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DoD VolEd Partnership MOU unveiled

One of the most important issues facing Service members in today's technology-driven world is education. It is also one of the biggest problems for military students also faced with transfers around the world, deployments, and heavy workloads. In an effort to ensure Service members are not penalized for their duties and still receive a quality postsecondary education, the Department of Defense Voluntary Education Partnership Memorandum of Understanding (DoD VolEd Partnership MOU) was developed.

The MOU will formalize the partnership between the DoD Office of the Under Secretary of Defense (OUSD) for Personnel and Readiness and educational institutions wishing to participate in tuition assistance. The revised DoD Instruction 1322.25, Voluntary Education Programs, which establishes the new policy, was signed and published March 15, 2011.

This new DoD VolEd Partnership MOU conveys the commitments and agreements between the educational institution and DoD. An institution must have a signed DoD Partnership MOU and be on the list of participating institutions in the DoD Tuition Assistance (TA) Program prior to receiving funds from the Service's TA program. For all institutions signing the MOU before Jan. 1, 2012, the implementation date will be Jan. 1, 2012. After Jan. 1, 2012, the MOU will be effective on the date of the latest signature from OUSD.

What does all this mean to the over 300,000 VolEd students enrolled in postsecondary courses?

- » Quality education programs are provided uniformly.
- » Institutions agree to abide by DoD policies prior to enrolling a Service member.
- » Institutions will provide the same tuition cost for all Service members enrolled in the same course at the same location.
- » Institutions will award credit where appropriate (whether through classroom or via military experience/training).
- » Institutions agree to adhere to and execute Servicemembers Opportunity Colleges principles and criteria.
- » Institutions agree to participate in an established military Voluntary Education third-party review process.

The DoD Instruction 1322.25 and sample MOU is available at www.dodmou.com for review. Shortly, the electronic MOU application will be available for completion by the institutions at this Web site. In addition, institutions, education centers, and Service members will be able to view a list of all participating institutions. It is important for everyone to understand, beginning Jan. 1, 2012 that if the institution does not have an MOU with Department of Defense, the institution will not be eligible to receive tuition assistance funding. For specific questions about the agreement, e-mail VOLEDCONCERNS@navy.mil.

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Department of Defense (DoD) Voluntary Education Partnership Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)

FACT SHEET

The Department of Defense (DoD) recently made it a requirement that all institutions participating in the Military Tuition Assistance (TA) program must have a memorandum of understanding with the DoD. The policy was published in the Department of Defense Instruction 1322.25, dated March 15, 2011. Schools have until Jan. 1, 2012 to comply with the policy.

Policy:

The policy applies to all institutions, accredited by an agency recognized by the U.S. Department of Education, enrolling Title X active duty military members using DoD military TA dollars to assist in the payment of their education. This includes schools operating on and off military bases and institutions delivering courses through various modalities to include classroom instruction, distance education (i.e., Web-based, CD-ROM, or multimedia) and correspondence courses. The MOU with the DoD articulates the commitment and agreements between postsecondary education institutions receiving TA and DoD.

Key Elements Institutions Agree to in the MOU:

- » Support the regulatory guidance provided by DoD and the Services.
- » Adhere to and execute Servicemembers Opportunity Colleges principles and criteria.
- » Participate in an established military Voluntary Education third-party review process.
- » Provide the same tuition cost for all Service members enrolled in the same course and location, regardless of the Service component.
- » Recognize, accept, and award credit where appropriate, from the Army/American Council on Education Registry Transcript System, the Sailor/Marine American Council on Education Registry Transcript System, and the Community College of the Air Force (CCAF) transcript as the official sources of military training and experience documentation with corresponding college credit recommendations, when processing an individual's documented education plan.
- » Provide an evaluated educational plan to the Service member and his or her Service.
- » Provide course enrollment, withdrawal, cancellation, completion status, grade, verification of degree completion to the Service issuing tuition assistance based on the Service Addendum.
- » Use the billing process as outlined in the Services' regulations and respective Service Addenda.

Platforms:

Check out the MOU Web site www.dodmou.com to submit an application in the future. Also, there will be links under the DoD Voluntary Education Web site at <http://apps.mhf.dod.mil/voled> where you can submit a question or find:

- » The DoD MOU.
- » The DoDI 1322.25.
- » MOU Participation Institution List - Institutions that have signed an MOU with DoD.

