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Third change to DoD MOU instruction now live

Change 3 to the Department of Defense (DoD) Instruction 1322.25, "Voluntary Education Programs," was issued on July 7, 2014, due to the addition of paragraph header "Educational institutions will comply with these requirements for the return of TA funds" (Appendix to Enclosure 3, Figure 1, Section 4.f.2. (Page 41)). This critical sentence was erroneously omitted from the Change 2 version published May 23, 2014.

With the publication of Change 3, all educational institutions with an active DoD Voluntary Education Partnership MOU will have until 11:59 p.m. EST on Sept. 5, 2014 to sign the revised DoD MOU (July 7th version). Institutions that are Title IV Non-Compliant will have until 11:59 p.m. EST on Jan. 5, 2016 to become compliant.

So, what's new with the DoD MOU?

Change 3 certification

Change 3, DoDI 1322.25, was issued on July 7, 2014. Due to the Change 3 issuance, the DoD MOU 60 day signing deadline has been extended to 11:59 p.m. EST on Sept. 5, 2014. The Title IV Non-Compliant deadline is now 11:59 p.m. EST on Jan. 5, 2016.

Several institutions received a July 7, 2014 email requiring them to sign a certification statement acknowledging the modified term by 11:59 p.m. EST on Sept. 05, 2014.

The Change 3 certification statement can be downloaded from the DoD MOU homepage: Latest News or Resources sections.



If you aren't sure whether your institution must sign the certification statement, contact the DoD MOU Team at 850-452-1111 x 3175 or voledconcerns@navy.mil.

DoD MOU Verification Application

The Verification Application facilitates the requirement for educational institutions to identify one single tuition rate in accordance with Change 3, DoDI 1322.25 (July 7 version) via tuition rate documentation upload.

At a minimum, the tuition rate documentation will include the following:

- » name of educational institution (full name or logo with name)
- » time period of rate applicability (i.e. summer of 2014 term or calendar date: 2013-2014)
- » cost of tuition for each degree program, if different
- » cost of fees; listed separate from any charges for tuition or books
- » definition of any terms used throughout tuition rate documentation

To prevent delays in processing and approving the DoD MOU application, review of the entire Tuition Rate Document Guidelines is recommended.

The Tuition Rate Document Guidelines can be downloaded from the DoD MOU homepage: Latest News or Resources sections.

Compliance email address

OSD created a compliance email address for information concerning the DoDI 1322.25 requirements and compliance: osd.pentagon.osud-p-r.mbx.vol-edu-compliance@mail.mil. If your institution receives an email from OSD, please reply to that email for further information/guidance. The DoD MOU Team cannot assist with policy questions, only DoD MOU software application and program inquiries.

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Application Checklist and Institution Guide

This checklist and guide includes screen shots and notes to assist the institutions with completing the DoD MOU Verification Application in order to prevent delays in processing and approval. The checklist is located on the DoD MOU homepage, Step 2 at the bottom of the page.

For more information, review the DoD MOU Frequently Asked Questions, Latest News, and Resources sections for updates concerning the changes at www.dodmou.com/. For assistance, contact the DoD MOU Team at 850-452-1111 x 3175 or voledconcerns@navy.mil.

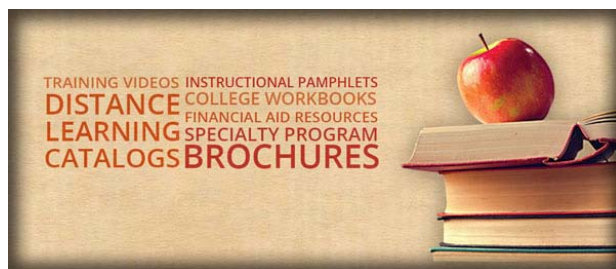
REFERENCE PUBLICATIONS NEWS

Temporary DANTES publications home

We are working to improve how DANTES publications are viewed and ordered by DoD education activities. Until that process is ready, publications have found a temporary home at the DANTES Pulse Digital Network (<http://dantespulse.dodlive.mil/catalog/>).

To order materials (requires a DANTES ID#), email dist@navy.mil or call DSN 459-1082 or Commercial (850) 452-1082. Include your DANTES ID#, the DANTES Stock Number for the item(s) you are ordering, and the quantity needed for each. Instructions for ordering and requesting a DANTES ID# are located on the above Web page.

