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2014 GED® program: No better time to test with DANTES

Do you need to finish your high school education? A GED credential will qualify you for many opportunities, including service in the U.S. military. Let the GED test change your life.

Members of the armed services may take the DANTES-funded GED test at official GED testing centers. Visit the DANTES Test Control Officer at your local Education Services Center to learn more about the DANTES requirements.

About the GED test

The 2014 GED test includes four subjects:

Subject	Items	Time Allowed
Reasoning Through Language Arts	51 questions	150 minutes
Social Studies	35 questions	90 minutes
Science	34 questions	90 minutes
Mathematical Reasoning	46 questions	115 minutes

Passing the GED test requires a minimum score of 150 on each of the four subject tests or 170 to earn GED with Honors. Once you pass all four tests, you will have earned the GED credential—the only high school equivalency credential recognized by colleges and employers across the country.



Where do I start?

Choosing to take the GED test is a life-changing decision. Getting good information from the beginning can guide your study efforts and make for a smooth testing experience.

1. Prepare for the test.

Service members are not required to take GED Ready™: The Official Practice Test, however all test-takers are encouraged to prepare for the 2014 GED test using test preparation resources.

GED Ready: The Official Practice Test is the best way for test-takers to find out if they're ready for the 2014 GED test. GED Ready is available in a computer-based format. It – and other study materials – can be purchased through the online student portal MyGED™ at <https://GED.com>.

Studying in a classroom with local adult education programs is also a good opportunity to get up to speed on the topic areas for the 2014 GED test. Find an adult education center through the GED Testing Service “locate a prep center” tool.

Free sample test questions and a free practice test can also be found in MyGED at <https://GED.com>.

2. Talk to the Test Control Officer.

The DANTES Test Control Officer (TCO) at your base education center can assist with online registration and scheduling, and help you identify official GED testing centers to take the GED test.

Only the TCO at your base education center is authorized to provide the DANTES-sponsored voucher code, which must be redeemed for payment prior to test administration.

3. Complete the 2014 GED test.

The computer-based 2014 GED test is funded by the DANTES-sponsored voucher program for eligible Service members. Service member registration and scheduling must be confirmed under the DANTES/ Armed Forces jurisdiction.

Military family members, supported U.S. citizens, and U.S. citizen family members are not eligible for DANTES reimbursement or voucher; however, they

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should register and schedule under the DANTES/ Armed Forces jurisdiction for credentialing purposes.

4. Add test results to your Service records. Service members may pay to order a duplicate official transcript if applicable and should consult their Personnel Officer to confirm the steps to have GED test score data entered into their Service records.

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: What is MyGED?

MyGED is the online student portal where you can access study materials, schedule your test, check your scores, learn about DANTES testing policies, and get information on transitioning to college and careers after the test. Visit <https://GED.com> today to create your free account.

Q: Can I take the test online?

No, the GED test is not available online and can only be taken at an official GED testing center.

Q: Where's the closest official testing center?

To locate a test center near you, log into MyGED and click on "Find a Center" or go to www.pearsonvue.com/ged/locate.

Q: What kinds of questions are on the test?

To see the types of questions on the test, review the computer-based GED test tutorial available in MyGED or go to www.gedtestingservice.com/2014cbttutorialview.

Q: How do I request a transcript?

For information on how to request a transcript, visit www.gedtestingservice.com/dantes.

Q: Where can I go for more information about the 2014 GED program?

Visit our FAQ page at www.gedtestingservice.com/2014-faqs, or go to the DANTES Policy page at www.gedtestingservice.com/testers/policy_dnt.

Q: Who can I contact if I have more questions?

Contact the DANTES GED Administrator at www.gedtestingservice.com/ged-testing-administrator.

EXAMINATIONS NEWS

Reminder: End to OCONUS DSST paper-based testing

Prometric will discontinue OCONUS paper-based DSST testing effective July 31, 2014. The decision is based on a steady decline (44 percent over this past year) and the ongoing initiative to provide testing alternatives at fully funded National Testing Centers. Service members utilizing computer-based exams are able to access all 39 DSST exam titles and can see exam results upon completion.