**Department of Defense (DoD)
Voluntary Education Partnership
Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)**

Frequently Asked Questions

When is the policy effective?

- » The policy will be effective on Jan. 1, 2012.

When can a school submit a request to participate / sign the MOU?

- » Currently the application process is under construction and we anticipate will be completed by the end of Spring 2011. However schools are encouraged to obtain a copy of the MOU for review and gather the required information to complete the application.

What information is required to be submitted in the application?

- » A Verification Application Readiness Checklist is on the MOU Web page at www.dodmou.com. The checklist outlines all of the information a school should have on hand prior to requesting eligibility.

What happens if a school does not sign by Jan. 1, 2012?

- » The school will not be permitted to participate in the military tuition assistance (TA) program until they sign the MOU and the official signing process is completed.

How to obtain additional information, a copy of the MOU or the DoDI 1322.25 instruction?

- » Copies are located on the DoD Voluntary Education Web site at <http://apps.mhf.dod.mil/voled>, the MOU Web page at www.dodmou.com, and the DoD Issuances Web site at www.dtic.mil/whs/directives/corres/ins1.html.

Who at the school signs the MOU?

- » The President/CEO/Chancellor of the Institution should sign the MOU for the institution. The institution's parent / home / main campus will be signatory of the MOU for all campuses /sites within the institution's system.
- » One DoD Voluntary Education Partnership MOU with the home campus will cover any program offered by the institution, regardless of location as long as the course offerings are covered by the institution's accreditation.
- » The institution will be required to provide all campuses/sites to be included in the MOU. If the institution does not include a campus(es), the excluded campus(es) will not be permitted to participate in the military TA program.

What is the term of the MOU?

- » The document is effective for five (5) years. The effective date will be the date the authorized DoD official signs the MOU, the official signing process is completed. If an institution cannot enter into a five year term, DoD will work with the institution to establish an agreeable term, following a request with an alternative term when the institution is applying for verification of eligibility.

What is an Office of Postsecondary Education Identification (OPE ID)?

- » The 8-digit number is assigned by the Department of Education to schools eligible to participate in federal student financial aid programs and receive Title IV funding.

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Where can a school find additional information on OPE ID?

- » On the Department of Education, Office of Postsecondary Education web page: <http://nces.ed.gov/collegenavigator/> or www.ope.ed.gov/accreditation/Search.aspx.

If a school does not participate in Title IV funding and does not want to obtain an OPE ID, will the school be permitted to sign an MOU?

- » For schools that do not participate in any federally funded Title IV programs, an identifying number will be assigned by DoD. Schools will request a DoD identifying number when applying for verification of eligibility.

Is there a list of schools that have signed the MOU?

- » All schools with MOUs with DoD will be posted to the “Participation Institution List” on the DoD Web page <http://apps.mhf.dod.mil/voled> and the MOU Web page www.dodmou.com.

If an institution has multiple campuses with multiple OPE IDs, does each institution submit a DoD MOU for each campus?

- » If the parent, home, or main campus for an institution is accountable for all of the campuses, then only one DOD MOU would be required. The DoD MOU would be signed by the parent, home, or main campus signatory responsible for all of the campuses and would include a listing of each individual campus, along with the specific locations and OPE IDs.
- » However, if each campus operates as a separate business entity for purposes such as handling third-party payments, then each campus will require a separate DoD MOU.

What is meant by “one single tuition rate”?

- » The intent of the paragraph in DoD Instruction 1322.25, Voluntary Education Programs (“One Single Tuition Rate”), March 15, 2011, is to ensure that all Service members (i.e., Soldiers, Airmen, Sailors, or Marines) attending the same institution, at the same location, enrolled in the same course, be charged the same amount of tuition assistance without regard to their Service component. Additionally, there may be different modes of delivery for these courses, therefore the “one single tuition rate” within each mode of delivery will be the same for all participating Service members without regard to their Service component.

Is there a relationship between the DoD Voluntary Education Partnership MOU and the installation MOU?