Many of the publications are available online as well. Come check out the site and see what we can provide to help you help Service members achieve their education goals!



Yellow Ribbon program X 2 = resources²

From VA Office of Economic Opportunity

Many of you may have heard of the “Yellow Ribbon” program, but some may be confused as to what it refers to. Your confusion is warranted, as there are two “Yellow Ribbon” programs, both very different from each other.

Yellow Ribbon Reintegration Program (YRRP)

YRRP is offered by the Department of Defense for National Guard and Reserve members of the Armed Forces. Through their programs, families are connected to resources through the deployment period and help with reintegration afterwards. You can learn more about YRRP by visiting their website www.yellowribbon.mil/index.php?Itemid=0.

It's a very useful program.

Yellow Ribbon GI Education Enhancement Program

This program is provided by the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA). The VA Yellow Ribbon program allows degree-granting Institutions of Higher Learning in the United States (colleges/universities) to voluntarily enter into an agreement with VA to fund tuition and fee

expenses not covered by the Post-9/11 GI Bill for out-of-state students or those attending a private institution. The institution can contribute a specified dollar amount of those expenses and VA will match the same amount as the institution, not to exceed 50 percent of the difference. Nearly 2,000 institutions are participating in the program for the upcoming 2014 - 2015 academic year. More information can be found at www.benefits.va.gov/GIBILL/yellow_ribbon.asp

If you're a student or know a student searching for a school, we encourage you to visit the GI Bill Comparison Tool <http://department-of-veterans-affairs.github.io/gi-bill-comparison-tool/>. The tool will display whether the school participates in the Yellow Ribbon program.

To get specific information on the level of participation by a school, visit the Yellow Ribbon map at http://benefits.va.gov/GIBILL/yellow_ribbon/yrp_list_2014.asp. We've listed the degree levels, schools, number of students, and maximum contribution for each Yellow Ribbon participating institution in each state.

EXAMINATIONS NEWS

TCOs: You have Praxis questions; we have answers!

In the June DIB, DANTES announced the June 30 discontinuation of paper-based Praxis administrations at DANTES Test Sites. Below are answers to questions Test Control Officers (TCOs) have asked about the change:

When did the transition to computer-based testing take place?

The last paper-based administration at DANTES Test sites ended June 30, 2014.

Are there benefits to providing a computer-based exam only?

The main benefit is that candidates will have more opportunities to test in any number of testing centers around the world. Candidates can find test centers at www.ets.org/praxis/register/centers_dates. As this list updates often, candidates are encouraged to check before scheduling.

Overseas sites have been areas of concern. Where are the sites located?

Contact DANTES (exams@navy.mil) for a complete list of locations or go to www.ets.org/praxis/register/centers_dates.

Can current base-sponsored National Test Centers (NTCs) apply to become a Praxis computer-based testing center?

Anyone interested in becoming a test center can go through the ETS Certified Test Administration (CTAS) application process at www.ets.org/ctas?WT.ac=etshome_join_121025.

How does ETS determine the need for additional test centers in an area?

Most decisions are determined by the most recent candidate volume. In rare cases, temporary sites are made available to accommodate large capacity.

With the transition to Praxis computer-based testing, have the fees changed?

The current fees remain in place. All test fees are listed in the PRAXIS Chapter of the DANTES Examination Program Handbook (DEPH) II-9-13.

Will Service members be funded for the Praxis exams after conversion to computer-based?

DANTES funds only one administration of the Praxis I (Core) and one administration of the Praxis II: Subject Assessments, which includes the PLT, per lifetime at a

DANTES Test Site. Funding for Service members as described will continue while DANTES works on a reimbursement process, that should be in place by Oct. 1, 2014.

TCOs should continue to monitor the DANTES website, DEPH and DIBs for funding policy updates and testing support information for military and military-affiliated civilians. Email questions or concerns to exams@navy.mil or visit www.ets.org/praxis for information regarding registration and test dates at an NTC.

FY14 DEPH 3rd quarter update available online

The 3rd quarter update of the FY14 DANTES Examination Program Handbook (DEPH), Parts I and II, is now available online to DANTES testing personnel with access to the Test Control Officer (TCO) Portal. Users can view, search and download the DEPH, as well as the calendar of national test dates for FY14 and other forms used by TCOs.

