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Worldwide 2012 in a snapshot:



Examinations News

CLEP iBT announced

The CLEP Program announced that the migration from computer-based testing (CBT) to an Internet-based testing (iBT) platform will begin Oct. 1, 2013, for all CLEP exams given at DANTES base-sponsored national test centers (NTCs). This is a major milestone for the program.

There will be several phases throughout the upcoming year, requiring a great deal of work to make this transition successful. DANTES is counting on the NTCs' continued support of the CLEP program to make this event a smooth and transparent one for all Service members. Throughout the transition phase, the NTCs will continue to have the ongoing support of both College Board and ETS staff.

Some benefits from the new iBT platform are:

- » sophisticated testing platform with contemporary design
- » stable performance with reduced software challenges
- » simplified test taker check-in process
- » reduced time for administrative activities on test day
- » automated software distribution will replace shipment of CDs

More information on software updates, timelines, training and test trials will be available throughout the transition. In addition, "My Account" will be a new feature on the CLEP Web site which will enable Service members to create and maintain their own personal accounts, register for CLEP exams (both DANTESfunded and self-funded) and purchase study materials.

Visit the College Board Web site at www.collegeboard.org/clep for additional information.

Also, download and share the "Announcing CLEP's Migration to iBT" brochure.

New Exams materials available

Military education centers, when was the last time you placed an order for DANTES materials? The DANTES Internet Catalog of Materials is the one-stop-shop for locating Education Program materials.

In fact, the listing for Examination Programs has several new items available to order, such as:

Stock #1211

CLEP Poster – formerly CLEP Poster 30th Anniversary Edition

Stock #1226

DSST Brochure - updated edition

Stock #1227

DANTES Funding Guide – DSST Exam List – new two sided quick reference

Stock #1228

DSST Poster - updated edition

Stock #1230

DSST Exam Scoring 101 – new quick guide to understand scoring

Stock #1272

Achieve your college goals with CLEP – formerly Shorten your Path to a College Degree

To order items, provide your DANTES ID Number, the DANTES Stock Number, and quantity needed, to the DANTES Distribution Center at dist@navy.mil or (850) 452-1082. For more information on DANTES Education Programs materials, including Examination Program materials, access the Catalog of Materials at www.dantes.doded.mil/Sub%20Pages/Order <a href="mailto:Mailto:

CONUS and OCONUS GED paper-based testing deadlines

Aug. 31, 2012	FINAL date for stocking and non-stocking DANTES-sponsored test sites CONUS and OCONUS to order GED paper-based exams
Sept. 30, 2012	FINAL date for DANTES test sites in CONUS and OCONUS to administer GED paper-based exams
Oct. 1, 2012	BEGIN use of DANTES Form 1560/47 GED Reimbursement (see DEPH Chapter 1) and refer eligible military personnel to official GED Testing Center
Oct. 15, 2012	FINAL deadline for DANTES-sponsored test sites CONUS and OCONUS to return postmarked administered and unused exams

DISTANCE LEARNING NEWS

DANTES External Degree Catalog: new schools affiliated with DANTES

Darton College

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Associate degrees:

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Cancer Registry Management

Computer Information Systems

Criminal Justice

Economics

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Environmental Science

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Recreation Option

Sports Management Option

Teacher Education Option

Health Information Technology

History

Histotechnology

Medical Laboratory Technology

Military Music

Nuclear Medicine Technology

Paralegal Studies

Philosophy

Political Science

Pre-Dentistry

Pre-Veterinary Medicine

Psychology

Sociology

Speech

Teacher Education - Early

Childhood

Certificates:

Addiction Counseling
Computed Tomography



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Criminal Justice Management

Histotechnology

Instructional Technology

Medical Coding

Paralegal Studies



Eastern Kentucky University

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Fax: (859) 622-8324

Email: onlinedegrees@eku.edu Web site: eku.edu

Associate degrees:

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Paralegal Studies/Paralegal

Science

Police Studies

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Corrections & Juvenile Justice

