEPH, as well as utilize other forms and documents such as the online Document Receipt Form and the 2017 CLEP Examination Guides. NOTE: The FY17 DEPH includes many changes and updates.

DANTES Testing personnel should register for a DAIMS account using their CAC by clicking on "Use My CAC". For questions concerning electronic DEPH publications, contact the DANTES Examinations Program at exams@navy.mil.

Free CLEP Courses Available Online

A series of free online courses in CLEP subjects is now available through the Modern States

Education Alliance. The courses are taught by college professors and delivered online via the Modern States website, <https://modernstates.org/>. All of the courses are free, as well as any required textbooks and other materials.

Courses available include the following:

- Chemistry
- College Algebra
- Introductory Business Law
- Introductory Sociology
- Precalculus
- Principles of Macroeconomics
- Principles of Microeconomics
- Principles of Marketing

The CLEP courses are self-paced and there are no prerequisites or restrictions for enrollment. Participants do not have to register for a CLEP exam; however, to earn college credit upon completion of the course, participants must take the corresponding exam and achieve a qualifying score. Visit the Modern States Course Catalog to sign up and learn more, <https://modernstates.org/course> 



DID YOU KNOW DOD OFFERS A TUTORING PROGRAM ONLINE WITH LIVE TUTORS?

DoD's FREE Tutoring Services Can Lift Holiday Spirits!

Service members may be feeling that the holidays, finals and term papers are just a little too much to handle all at once. Remind them that DoD offers a tutor program online with live tutors, providing one-to-one help with homework. Active duty Service members, full time National Guard and Reserve members and their grades K-12 dependent children can get personalized help with test prep, proofreading and more.

Over 10,000 tutor sessions were conducted last month! The most popular session topics are English, Math (Algebra, Calculus, Statistics), Science and Accounting.

The program is getting positive feedback. Here is what one math student said:

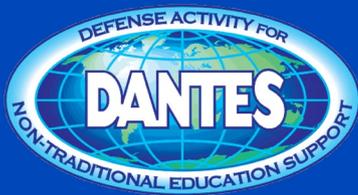
"I just want to say thanks for the free session for military members. It's really hard for some of us to complete our education and sometimes we have to teach ourselves. Things like this really are a blessing... I really appreciate it. Great services, thank you."

Everyone needs a little help. Encourage students to create an account and start tutoring sessions today -- go to <http://military.tutor.com/home>. For questions about the program, contact the DANTES Education Program Manager, 850-452-1913. 🎓

Attention DoD MOU Partner Institutions:

Department of Defense (DoD) Voluntary Education is pleased to announce a second call for Career and Technical Education (CTE) Program applications. The CTE Resource list has been developed in response to extensive input from the Services. Servicemembers Opportunity Colleges (SOC) coordinates the new program for Service members with a focus on helping members transition into the civilian labor market after military service.

The deadline for application to the program is Dec. 30, 2016. Please see the <http://soc.aascu.org/career-and-technical-education/cte-certificate-clusters> for specific certificate programs being accepted. Only certificate programs that are closely aligned with those identified career fields will be accepted at this time. 🎓



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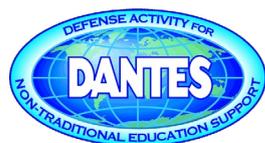
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