There's an APP for that! Download DSST prep now

Need to prepare for a DSST exam? There's an app for that! With real-time feedback, test prep suggestions and links to www.getcollegetcredit.com, candidates can try their hand at any number of DSST quizzes, including Fundamentals of Cybersecurity, and all for free. The ease of use and intuitive nature of the app allows a candidate to study on the go and is a nice alternative to the DSST Internet-based practice tests candidates can access online. Download the free DSST app today, exclusively through the Android app store at <https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=prometric.dsst>.



To receive email notification when the DIB is posted to the Web site, send an email to pubs@navy.mil.

Click [HERE](#) to view archived DIBs.

DANTES PARTNERSHIPS NEWS

JST Credentialing Page

In the April 2014 DIB, DANTES provided results from the Joint Services Transcript (JST) Enhancement Survey DANTES conducted in January 2014 (see www.dantes.doded.mil_content/dib/2014/DIB_Apr_2014.pdf). The survey, completed by transcript reviewers at colleges and universities, desire for future improvements to the JST. The JST Enhancement Survey identified that stakeholders want a separate page dedicated specifically for credentialing (certification/licensure) accomplishments. The JST Operations Division recently completed the development of that new enhancement and all future transcripts will provide credentialing achievements by name of the credential and date received.

To learn more, go to <https://jst.doded.mil>.

ACE job opening

The American Council on Education (ACE) seeks Senior Program Manager, key to successful military course and occupation reviews for potential college credit recommendations from ACE faculty teams. Some functions include:

- » analyze and process course and occupation materials, identify discrepancies and reconcile them prior to review
- » coordinate review logistics with military schoolhouses and faculty evaluators
- » conduct pre-review analysis and planning to determine content, scope, and logistics of review
- » travel with team and work closely with military course managers, faculty evaluators, and ACE Field Coordinator
- » conduct post-review activities

To view job requirements, or to apply, go to https://acenet.silkroad.com/epostings/index.cfm?fuseaction=app.jobinfo&jobid=290912&company_id=15822&version=1&source=ONLINE&jobOwner=1015974&aid=1.

ACE military programs webinar dates

The American Council on Education (ACE) announced 2014 dates for two informative webinars:

- » Demystifying Military Evaluations
Friday, 2 pm EST (Sept. 5)
Register online: www.acenet.edu/events/Pages/Demystifying-Military-Evaluations.aspx
- » Using the Joint Services Transcript (JST) and the Military Guide
Friday, 2 pm EST (Aug. 8)
Register online: www.acenet.edu/events/Pages/Using-the-JST-and-the-Military-Guide.aspx

These webinars are offered by ACE free of charge but do require registration. A link to the online event will be provided after registration.

SOC selects new SOCAD Project Director

Servicemembers Opportunity Colleges (SOC) announced the selection of Dr. Norma W. Goldstein, formerly a college dean in Maryland and Washington state, as the new SOCAD Project Director. With over 25 years of teaching, Goldstein has been an accreditation evaluator, president of the Washington State Articulation and Transfer Council, and chair of several statewide task forces.



An editor, Goldstein directed the national Skill Standards for Professional Technical College Faculty and Customized Trainers and the state curriculum guide for teacher certification. She has been a national trainer for college instructors including teaching university faculty in Harbin, China. Awarded three National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) research fellowships, she edited regional publications and published essays and poetry in various academic journals.

Goldstein received her bachelor's and master's degrees from Connecticut College, an Advanced Studies degree from Wesleyan University, and her doctorate from University of Rhode Island. She has additional postgraduate work at Dartmouth, Mississippi State University and Cambridge University, England.



TROOPS TO TEACHERS NEWS

Troops to Teachers in the land of Kentucky Unbridled Spirit

By Wayne Eccles, Kentucky State TTT Director

Separating military members who chose to "Proudly Serve Again" by becoming educators through the Troops to Teachers (TTT) program have an opportunity to contribute to society and make a huge impact in the lives of students. TTT members bring years of experience, travel, leadership, discipline, dedication, selfless service and a sense of honor right into the classroom.

Retired Army master sergeant Darell S. Keith is one such member. Keith always accomplished the mission he was given. He demanded of himself, as well as those he led, one hundred percent commitment and energy, the same traits he expects of his students today. After more than 23 years of active duty and a long list of accomplishments, he retired from the 5th Special Forces Support Operations Group, Fort Campbell, Ky.