DANTES will not fund any exam administered after July 31, 2014.

Dates to remember	
July 31	Last date to administer DSST paper exams
August 7	All DSST paper exams must be postmarked for return to Prometric (administered and unused)
September 30	Final date for Prometric to score completed exams (exams received after Sept. 30, 2014 will not be scored.)

DSST: there's an app for that!

The nationally recognized [DSST program](#), which offers military students a cost effective and time-saving way to earn college credits, has added an Android app to help test takers prepare for their exams. To download the free DSST Android app, visit <https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=prometric.dsst>.

The DSST app has two modes allowing users to prepare for all DSST exam titles and take a sample quiz, with results available immediately upon quiz completion. For preparation, the app provides users extensive information on each of the exam titles, including a description of the exam, the number of questions the exam contains and time in which they must be answered, exam content outlines, references and ACE-recommended passing scores.

DANTES, for over 40 years, has offered and supported voluntary educational programs on behalf of the U.S. Department of Defense. DANTES authorizes upfront funding of DSST exam fees for eligible military members at all test centers where DSST exams are administered.

For more information, visit <http://getcollegecredit.com/> and www.prometric.com.

DANTES PARTNERSHIPS NEWS

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.

SOC job opening

Servicemembers Opportunity Colleges (SOC) seeks Assistant Director for Administration. Primary responsibilities include:

- » budget development and management
- » contract liaison & monitoring
- » editing, production, and distribution of reports
- » oversight and vetting of office operational contracts/agreements
- » personnel director/manager for office
- » publications manager/editor
- » workshop and conference presenter

Qualifications:

- » bachelor's degree or equivalent combination of education and work experience in public administration or education administration.
- » documented work history of 8-10 years in supervisory management and policy development for non-profit or education work environment
- » experience in personnel administration

For full position description and qualifications, and application information, go to the American Association of State Colleges and Universities (AASCU) Web site www.aascu.org/career-opportunities/. Submit cover letter and resume no later than July 20 to AASCU Human Resources HR@aascu.org.

SOC Notice

Servicemembers Opportunity Colleges (SOC) has suspended acceptance of applications for SOC Consortium membership in light of institutional involvement in Department of Defense Voluntary Education Partnership Memorandum of Understanding (DoD MOU) signing process.

Colleges and universities that are not current members of SOC should sign the DoD MOU as non-SOC members. Additional information will follow at a later date.



DANTES Pulse has a new home

To expand the reach of the DANTES Pulse blog to our military member audience, we're now hosted on the DoDLive.mil site - <http://dantespulse.dodlive.mil>. It is still accessible to everyone, but now we can get the DANTES message out on official Service blog sites, and we can pass on their information to you. It's all about sharing information, right?

The look is different, but the message is the same - DANTES Pulse is "Keeping you current on education opportunities for Service members." In addition to our regular blog articles, Hot News items and Press Releases, we've added an Event calendar to post military education-related training, workshops, webinars and conferences. Check it out at <http://dantespulse.dodlive.mil/events/>. If you have a military education-related event that you would like posted, send the information to dantes_webmaster@navy.mil.

Also, the reference materials order process on the previous site has been removed, and a new process is under construction on the new site at this time. It should be up and available shortly. Check back occasionally, as we'll post pages as they are available. <http://dantespulse.dodlive.mil/catalog/>

Please come check out the new site – kick the tires and give it a spin, so to speak. It is still a work in progress, so let us know if you find anything amiss. Or, just let us know how you are doing with your educational pursuits. We'd love to hear from you!



DANTES PERSONNEL NEWS

Presidential Management Fellow

Taheesha R. Quarells

Education Programs Special Projects Manager, DANTES



DANTES congratulates Taheesha R. Quarells on her recent graduation from the Presidential Management Fellows (PMF) Program. Through the PMF Program she experienced opportunities to carry-out program leadership, training management, and planning future projects.