- » The DoD Voluntary Education Partnership MOU (which includes the Service-specific addenda on pages 31-38 of DoDI 1322.25, dated March 15, 2011) is separate from an “installation MOU” that an institution may have if they are currently operating on an installation or military base.
- » Additionally, the installation MOU contains the installation-unique requirements coordinated, documented, and retained by the installation’s education advisor, with concurrence from the appropriate Service voluntary education representative, and presented to the installation commander for final approval. The installation MOU cannot conflict with the DoD Voluntary Education Partnership MOU and governing regulations.
- » If an institution has specific questions concerning their installation MOU, they should use the installation chain of command, starting with the installation education office, to obtain an answer. Many local questions can be answered/resolved at the local level. If not, the staff at the education office can elevate the question/concern through the proper education channels for an answer.



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EXAMINATIONS NEWS

Base-sponsored NTCs: 160 and growing

The number of National Test Centers (NTCs) continues to grow as more bases convert to computer-based testing. There are now more than 160 NTCs. CLEP eCBT worldwide is now 80 percent and iBT DSST is 70 percent. As the transition from paper-based testing to computer-based testing continues, military installations should now take advantage of going to base-sponsored NTCs wherever possible as the transition to 100 percent CBT becomes imminent.

DANTES test sites migrating DSST, CLEP and ECE paper-based to computer-based is made possible with the base-sponsored NTC through a partnership with colleges on or near the base. The

number of NTCs is quickly rising as both Education Center staff and Service members take advantage of the many benefits of computerized testing. Not only does it provide increased security in exam delivery, candidates also enjoy greater flexibility when scheduling and receive instant score results.

Secondly, Test Control Officers (TCOs) can focus their efforts on goals and tasks other than form ordering, administering, shipping and inventory.

Finally, for the institution hosting the NTC, it maximizes the use of their computers and generates funding to maintain and operate their facility.

With the simple, standard start-up process in place (MOU between base and school and a written

agreement between the school and the testing agencies), DANTES encourages all bases to explore this opportunity and reach out to the school on or near the base to sponsor iBT DSST, CLEP eCBT and ECE CBT testing. Testing companies are phasing out paper-based exams, which could cause education centers to find themselves without service if they don't pursue the NTC model now.

Sample forms, guidance and technical support are available from:

- » DANTES e-mail
exams@navy.mil
- » DANTES Web site
www.dantes.doded.mil
- » Prometric
pnj-dsst@prometric.com
- » College Board
clep@collegeboard.org

TCO Portal celebrates over one year of operation

On Feb. 8, 2010, DANTES launched the online TCO Portal. This information management system streamlined testing program management by combining the most relevant functions from two previous database systems.

No longer required to log into separate cumbersome systems, Test Control Officers (TCOs) are able to manage their testing programs through a one-stop portal that puts access to up-to-date information at their finger tips. Testing personnel are able to instantly view: important quarterly updates to the DANTES Exams Program Handbook (DEPH); testing manuals; exam program forms; as well as have access to practice tests and detailed exam information for Service members to assist with their

preparations for CLEP and DSST exams.

DANTES is able to quickly and effectively communicate important information to over 600 testing personnel worldwide by posting current information under Alerts and Hot News.

By housing records in one information management system, TCO Portal Administrators can access a wide range of information to provide Service Headquarters, Major Commands and DANTES test sites reports that assess Service member participation, test volumes and pass rates for DANTES-funded test sites and on-base National Test Centers.

In June, TCOs will be able to add education center counselors as limited users to the TCO Portal. While counselors won't have access

to controlled testing information, they will have the ability to utilize the Candidate Exam Inquiry function. Since DANTES no longer funds retests on the same test title when an examinee fails to achieve the ACE-recommended score or the score required by a college or university for college level equivalency exams, the Candidate Exam Inquiry feature can be used to research an examinee's testing history. This search can also be used to ensure that the required 180 day waiting period has elapsed prior to retesting examinees on a personally funded basis.

In just a year, the TCO Portal has proven to be an invaluable tool for TCOs, Service members and counselors alike.

For questions or information, contact exams@navy.mil.



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CREDENTIALING NEWS

Credentialing for today and tomorrow

Many corporations utilize credentialing as their benchmark when considering which candidates meet minimal requirements for jobs at their companies.