Keith could have looked to slow down and take it easy after a highly successful career, but slowing down did not even enter his mind. Keith teaches 7th grade social studies at Christian County Middle



Master Sgt. Darell Keith during a Feb. 26, 2011, presentation to the Christian County Board of Education/

School (CCMS) in Hopkinsville, outside of Fort Campbell. He pours himself into the lives of his students and instills in them a sense of confidence, pride and a desire to learn. In addition to teaching 7th grade, Keith serves as the CCMS Head Football Coach and Assistant Basketball Coach. Leading by example, he decided to undertake an additional degree, showing his students that education is a life-long mission.

Outside of school, Keith enjoys the Head Coaching position for the Christian County Outlaws, a minor league football team. One of his players was visibly excited about the team and quickly pointed to Coach Keith as the reason for his

excitement and the team's success. The Christian County Outlaws are ranked 11th nationally after only their third season. Keith says, "It takes absolutely zero effort at the bottom. That is why so many people are comfortable with it." He adds that a good coach/teacher provides: Character, Outlook, Attitude, Cohesion, and Heroism. He is a true reflection of these qualities learned in military Service.

Teaching and coaching are very similar and he expects the same results from his students as he does his players. Each day, when he steps up in front of his students, Darell Keith knows that he is making a difference and genuinely is "Proud to Serve Again!"

For those interested in teaching in Kentucky, contact Wayne Eccles at weccles@troopstoteachers.net

**"A good coach/teacher provides: Character, Outlook, Attitude, Cohesion, and Heroism."
Darell Keith
Kentucky TTT participant**



Coach Keith explains rules during football team tryouts in 2012.



For general information on the TTT program:

- » Web sites:
 - www.dantes.doded.mil/service-members/troops-to-teachers-faq/index.html
 - www.proudtoserveagain.com/
- » email: ttt@navy.mil
- » Toll free: (800) 231-6242
- » DSN: 459-1320
- » Fax: (850) 452-1096

FROM THE DESK OF THE SENIOR ENLISTED ADVISOR



HMCM (FMF/SW) David Acuff
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Is going back to school on your mind lately? Perhaps, as the summer break has come to an end and school is resuming for children and college students, you have begun thinking of going back to school yourself? It seems that mail boxes and newspapers are overflowing with advertisements, sales and coupons for “back to school” supplies and college dorm-room

essentials. Children are filling back packs, and parents are scrambling to find all of the school supplies. Schools are hosting Open House and back to school events, focused on children, teenagers, parents, and college students. This could also be a perfect time for you to use this season as a springboard to start or restart going to college.

Open House events are being attended all over the United States and base education offices and virtual education centers are no different. Education Services Officers (ESOs) are standing by, in person and virtually, to give you a tour of all the services offered to military members. While taking a tour, be sure to sign up for a career interest inventory that can help determine the fields of interest and study that are best suited for you. Kuder Journey® is one of your military benefits and provides reliable tools to assess your interests and suggest education and career options. Go ahead and give it a try at www.dantes.kuder.com.

Still another “house” that is open 24/7 for military members is the DANTES website (www.dantes.doded.mil/index.html). Here, you can learn about services and



programs available to help you pursue your educational goals. The site can also help identify exams, such as DSST or CLEP, that can reduce the number of classes needed for your degree, saving time and money. These tests are provided free to Service members the first time they are taken.

Earning your degree or certificate might also be possible through Distance Learning (DL). Online learning is hugely popular, and for good reason. Many

military adult learners have to face difficult deployment schedules and demanding duties, while juggling other personal and family obligations. Online learning is perfect for people who have busy lives. If this sounds like you, DL may be a solution. An online degree lets you go back to school on your own schedule—and may enhance your career. According to the U.S. Census Bureau, college graduates make more on average than workers who just have a high school diploma. Not sure if DL is for you? Take the DANTES Distance Learning Readiness Self-Assessment (DLRSA), developed

to assess your skills and identify possible weaknesses that may affect your success when taking distance learning classes. This is a no-cost benefit located on our website at www.dantes.doded.mil/service-members/prep-for-college/self-assessment/index.html.

If you are preparing for college, you will also want to request a Joint Services Transcript (JST) reflecting American Council on Education (ACE)

recommended college credit you may qualify for from previous military training and experience. The JST is available online for personal use or you can request an official copy be sent to accredited colleges and universities. The free JST is available at <https://jst.doded.mil>. Note: the Air Force will continue to make its records available through the Community College of the Air Force (CCAF) and the Air Force Virtual Education Center; subsequently, Air Force records are not reflected on the JST.