The PMF Program is a distinguished U.S. Office of Personnel Management (OPM) leadership development program. Quarells received developmental assignments and training opportunities with the Naval Education and Training Command (NETC), Congressional and Legislative Affairs, and the University of West Florida (UWF). While under the PMF Program, she gained experiential knowledge in strategic planning, performance measurement, institutional research and accreditation, education and training policy development, program management and evaluation, and workforce development.

With education always a crucial part of her life, she earned: the Certified Florida Workforce Professional credential (2006); graduated Magna Cum Laude from UWF with a Bachelor of Science degree (2007); received a Master of Science from Troy University (2010); and is currently a doctoral candidate at the University of Southern Mississippi in Human Capital and Economic Development.

Quarells previously worked for the North Carolina Department of Veterans Affairs Edgecombe County Veterans Service Office and the Florida Department of Labor's ESCAROSA Career Center in the areas of Veterans employment, vocational resources, and employer services. She joined Navy Voluntary Education in 2007 and served as an Education Counselor at the Naval Air Station Pensacola, Fla., Navy College Office until 2010, when she joined DANTES as the Examinations Program Operations Manager. Currently, she is serving as the Education Programs Special Project Manager, leading DANTES strategic planning, metrics development, research, and a variety of special projects.

We applaud Taheesha R. Quarells on her many accomplishments and especially for completing the PMF Program. DANTES wishes her well with all of her goals and aspirations to work toward the future of new federal government systems.



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Ann Marie Habershaw, Chief of Staff, US Office of Personnel Management, (left) and Dan M. Tangherlini, Director/Administrator, US General Services Administration and Presidential Management Intern (PMI), Class of 1991, (right) present Taheesha Quarells her PMF Class of 2011 graduation certificate.

Photo submitted by OPM
June 19, 2014

TRAINING EVENTS

ACE military programs webinar dates

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

- » Demystifying Military Evaluations
Fridays, 2 pm EST (July 11, 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

The webinars are free but do require registration. A link to the event will be provided after registration.

FAFSA 101 and the Armed Forces webinars

Free Federal Student Aid Information webinars will provide live financial aid information with Q&A sessions. The webinars are open to everyone, especially members of the armed force stationed around the world.

Sessions are:

- » July 16, 10:00 - 1130 am ET
- » July 17, 4:30 - 6:00 pm ET

Webinars are free, but registration is required - go to <http://fsaregistration.ed.gov/d/k4q3f1> to register.

See the flyer on page 11 of this DIB for more details. Help get the word out about this informative webinar!

SOC workshops canceled

Due to institutional activity and efforts to complete the DoD Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) signing process by the July 23, 2014, deadline, SOC cancelled the SOC Consortium and Degree Network System workshops scheduled for July 16 and 17, respectively, in Washington, D.C. We regret any inconvenience that institutional representatives may experience due to this change of plans. Further information about rescheduled SOC workshops will follow at a later time.

Other VoEd news...

DLIFLC awards 10,000th foreign language AA degree
www.dliflc.edu/news.aspx?id=196

Yellow Ribbon programs helps supplement educational costs

www.quantico.marines.mil/News/NewsArticleDisplay/tabid/10834/Article/166779/yellow-ribbon-programs-helps-supplement-educational-costs.aspx

Education Center Support for Off-Duty Education Programs

www.militaryonesource.mil/voluntary-education?content_id=267621

C-COME scholarships availability announced

Carolina's Council on Military Education (C-COME) is excited to announce that three \$500 scholarships will be awarded to qualifying individuals at the annual C-COME Conference to be held Oct. 29-30, 2014, in North Myrtle Beach, S.C.