Studies

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Fire Protection & Safety

Engineering Technology

General Studies

Homeland Security

Occupational Safety

Paralegal Studies/Paralegal

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Police Studies

Psychology

Master's degrees:

Adult, Juvenile & Community
Corrections Leadership

Library Science

Safety, Security & Emergency

Management



Waldorf College

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Programs

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Toll Free: (877) 267-2157 ext. 1125

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Bachelor of Science in Organizational Leadership



Indiana State University College of Technology

101 North Sixth St. Terre Haute, IN 47809

(812) 237-2987

Toll Free: (888) 478-7003

Fax: (812) 237-3733

Email: samantha.penney@

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Web site: indstate.edu/distance

Bachelor's degrees

Adult & Career Education Business Administration Criminology & Criminal Justice

Electronics Eng. Technology

Human Resource Development Insurance & Risk Management

Mechanical Eng. Technology

Nursing: LPN/LVN to BS

Nursing: RN to BS Technology Management

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New schools affiliated with DANTES

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Indiana State University
College of Technology (con't)

Master's degrees

Criminology & Criminal Justice Electronics & Computer Technology Health & Safety: Occupational Safety Management Health Sciences: Public Health Human Resource Development Nursing:

Family Nurse Practitioner
Nursing Administration
Nursing Education
Public Administration (M.P.A.)
School Administration and
Supervision
Sport Management
Student Affairs & Higher Education

Doctoral programs

Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP)
Educational Administration: Higher
Education Leadership (Ph.D)
School Administration: Education
Specialist (Ed.S)
Technology Management (PhD)

Certificates and licensures

Career & Technical Education **Business License Driver Education** Family Nurse Practitioner Gifted and Talented Human Resource Development Middle / Secondary Teaching Nursing Education Public Administration / Public Personnel Administration Public Librarian, Level IV School Administration School Library Media Services Teaching English as Second / Foreign Language Visual Impairment

HIGHER EDUCATION PROGRAMS News

Upcoming MEP reviews

The purpose of Military Evaluation Program (MEP) installation site visits is to review and evaluate military training (courses) and experiences (occupations). The evaluation team analyzes materials, identifies learning outcomes, and recommends postsecondary credit based on its findings.

ACE military reviews bridge the gap between professional military education and postsecondary curricula and provide parallels for the transfer of the Service member's acquired learning to current college curricula. This facilitates access to academic degrees. For military training organizations, benefits include:

- » validates quality of training
- » creates an alignment and consistency in documenting training across the Services
- » demonstrates commitment to Service members
- » reduces DoD tuition assistance funds Direct questions to <u>mileval@acenet.edu</u>.

Upcoming MEP reviews:

Aug. 13–17	Marine Corps Camp Pendleton, Calif.		
Aug. 13–17	TRACEN Petaluma, Calif.		
Aug. 20–24	CID Pensacola, Fla.		
Aug. 27–31	CNATT/NAVAIR Pensacola, Fla.		
Sept. 10-14	Fort Huachuca, Ariz.		
Sept. 24–28	Marine Corps Mountain Warfare TNG CTR, Bridgeport, Calif.		

Upcoming 3PA visits

The purpose of the Third Party Assessment (3PA) is to assess the quality of off-duty postsecondary educational programs and services used by Service members, regardless of location or duty assignment, and to assist in the improvement of these education programs and services. These periodic assessments ensure the education programs provided to Service members funded by a tuition assistance program are of the same high quality and meet the same academic criteria of quality higher education.

Direct questions to **DANTES_thirdparty@navy.mil**.

Upcoming 3PA visits:

Aug. 6	DeVry University, Downers Grove, Ill.		
Aug. 13	Kaplan University, Chicago, Ill.		
Aug. 20	Fort Benning, Ga.		
Sept. 10	Ashford University, San Diego, Calif.		
Oct. 1	Liberty University, Lynchburg, Va.		