Credentialing is quickly becoming the primary key to civilian employment in many fields related to military service. This article is a reminder to readers that planning for tomorrow, while living today, establishes commitment to long and short-range career goals.

Education counselors can help Service members explore occupational career fields that are associated with their current position or interest to determine if civilian practitioners are required to possess a state or federal license in order to practice the profession. Young military members on their first tour of duty may think this to be premature, but they should know that it is never too early to plan for tomorrow's job.

Service members planning their path for tomorrow's job should consider these steps:

1. Find out the credentials that are required for your occupation in the civilian workforce and consider them while still on active duty.
2. Study and take the appropriate tests. Make certain that they meet the requirements of the industry. Note: A certificate is usually a document that trainees receive at the end of completing a course. Certification means an individual meets all the requirements to include sitting to take a high stakes exam that all other recognized people in that industry passed.
3. Once certified or licensed in your occupation, you must retest to continue your "active" status. In some locations of the country, you only submit the financial commitment annually or biannually. Other locations require both the financial commitment and retesting to illustrate continued competence in the occupation.

When sitting for a credentialing exam, Service members should take it very seriously and prepare properly prior to the exam. Completing a class or obtaining the appropriate study guides will assist greatly in preparation.

Whatever direction taken, remember that, like learning, preparation for employment is a lifelong process until retirement. For more information, e-mail certprog@navy.mil or call 850-452-1111 Ext. 3194 or 3213.



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May in U.S. history:

5, 1961: Alan Shepard became the first American in space
8, 1884: 33rd U.S. President Harry S. Truman born
10, 1869: Union Pacific and Central Pacific railways linked at Promontory Point, Utah
13, 1846: At the request of President James Polk, Congress declared war on Mexico
14, 1607: First permanent English settlement in America was established at Jamestown, Virginia
14, 1942: Women allowed to enlist for noncombat duties
17, 1875: First Kentucky Derby horse race took place at Churchill Downs in Louisville
18, 1980: Mount St. Helens volcano erupted in Washington
20, 1927: Charles Lindbergh became the first man to fly solo across the Atlantic
20, 1932: Amelia Earhart became the first woman to fly solo across the Atlantic
21, 1881: Clara Barton founded the American Red Cross
24, 1844: Telegraph inventor Samuel Morse sent the first official telegraph message from the Capitol building in Washington, D.C., to Baltimore
25, 1787: Constitutional Convention began in Philadelphia
27, 1937: Grand opening of San Francisco, Golden Gate Bridge
29, 1917: 35th U.S. President John F. Kennedy born
29, 1736: American revolutionary leader Patrick Henry born; declared in 1775: "I know not what course others may take, but as for me, give me liberty or give me death"
30, 1922: Lincoln Memorial in Washington, D.C., dedicated
31, 1819: American poet Walt Whitman born



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HIGHER EDUCATION PROGRAMS NEWS

How to get college credit for military training

Even as long ago as World War I, educators recognized that Service personnel deserved academic credit for much of the schools, courses, and training they received in the military. The question was how to assess the academic value of this military training. The answer was to have qualified college educators analyze military training to determine what learning experiences might translate into academic credit.

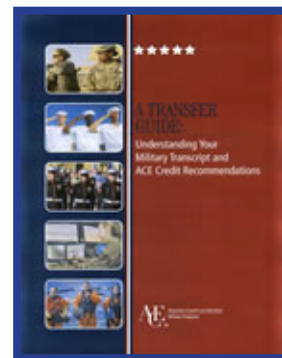
Receiving college credits for military experience helps active duty military and veterans jump-start their college careers and save tuition money.

The DANTES video, *The ACE Guide: A Tool for Saving Time and Money* (DANTES Stock #3211) discusses how, in 1945, the American Council on Education (ACE) set up a commission to evaluate

military educational programs and assist colleges in granting credit for military experiences. The video also shows how to use the ACE Guide and how to apply for academic credit.

A good companion piece to this video is the booklet, *A Transfer Guide: Understanding Your Military Transcript and ACE Credit Recommendations* (DANTES Stock #2111).

Military education centers can order these free materials by e-mailing the DANTES Distribution Center at dist@navy.mil or by calling DSN 922-1082 or CML (850) 452-1082.