Scholarships are available to:

- » one Active Duty, Drilling Reservist, or National Guard member assigned to a military installation/ residing in North or South Carolina, and currently enrolled in a regionally or nationally accredited institution of higher education that is a member of C-COME
- » one spouse of Active Duty Member, Drilling Reservist, or National Guard member residing in North or South Carolina and currently enrolled in a regionally or nationally accredited institution of higher education that is a member of C-COME
- » one Veteran residing in North or South Carolina and currently enrolled in a regionally or nationally accredited institution of higher education that is a member of C-COME

To be eligible, applicants must submit the following NO LATER THAN Aug. 31, 2014, to ccomeboard@gmail.com:

1. C-COME scholarship application form. www.c-come.org/CCOME%20Scholarship%20APP.pdf
2. Unofficial transcript(s).
3. Two Letters of Recommendation from academia, professional, and/or community, attesting to the applicant's motivation, character, and integrity. www.c-come.org/CCOME%20Scholarship%20REC%20FORM.pdf
4. Essay on "How will your education enhance your future goals in life?" (approximately 500-750 words).

Detailed information on eligibility and required forms can be found at www.c-come.org/scholarships.html.

TROOPS TO TEACHERS NEWS

Mississippi teacher uses his aerospace background to educate

by Chris Carey, Mississippi State TTT Director

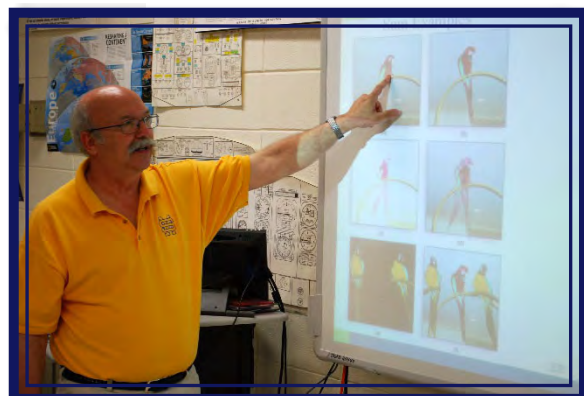
Tom Powell, AP Physics and Sciences, likes to engage his students in many unique and creative activities, such as suspending a nail straight in the air on top a chain to demonstrate the flux of energy in magnetic fields, or putting students at the controls of a flight simulator in the Aerospace Science course at St. Martin's High School, in Ocean Springs, Miss. Powell registered with Troops to Teachers (TTT) after a twenty year career as an Air Force pilot. "Being a participant with Troops to Teachers was timely and advantageous for me because of the financial support I received to complete my teacher certification," he said.

Powell earned his advanced physics certification at the University of Georgia and credentials in engineering and robotics at Auburn University. He was responsible for creating curriculum and lessons in the subject fields of meteorology and aerospace science for his district and school, which was the first time these courses were taught for credit anywhere in the state.

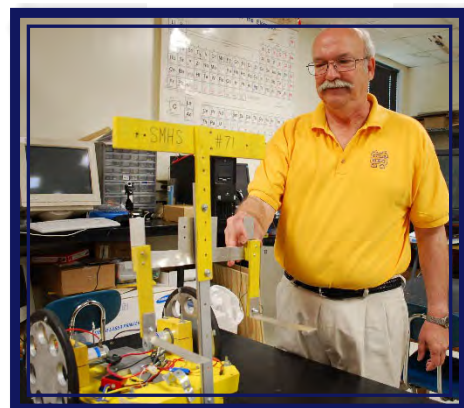
The administration understands the value that life experience brings into the classroom. As a former military member with a lot of practical work experience while serving, he was able to harness this passion and share it with a new generation. Powell was awarded the Leo Scale award for his teaching excellence which provided him a generous stipend to purchase the flight simulators and build new computers for his classroom. He was also awarded Chevron grants which he uses for his robotics program, allowing his students to compete in the National High School Robotics Competition.

Powell focuses on the learning process between teacher and student and every day at school is an important day. He especially is proud of students who use the flight simulators he installed in his class, where they experience flying an aircraft and the challenges that come with it by landing at a typical airfield. Rocketry is also a particularly favorite lesson. Students calculated flight data through a Calculator Based Laboratory, learning to configure angles and triangulate grids so the rockets might land on designated targets.

He is very grateful to the TTT program for the assistance it gave him, and he in turn always encourages other Veterans to consider a teaching career, to Proudly Serve Again.