From the Desk of the Senior Enlisted Advisor



HMCM (FMF/SW) David Acuff Senior Enlisted Advisor

This month I want to discuss an important benefit that I have personally used in my pursuit of Voluntary Education (VolEd) while serving in the military. This benefit is only offered to Service members and their families and the contract is managed for the DoD by DANTES. The Servicemembers Opportunity College (SOC) is a benefit designed to help Service

members and their families who otherwise would be unable to pursue a college education due to the frequent moves and Permanent Change of Station (PCS) orders that continually occur over a military career.

During my education journey in the military, I transferred over a dozen times, attended five separate academic institutions and earned associate, bachelor's and master's degrees. Without the benefit of a SOC student agreement between these academic institutions my journey would have been considerably longer. Specifically, since the colleges I attended were members of the SOC Degree Network System (DNS), 165 regionally-accredited institutions with articulation agreements, they were able to waive academic residency requirements and apply recommended credits I had earned from both non-traditional and traditional

sources. Fortunately, my first base education counselor at Naval Air Facility, Atsugi, Japan, encouraged me to sign a SOC student agreement which is offered as a free benefit to the military. From that point on, I was able to work with other counselors at my various duty stations and find other SOC institutions that accepted my assorted credits and approved my degree plans.

The May 2012 edition of the DANTES Information Bulletin cover story by Kiwanis Short, DANTES SOC Program Manager, highlighted many key features of SOC and offered readers a detailed snapshot of this important DoD VolEd program. If you missed it, I encourage you to read it (www.dantes.doded.mil/Sub%20Pages/Publications/Docs/DIB/2012/DIBMay_2012.pdf). Additional SOC information can be found at www.soc.aascu.org.

Last month we celebrated the 236th birthday of the United States and the adoption of the Declaration of Independence signed on July 4, 1776. Before us stretch the long, hot days of summer.

Wherever you happen to be serving our great Nation, stay strong, have fun, and above all - be safe.

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Mystery Quote:

"The foundation of every state is the education of its youth."

If you know who said this, let us know at **pubs@navy.mil.**

The first correct responder will get his or her name published in the next DIB.

Giannina Rachetta
Prometric Marketing Communications Manager

was the first to identify the author of last month's quote as Allan Bloom

Great job!

From the Desk of the Reserve Component Advisor

Mission: Education and Employment

For those of you unable to attend the 2012 DoD Worldwide Education Symposium last month, you really missed an outstanding opportunity! More than 1800 participants were exposed to the latest and most effective strategies to assist and encourage Service members as they pursue their education or credentialing goals. All of the breakout sessions were exceptional, but I'd like to spotlight one in particular — "Developing a Comprehensive State-wide Veterans Re-entry Education Program" — that highlighted the Minnesota Army National Guard (MNNG), who truly put the HELP (higher education/credentialing, employment, lifelong learning and productivity) theory into action.

In this session, Sgt. Maj. Jody Courts (MNNG), Gina Sobania (Minn. State Colleges and Universities), Steven H. Frantz (Minn. State Colleges and Universities), and Donald Pfeffer (Central Lakes Colleges), shared their experiences as Minnesota stakeholders establishing an Interagency Military Employment Work Group (IEWG). A significant output of the IEWG was the creation of Employment Resource Teams (ERTs), comprised of military and civilian personnel from the St. Paul, Minn., Chamber of Commerce, commercial organizations, private businesses, banks, colleges, and MNNG. The teams were sent by the MNNG to Kuwait in March 2012 with the goal of helping 1/34th Brigade Combat Team (BCT) Service members who self-identified as being unemployed after deployment. The end goal of each ERT was to ensure 1/34th BCT soldiers understood the employment environment they would be returning to and expose them to employment and education opportunities prior to demobilization.