Announcing the new SMART format

On April 12, 2011, the American Council on Education (ACE), the U.S. Navy and the U.S. Marine Corps, launched the redesigned Sailor/Marine American Council on Education Registry Transcript (SMART). The new SMART format features a simplified list of course work and training completed, which will assist colleges and universities in processing transcripts.

The new format was developed with input from the AARTS/

SMART Advisory Committee, which consists of college and university registrars and admissions personnel, and representatives from ACE, the Army, the Navy and the Marine Corps.

With increasing numbers of sailors and marines enrolling in college-level programs, turning military training into college credit has become more important than ever. Last year, nearly 135,000 transcripts were sent to more than

1,200 colleges and universities, helping sailors and marines work toward a degree by leveraging the college credits earned through their military training experiences. ACE and the SMART operations staff are proud to serve those who serve.

To learn more about the new format, visit www.acenet.edu/militaryprograms/resourcetools.

For questions, e-mail ACE at mileval@acenet.edu or SMART at sfly_smart@navy.mil.

Other VolEd news in the world...

Online Skills Program Helps 10,000th Sailor with College, Career Change

www.navy.mil/search/display.asp?story_id=59729

Soldier works on doctorate while in uniform

www.army.mil/-news/2011/03/29/53976-soldier-works-on-doctorate-while-in-uniform/

Senior NCOs educate, mentor troops to improve ASVAB

www.dvidshub.net/news/68244/senior-ncos-educate-mentor-troops-improve-asvab

Grants for education

Potential college students should seek out any and all available grants and scholarships to help defray the high cost of college tuition. Grants are types of funding that may come from a variety of sources, including government sources and non-profit organizations. These may be tax exempt and, unlike loans, do not have to be paid back. There are basically two types of grant programs for college students:

- » Need-based grants
- » Merit-based grants

The federal government is one of the largest providers of need-based student grants. To determine if one qualifies, the individual must complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) form which can be done online at www.fafsa.ed.gov/. There are various federal grants, to include:

- » Pell Grants - usually awarded to undergraduate students who have not earned a bachelor's or a professional degree. The maximum Pell Grant for award year of 2011-2012 is \$5,500. The amount a student receives will depend on financial need and college costs.
- » FSEOG Grants - Federal Supplement Educational Opportunity Grant (FSEOG) program is for undergraduate students with exceptional financial need. The amount received for this type of grant may be from \$100 to \$4,000 per year.
- » Iraq and Afghanistan Service Grants - for students eligible for a Pell Grant, but whose parent or guardian was a member of the U.S. military service and died as a result of service performed in Iraq or

Afghanistan after 11 September 2001. The student must be under 24 years of age.

Merit-based grants typically are awarded on the basis of academic achievement and may consider financial need as part of the application process. Some types of merit-based grants are:

- » Institutional Grants - each college may award special grants with specific requirements. A student should always check with their institution for any specific grants from their college.
- » State Grants - the combination of need and grades are used to determine a student's eligibility for a state grant. Specific grant requirements vary state by state. The student should check with their state Department of Education for guidelines.
- » Private Grants - typically funded by companies or corporations. Finding private grants requires some time and effort, but may be well worth it.

There are many college grants specific for a military spouse. Go to <http://id.military.com/scholarship/search-for-scholarships.do> to search for available grants and scholarships. For military spouses planning to complete a nursing degree, grants and scholarships specific to this college major are available.

The first step to receiving a grant is to do the homework. Seek out all possible sources of grants and scholarships to help with the cost of higher education and talk to the financial advisor at the college. There are no disadvantages for receiving student grants and no hidden agendas or clauses. There is, however, "Free" money out there waiting to assist with college costs.

DANTES provides several sources of reference materials on grants and scholarships for education centers. To request copies, e-mail dist@navy.mil; provide quantity, DANTES Stock # and your DANTES ID#.