Pictured above and below: Tom Powell discussing pixil theory and robotics at St. Martin's High School, Ocean Springs, Miss.



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

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FROM THE DESK OF THE SENIOR ENLISTED ADVISOR



HMCM (FMF/SW) David Acuff
Senior Enlisted Advisor

ACE and CEAI Service member and Veteran summit

by HMCM (FMF/SW) David Acuff and Dr. Sandra L. Winborne

Last month, Dr. Sandra Winborne, DANTES program manager, and I attended the Service Member and Veteran Academic Advising Summit, hosted by the American Council on Education (ACE) and the Center for Education Attainment & Innovation (CEAI). Just prior to the opening of the Summit, a woman came to our table, introduced herself as “Molly,” and proceeded to talk to us about the work we do at DANTES. Later, the Summit began with a welcome from ACE’s president — Dr. “Molly” Corbett Broad!

During her opening remarks, Dr. Broad spoke about why ACE was created and gave a brief history of the organization. She reminded Summit participants that the Emergency Council on Education (ECE) was formed in January 1918 as an emergency contingent to ensure World War I Veterans and the United States had a ready supply of technically trained military personnel to reintegrate back into civilian life and a struggling job market. In July of the same year, the ECE adopted the name ACE and invited institutions of higher education and learning to join the council to work toward the same goals of Veteran training, education and reintegration back into the civilian workforce. Today, ACE is the Nation’s most visible and influential higher education association.

The primary purpose of the summit was designed to develop strategies for expanding the reach of educational opportunities for active duty Service members and the Severely Injured Military Veterans (SIMV) program. SIMV directly supports wounded Veterans and their families by providing individualized advising focused on the exploration of career and educational options. This one-on-one support has proven highly successful as ACE has worked with more than 700 Service members and their families during the process of applying to, and gaining acceptance at, institutions of higher education. Through the success of this program and other similar work currently being conducted by other agencies, ACE believes that a consolidated effort can reach a larger number of potential military and Veteran learners while also increasing retention and attainment for the military student population.

During the summit, we were pleased to have the opportunity to discuss with individual participants DANTES programs/resources and initiatives that institutions and active duty Service members could strategically use to achieve their academic goals.

Counselors

One resource we discussed was the value of Service education counselors - both physical and virtual. Counselors can discuss with military members the many options and services available to them for pursuing their educational goals. Need help finding a counselor? Go to www.dantes.doded.mil/service-members/contact-a-counselor/index.html.

JST

Dr. Winborne and I were able to promote the benefits for Service members of the Joint Service Transcript (JST) - that they may qualify for ACE recommended college credits from their military

ACE / DANTES Partnership

ACE represents accredited, degree-granting institutions: two- and four-year colleges, private and public universities, and non-profit and for-profit entities.

With this partnership, DANTES and ACE have collaborated with the DoD to review military training and experiences and recommend appropriate college credit for Armed Forces members. ACE credit recommendations are in the ACE Military Guide, the Joint Services Transcripts (JST), and Air Force transcripts.

ACE provides quality assurance and policy guidance for the JST used by the Army, Marine Corps, Navy, and Coast Guard. Over 2,300 colleges and universities recognize the JST as official documentation of military training and experiences and ACE credit recommendations.

The ACE Military Guide presents ACE recommendations for formal courses and occupations offered by all branches of the military, from 1954 to the present. All recommendations are based on ACE reviews conducted by college and university faculty members actively teaching in the areas they review. New courses and occupations are continually being evaluated by ACE, and these entries are added on a daily basis.

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ACE and CEAI Service member and Veteran summit

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training and experience. The JST is available FREE online for personal use or to request an official copy to be sent to accredited colleges and universities. <https://jst.doded.mil> (Note: Air Force transcripts are available through the Community College of the Air Force (CCAF) and the Air Force Virtual Education Center.)

Credit-By-Exam

We recommended that Service members take advantage of DSST and/or College-Level Examination Program (CLEP) exams to reduce the number of classes they may need for their degree program. Military members can earn college credit for what they already know by making qualifying scores on introductory-level college subject examinations. Visit www.dantes.doded.mil/service-members/prep-for-college/earn-college-credit/index.html to learn more.