Before meeting with an ERT, Service members completed the GPS (Goals + Plans = Success) Life Plan (www.gpslifeplan.org/mnscumilitary) and other employment readiness training to help them set goals and design plans to lead them to success upon their return to the workforce after deployment. Participants in this program also learned a three-step employment process, particularly emphasizing step one, "Connecting with a local Veterans Employment Representative," providing a point of contact to assist the Service member in the translation of military experiences and skills.

Also, program participants were given an overview of Minnesota employment trends, stress management

techniques, and strategies to manage expectations while job hunting. The content was very effective, with a particular focus on identifying transferable skills for the civilian market and strategies to translate military skills into civilian speak. Soldiers were introduced to O*NET My Next Move for Veterans (www.mynextmove.org/vets/), a Web site beneficial to all Service members, where they



At DoD WW12: Sgt. Maj. Jody Courts, MNNG Education Services NCOIC, and Lt. Col. Eurydice Stanley, DANTES Reserve Component Advisor

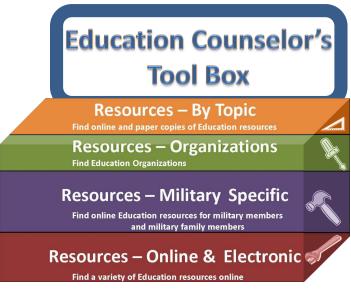
can enter military and personal skills to find matching civilian occupations.

In addition, ERTs identified 125 soldiers interested in starting their own business. This information affirmed the MNNG and Small Business Administration (SBA) partnership to focus on developing a comprehensive small business training program for all Service members/Veterans across the state.

The most compelling aspect of the MNNG initiative is that training was taken directly to end-users by the ERTs, providing relevant information to soldiers who self-identified as needing and wanting assistance to obtain employment when they returned home. Minnesota made a great effort and it paid off — 64 soldiers were identified as finding employment prior to their return to Minnesota!

Leaders are encouraged to follow the MNNG's example and implement similar innovative programs. The drawdown requires "thinking outside of the box" to stave off the additional impact of military unemployment benefit expenses. Current projections exceed one billion dollars in unbudgeted funds, an expense that will directly impact other DoD programs and further limit scarce Service resources. Proactive education, credentialing and employment promotion programs such as the ERT not only help reduce Veteran unemployment costs, but, more importantly, empower our Service members. Soldiers in the 1/34th BCT were provided tools to help them be successful in the pursuit of both education and employment.

Does your state or organization have an innovative program that addresses the education needs of Service members? Contact me at rca@navy.mil to share your success strategies. Follow me on Twitter for educational information and support @HOW2EDU.



Check it out on DANTES web site at:

http://www.dantes.doded.mil/Sub%20Pages/Resources/Resources Main.html#Toolbox

Calling all writers and camera-bugs!

Ed Centers - do you have a VolEd-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.

Other VolEd news in the world...

Mentoring beyond borders: The importance of education www.dvidshub.net/news/91887/mentoring-beyond-borders-importance-education

Scholarships available for family members of Sea Services members with Alaska residency

www.netc.navy.mil/ documents/NewsReleases/pr 13512.pdf

DOD to improve voluntary education safeguards www.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123311391

> Is there a topic you would like to see covered in the DIB? Or, do you have a question about a DANTES program?

> > If so, let us know at pubs@navy.mil.

August in U.S. history:

1, 1779 - Star-Spangled Banner author Francis Scott Key born 2, 1923 - President Warren G. Harding died suddenly **4, 1901** - Jazz trumpet player Louis Armstrong born **6, 1945** - The first atomic bomb dropped over Hiroshima 6, 1965 - The Voting Rights Act of 1965 signed into law 9, 1945 - The second atomic bomb dropped over Nagasaki **9, 1974** - Effective at noon, Richard M. Nixon became the only U.S. President to resign **10, 1874** - Herbert Hoover, 31st U.S. President, born 14, 1945 - V-J Day, commemorating Japan's surrender 15, 1969 - Woodstock began near Bethel, New York 17, 1978 - The first transatlantic balloon trip completed by three Americans from Albuquerque, NM 17, 1786 - American frontiersman Davy Crockett born 18, 1920 - The 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution ratified, granting women the right to vote **19, 1871** - Aviation pioneer Orville Wright born 19, 1946 - Bill Clinton, 42nd U.S. President, born 20, 1833 - Benjamin Harrison, 23rd U.S. President, born **21, 1959** - Hawaii admitted to the Union as the 50th state **27, 1908** - Lyndon B. Johnson, 36th U.S. President, born 28, 1963 - Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. made his now-famous "I Have a Dream" speech

Count them - there were four U.S. presidents born in August!