So, with all of these resources at your disposal, don't let this summer go by without jump starting your college education. Go to your own Open House and meet with an education counselor to learn more about the numerous opportunities available to you. Don't have a counselor? Contact DANTES or myself and we will get you pointed in the right direction. Don't delay – enroll in a college course today.

Until next time, keep up with DANTES on Facebook at www.facebook.com/DANTES.DoD or contact me at ea@navy.mil. I would enjoy hearing from you.

Do you have an education-related story to share?

Is there a topic you would like to see covered in the DIB?

Do you have a question about DANTES?

If so, send submissions to pubs@navy.mil.



OTHER VOLED NEWS & BLOGS

Serving Smart: Financial Aid Basics

Posted July 18, 2014 on DoDLive.mil

Today we officially launch our new education blog series, "Serving Smart". Woohoo! Get the word out by telling your friends, your co-workers, your grocer, ummm...your UPS delivery person. TELL. ALL.PEOPLE. Try to think of this blog as one of those chain letters or Facebook posts where if you don't forward it on to five of your friends you will suffer bad luck.

Beware!

No, no, I'm only kidding. But really, let's get this discussion going and please tell your friends.

So, to kick things off, let's begin with a fun discussion about college tuition (Exciting!). The harsh reality behind education is that it costs money and under normal circumstances, you can't attend college or a career/tech school without paying for it. There are many reasons people choose not to advance their education, but the most common excuse is, "I can't afford it."

Many Service members believe they're not eligible for Federal Financial aid. This is a big fat False-eto! For those serving on active duty, National Guard Reserve or Selective Reserve you may be eligible to receive federal aid. However, every branch of service has its own policies. So you need to check with your respective service to determine your eligibility.

www.dodlive.mil/index.php/2014/07/serving-smart-financial-aid-basics/

Understanding the New Defense.Gov Site

Posted July 9, 2014 on DoDLive.mil

The Defense Department launched a redesigned home page (www.defense.gov/) in order to improve visitor experience and better serve audiences. Based on user feedback, the new Defense.gov will provide a richer content experience on the home page, making it easier for visitors to find news and feature articles, videos, photos and other types of Web content.

Previously, in order to find the bulk of Defense Department news, visitors have to click on the "News" link in the site header. The new design, however, will deliver news and feature content directly on the home page across multiple communications channels.

www.dodlive.mil/index.php/2014/07/understanding-the-new-defense-gov-site/

The Intentionality of Education

Posted July 21, 2014 on dantespulse.dodlive.mil/

DANTES' own Dr. Carol A. Berry and LTC Eurydice S. Stanley (retired) coauthored an article recently published in the third quarter Joint Force Quarterly (JFQ), produced by National Defense University Press. The article, The Intentionality of Education, encourages leaders to instill the desire for and reinforce the need for military members to look to the future and focus on their higher education goals using the many programs provided by the Services and DANTES.

www.dantespulse.dodlive.mil/the-intentionality-of-education/

An Educational Experience Second to None for VCU's Vets

Posted July 18, 2014 on ed.gov/

For 70 years, the Servicemen's Readjustment Act of 1944 – known as the "GI Bill" – has provided our nation's military with higher education opportunities. In an effort to give back to our veterans, the Obama administration signed an Executive Order 13607, Establishing Principles of Excellence for Educational Institutions Serving Service Members, Veterans, Spouses, and Other Family Members that led to the creation of the 8 Keys to Veterans' Success (8 Keys).

These are concrete steps institutions of higher education can take to assist veterans and service members on their campus in their transition to postsecondary education. Over 400 universities and colleges across the country have pledged themselves to these 8 Keys. On July 16, Education Under Secretary Ted Mitchell and Under Secretary of Veterans Affairs Allison A. Hickey sent a joint letter to institutions of higher education encouraging them to affirm support for the 8 Keys.

Virginia Commonwealth University (VCU) offers a view into what it looks like to support veterans through the 8 Keys.

www.ed.gov/blog/2014/07/an-educational-experience-second-to-none-for-vcus-vets/

Blood, sweat, summa cum laude

www.dvidshub.net/news/135362/blood-sweat-summa-cum-laude#.U81ivfldWSO

Education and Employment Initiative (E2I)

<http://warriorcare.dodlive.mil/wounded-warrior-resources/e2i/>

DANTES Social Media

Join us for up-to-date information, conversations, or just let us know how your education journey is going!

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