Kuder® Journey

Another program discussed with Summit participants was the availability of a career interest inventory through DANTES. Some Service members may be unsure of what they want to study or pursue as a second career in the future. The Kuder Journey provides reliable tools to assess member's interests, and then suggest education and career options. It's another no-cost benefit for Service members. www.dantes.kuder.com

OASC & CPST

A discussion concerning college placement/entry tests and the need for some Service members to refresh their academic skills was brought up by the panel of five severely wounded warriors and again by representatives from various educational institutions. This discussion provided us the perfect opportunity to promote the DANTES-sponsored Online Academic Skills Course (OASC) and College Placement Skills Training (CPST) programs, developed by Peterson's. Both OASC and CPST are designed for individuals who want to build their reading comprehension, vocabulary, and math skills to pass their exams, excel in their jobs, advance their careers, or continue their education. The courses are self-paced, with individualized lessons to increase proficiency in each of these academic areas. Participants may also choose an abbreviated review with shortened lessons through the online course. CPST and OASC provide lessons supported by interactive exercises, quizzes and practice problem sets, and helpful articles covering such topics as "How to Beat Test Stress" and "Last-Minute Study Tips" and offer detailed

tips and strategies for doing well on college entry and testing exams. Active duty Service members can access these programs via their Service portals (AKO, NKO, AF-Portal, and Coast Guard). Both courses are self-paced and online, and can be accessed 24/7. All that is needed is an Internet connection and the desire to get started! www.nelnetsolutions.com/dantes/

DLRSA

We discussed the DANTES Distance Learning Readiness Self-Assessment (DLRSA), developed to give Service members the opportunity to assess their skills and identify possible weaknesses that may affect their success when taking distance learning classes. This is a no-cost benefit that can be found on our Web site at www.dantes.doded.mil/service-members/prep-for-college/self-assessment/index.html.

SOC

We promoted Servicemembers Opportunity Colleges (SOC), 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 that occur over a military career. It is a benefit only offered to Service members and their families and the contract is managed for the DoD by DANTES. A SOC student agreement between academic institutions can help save members considerable time and money. The SOC Degree Network System (DNS) is a consortium of over 1,900 accredited institutions, and many times they are able to waive academic residency requirements and apply ACE recommended credits Service members have earned from both non-traditional and traditional sources to their degree plan. www.soc.aascu.org

In closing, the Service Member and Veteran Academic Advising Summit was a great experience and we were excited to have the opportunity to share the DANTES message and engage in important dialogue concerning strategies for expanding the reach of educational opportunities for active duty Service members and severely injured military Veterans.

We'd like to take a moment and note that this year marks the 238th birthday of the United States and the adoption of the Declaration of Independence signed on July 4th, 1776. Wherever you happen to be serving our great Nation, we hope you have a safe and happy celebration. Happy Birthday America and God Bless the USA!

Until next time, keep up with DANTES on Facebook at www.facebook.com/DANTES.DoD.

Downrange at Qatar Camp As Sayliyah

Laura Lamb, Central Texas College Europe Campus

My time here at Camp As Sayliyah has been a truly remarkable experience. I am happy to have had the chance to see the side that many of us at Headquarters know so very little about. I was very lucky to have been received by such a wonderful group of professional individuals: Ken Pahl, Neat Zuka, Vako Dhimitraq, Kyle Ball and Ms. Mina Martin, who have all been so wonderful in welcoming me to the Camp As Sayliyah Team.

The downrange experience for me took some getting used to. Being stationed in such a harsh, dusty and dry environment, 100-degree weather, compact-container housing, and long working hours- on top of the need to constantly stay hydrated was challenge enough; however I was lucky that the CAS team supported me during this transitioning. For that I cannot thank you all enough. I will never complain about the rainy days in Germany again.