- » Counselors and Mentors Handbook on Federal Student Aid (DANTES Stock #2410): this is an automatic mail out to eligible military education centers; also available at www.edpubs.gov/document/EN0997P.pdf.
- » Funding Education Beyond High School (DANTES Stock #2405): limit for distribution 50 per every 3 months; also available at http://studentaid.ed.gov/students/publications/student_guide/index.html.
- » Don't Miss Out (DANTES Stock #2421): limit for distribution 25 per every 3 months.
- » Federal Student Aid at a Glance (DANTES Stock #2431); limit for distribution 100 per every 3 months.
- » Loans and Grants (DANTES Stock #2447): limit for distribution 25 per every 3 months.
- » Financial Aid for Veterans, Military Members, and Their Families (DANTES Stock #2464): limit for distribution 5 per every 3 months.

Other online sources of information include:

- » Need A Lift?: <http://needalift.org/>
- » Federal Aid First: <http://federalstudentaid.ed.gov/federalaidfirst/>

FROM THE DESK OF THE ADVISOR

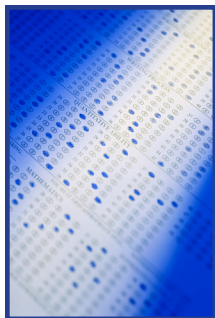


HMCM (FMF/SW) David Acuff
Senior Enlisted Advisor

The military enlisted advancement and promotion system has many obvious benefits: increased privileges, job opportunities, positions of authority, and of course... more money in the paycheck. Ask any enlisted Service member who has spent a military career successfully rising through the ranks about the secret of their success, and you're likely to get

this answer: "Know how the promotion system works."

If you are among the thousands who want to advance up in rank, prepare now for promotion. Make sure you have every box checked. If your Service requires a test, make sure you pull the appropriate references to study. I never once advanced in rank without studying hard for a promotion test. The belief that your promotion will come after you have "done-the-time" is foolhardy. Too many Service men and women are being released from active duty today because they are not advancing according to their Service's established promotion criteria and timelines. Enlisted promotions are competitive. There are more people eligible for promotion than there are available positions.



The Services each have their own methods to "choose the best" based upon points for specific achievements, promotion boards, and combinations of both. Due to the competitive nature of the military, it is sometimes tough getting enough promotion points to get promoted. If you are looking for more promotion points, consider enrolling in some college classes. Are you in the Army and consistently coming in under the cut-off score for promotion? Do you know you can earn up to 100 promotion points in the civilian education category? The Marines call these "Self-Education

Promotion Points" and grant up to 75 points toward promotions. Although the Air Force and Coast Guard don't allow specific points toward promotion, a Service member's education level is taken into consideration for promotion boards and special assignments. Having a degree can make the difference when it comes to getting that dream assignment or promotion. In line with the Navy's continued emphasis on education, you can earn



two points for an associate degree and four points for a bachelor's degree. The military recognizes the importance of civilian education in teaching critical thinking skills. By adding promotion points for education the military encourages Service members to

continue their education while still serving.

By leveraging all of the educational benefits provided by the military, you can keep your out-of-pocket expenses to a minimum. DANTES sponsors several credit-by-exam programs that can save you tuition, book costs and, most of all, a lot of your time. By studying for and taking exams through the CLEP, DSST and Excelsior College Exam programs, you can complete most, if not all, of your general education requirements. By using these testing programs, your Service-provided Tuition Assistance program, and the Post-9/11 GI Bill, earning a college degree can be well within your financial reach.

Go see your education counselor today and learn about the numerous opportunities available in pursuing your educational goals. 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 and increase your opportunity for promotion.

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!

Calling all writers and camera-bugs!

Ed Centers - do you have a VoEd-related story to share with other education professionals? If so, DANTES is waiting to hear from you.

Send submissions to pubs@navy.mil. If sending photos, please include names and a description of the event.

Welcome aboard to DANTES' new Reserve Component Advisor

Lt. Col. Eurydice Stanley reported April 4, 2011, to DANTES as the new Reserve Component Advisor (RCA). She will act as the voluntary education program spokesperson and assist DoD Reserve personnel and family members achieve personal and professional education goals.

The RCA is also a member of the Reserve Component Education Panel (RCEP), consisting of representatives from the seven Reserve components, whose Charter is to enhance awareness of DANTES education opportunities and to focus program efforts that can be most beneficial to the Reserve components.