CCME announces 2012 scholarship application

The Council of College and Military Educators (CCME) offers \$1,000 scholarships each year to Service members (active duty and veterans) and their spouses working towards higher education degrees.

Applicants must submit the on-line CCME Scholarship Application (<u>www.ccmeonline.org/scholarships</u>) by Oct. 1, 2012. The three scholarships are:

CCME Joe King Scholarship (5 awards)

Applicant must be a uniformed Service member (active, reserves, guard).

CCME Spouse Scholarship (5 awards)

Applicant must be the spouse of a uniformed Service member (active, reserves, guard, veteran).

CCME Veteran Scholarship (5 awards)

Applicant must be a prior uniformed Service member (active, reserves, guard).

To be eligible, applicants must:

» be a first time associate, bachelor's, or graduate degree seeker

- » be currently enrolled in an educational program at a regional or national accredited institution that is a member institution of CCME
- » have a minimum of 12 or more hours (units) with a cumulative 2.5 GPA (undergraduate) from the CCME member institution; minimum 6 or more hours (units) with a cumulative 3.0 GPA (graduate) from the CCME member institution
- » submit an unofficial college or university transcript from all colleges
- » submit two letters of recommendation completed by persons unrelated to applicant, attesting to their motivation, character, integrity and educational pursuit; one recommendation must be from a faculty member or academic advisor

Essays will be judged on written content and writing skills, and should be at least 400-750 words in length. Applications that are incomplete or are from individuals that do not qualify will not be considered.

Finalists will be required to provide documentation of Service.

Jennie Humes, long-time VolEd crusader, retires

Jennie Humes, Deputy Director Voluntary Education Program, Center for Personal and Professional Development (CPPD), retired June 25 after 27 years of dedicated Federal Service.

Humes started her career with the DoD Voluntary Education (VolEd) Program in 1978 as the Testing Specialist for Clark Air Base, Philippines, Education Center with the primary responsibility of administering DANTES examinations and other professional military education exams. She joined the Navy's VolEd program as the Education Services Specialist (ESS) at Naval Air Station Cubi Point, Philippines, in 1985. She transferred to Naval Station San Diego, Calif., in 1986, then was promoted to Area Coordinator in 1991.

From 1995 to 1997, Humes served as the PACE Manager for the Pacific region where she designed an "Education-At-Sea" Program for a battle group. She moved to the VolEd Department at NETPDTC in Pensacola, Fla., in 2002 and served as the Deputy Director. In 2005 she returned to San Diego as the Deputy Director for the VolEd Department for CPPD.

Humes was awarded her third Meritorious Civilian Award at her retirement ceremony.



Capt. John
Newcomer,
Commanding
Officer, CPPD,
presents Humes the
Meritorious Civilian
Service medal on
behalf of Rear Adm.
Donald Quinn,
Commander Naval
Education and
Training Command



Humes offers comments to family and colleagues



Humes, escorted by her two granddaughters, is piped into retirement by Navy Campus/Navy College staffs past and present

TESTING CALENDAR

Notes:

- Overseas test sites send orders six weeks before the test date.
- CONUS test sites send orders four weeks before the test date.
- Contractors ship tests to arrive just before the planned test date.
- *Choose only one day to administer. Submit separate Prometric order forms for GRE Subject and Praxis.

http://www.dantes.doded.mil/Sub%20Pages/Exams/Docs/exams_calendar.pdf

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