During my three- week experience in Qatar, I was placed in the Counselor Aide position and was able to assist soldiers on a day-to-day basis, mainly face-to-face. I really enjoyed the social aspect of helping our soldiers further their education and felt like a vital member as I was able to assist them with their academic achievement goals. Many students often come into the office unsure of which way they want to go, because it is required or simply because they have no idea what they are interested in. I was happy to relay to them a better understanding of how important education is and to also weed out and advise them on personal/professional interests they didn't know existed- which helped steer them in the right direction.



I feel that counseling is a very important part of educational leadership. Being able to provide my assistance in Qatar was an experience that will not soon be forgotten. I would, without delay, assist in counseling again.

One more time, I would like to thank the Qatar Camp As Sayliyah Team for their assistance and for putting up with me for three whole weeks. I hope to have the opportunity to support sessions again at the Qatar Camp As Sayliyah Education Center.

You guys are the best!

For this story and more Central Texas College Europe Campus news, go to www.europe.ctcd.edu/download/newsletters/Newsletter_Issue_09-May-14.pdf.

2014 NAIMES Student Spotlight Award open for applications

The National Association of Institutions for Military Education Services (NAIMES) and MBS Direct LLC are pleased to announce the 2014 NAIMES Student Spotlight Award program. This program offers an opportunity for interested active duty military, Veteran, and spouse students to showcase their scholarly competency and skills learned while participating in a Higher Education program.

The purpose of the Student Spotlight Award is to recognize students, undergraduate or graduate, who demonstrate excellent academic achievement in pursuit of their civilian postsecondary education. Current students are encouraged to apply to compete for one of five \$1,200 cash awards:

- » active duty undergraduate student with less than 60 college credits earned
- » active duty undergraduate student with 60 or more college credits earned
- » active duty graduate student
- » Veteran undergraduate or graduate student
- » spouse of an active duty member or Veteran, enrolled in an undergraduate or graduate program

The application period is May 29 – Sept. 30, 2014. Winners will be announced Oct. 27, 2014.

Applications must be completed on the NAIMES Student Spotlight Award form, which can be obtained on the NAIMES website: www.naimes.org. For questions/information, email cheri.arfsten@ppcc.edu.

WEBINAR EVENT

FREE!!! FREE!!! FREE!!!

FEDERAL STUDENT AID INFORMATION SESSION

DATE: JULY 16TH 2014

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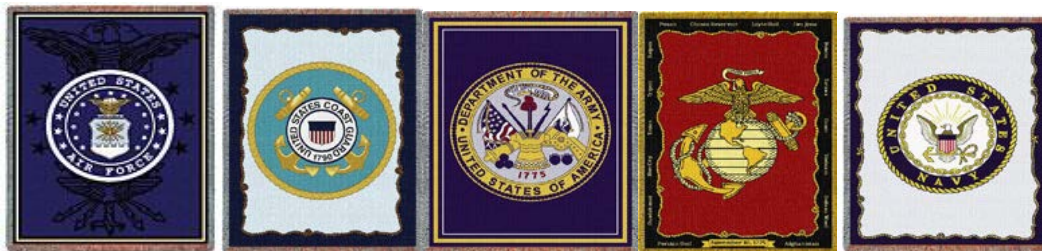
DATE: JULY 17TH 2014

TIME: 4:30PM – 6:00PM (TIME SLOTS ARE EASTERN STANDARD TIME)

TOPICS TO BE COVERED:

- ❖ **TITLE IV PROGRAMS**
- ❖ **LOAN REPAYMENT PROGRAMS**
- ❖ **PUBLIC SERVICE LOAN REPAYMENT PROGRAM**
- ❖ **AND OTHER FEDERAL STUDENT AID RESOURCES**

FAFSA 101 and the Armed Forces



- ❖ **REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED: THIS EVENT IS OPEN TO EVERYONE ESPECIALLY MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES STATIONED AROUND THE WORLD**
- ❖ **LIVE FINANCIAL AID INFORMATION WITH Q&A VIA THE INTERNET**
- ❖ **PLEASE VISIT LINK BELOW TO REGISTER:**

<http://fsaregistration.ed.gov/d/k4q3f1>

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