Stanley received an Army ROTC scholarship to Florida A & M University where she earned a degree in Public Management and was commissioned as a Distinguished Military Graduate in 1990. She was awarded a scholarship from the University of Minnesota, receiving a master's in Industrial Relations in 1994 and studying International Business in Lyon, France. She graduated summa cum laude from Louisiana Baptist University in 2000 with a Ph.D. in Christian Counseling and Psychology.

Stanley's professional education includes the Command and General Staff Officer Course (ILE), Defense Equal Opportunity Management Institute (Commandant's List), Human Resource Management Qualification Course, Public Affairs Officer Course, Combined Arms and Service Staff School, Sexual Assault Prevention Program Manager Certification, Adjutant General Officer Basic and Advanced Course

and a myriad of equal opportunity, human relations, instructor, mediation and facilitation courses.

Assignments include Executive Officer, 5th Replacement Detachment and Assistant S-1, Warrior Brigade, Fort Polk, La.; Senior Instructor, Defense Equal Opportunity Management Institute, Patrick Air Force Base, Fla.; Equal Opportunity Administrative Officer, Army National Guard Directorate, Arlington, Va.; Commander, 107th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment and Deputy Director, Joint Force Headquarters Public Affairs, Florida National Guard, St. Augustine, Fla.; Human Resource Officer and Adjutant, Professional Educational Center, Little Rock, Ark.; NGB Equal Opportunity Program Manager and ARNG Personnel Policy Integrator, HQDA G-1, Pentagon.

Stanley's awards include the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (2), Army Commendation Medal (7), Joint Service Achievement Medal (2), Army Achievement Medal, Army Reserve Components Achievement Medal (2), National Defense Service Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Army Service Ribbon, Joint Meritorious Unit Award, Army Staff Identification Badge and the Florida Distinguished Service Medal.

Stanley has published three books, written numerous articles with international distribution, and received the Adjutant General's Corps Achievement Medal in 2011 and the Department of Defense Blacks in Government Meritorious Service Award in 2010.

Richardson selected VA-ACME Military Educator of the Year

Sharen Richardson, director of the Navy's Virtual Education Center (VEC) at Center for Personal and Professional Development (CPPD), received the Virginia Advisory Council on Military Education's (VA-ACME) Military Educator of the Year Award during their annual symposium March 24.

"I appreciate the confidence CPPD's leadership have in me by allowing me the opportunity to lead the VEC. This job has been more rewarding than I would have ever thought possible," said Richardson.

For the full story, go to www.norfolknavyflagship.com/oceana/news/awards_honors/article_867f8d8c-607f-11e0-8fee-001cc4c03286.html.



Pictured left to right: George Vukovich, VA ACME president; Chioma Aduku-Griffin, VA-ACME secretary; Shameena Elston, VA-ACME conference committee member; and Sharen Richardson.

Air Force and local community join forces for education

Opening ceremonies and ribbon cutting for the new Jacksonville-Little Rock AFB University Center was held Feb. 1, 2011. The city of Jacksonville, Ark., donated \$5 million to the \$15 million facility, which will serve both military and civilian communities. The facility has seven computer labs, two science labs, 30 classrooms and two testing centers, one of which is a National Test Center run by Arkansas State University-Beebe. This is a first-of-its-kind venture in the Air Force to partner with the community to build an education center. The facility houses the base education office, Base Training and Promotion testing for the military, and six universities.

To read the entire story, go to www.littlerock.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123240738



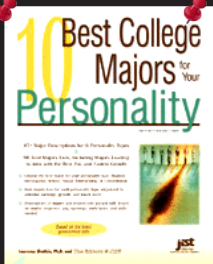
Pictured above: Getting ready to cut the ribbon are (left to right) Tommy Swaim, former mayor of Jacksonville; Arkansas Gov. Mike Beebe; Jacksonville Mayor Gary Fletcher; Col. Mike Minihan, 19th Airlift Wing commander; and Col. Glen Masset, Army Corps of Engineer Little Rock district commander.

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Pictured left: Jacksonville, Ark., residents voted to tax themselves \$5 million to fund a third of the Jacksonville-Little Rock AFB University Center.

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Shawn A. Mann, Baker College Director of Military Education Programs, was the first to identify the author of last month's quote as A. A. Milne.

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