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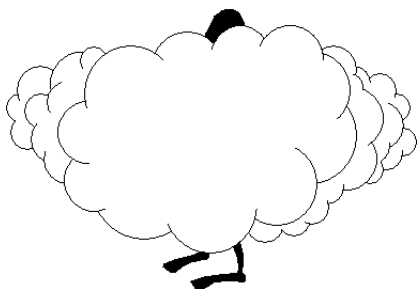
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## The DVEAG is coming, the DVEAG is coming...

Have you seen one??? Would you even know what a DVEAG looked like??? Maybe it could look like you...



In keeping with true military custom, style and tradition, the world of Military Voluntary Education has birthed a new acronym: DoD Voluntary Education Advisory Group (DVEAG). Many colleagues across the Services have expressed a desire for a medium and/or forum designed to receive and express ideas, improvements and concerns within military VolEd.

With this in mind, DANTES Director, Dr. Carol Berry, formally proposed the establishment of an advisory group at the Interservice Voluntary Education Board (ISVEB) meeting held in December of last year. The advisory group will be comprised of military education center personnel from each of the five Armed Services, representing active and reserve component Service branches within DoD and the Department of Homeland Security. Members will be nominated by their respective Service Chiefs of education and will advise the ISVEB regarding field concerns with respect to voluntary military education services and programs.

The DVEAG presents a unique and excellent opportunity for military education colleagues to vet ideas and concerns directly from the field and then present them formally to the ISVEB. While the DVEAG will not be responsible for actual policy development, the advisory group will be afforded a venue to deliver comment and input directly from those who have the direct pulse of our Military members regarding VolEd.

At the discretion of each Service, up to two primaries and at least one alternate member may be appointed. DVEAG members can serve up to a three-year term. Funding for members' travel, per diem and miscellaneous expenses is the responsibility of the Service sponsoring the individual(s).

Are you interested in adding a new dimension in serving military VolEd through participation in this ground-breaking advisory group? If so, let your chain of command know!

I'm personally excited about this remarkable opportunity to provide a new dimension of insight and acumen directly from those who are serving at the deckplates. The goal is to see the DVEAG become a valuable and integral resource that both DANTES and the ISVEB can depend upon to deliver clear and relevant concerns directly from the Fleet, Field, and Air. Stay "tuned" for further information regarding the DVEAG.

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



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**Coming next month ...  
Army Career Tracker - the new  
Army portal Web site**



Demetra B. Malone  
Examinations  
Program Manager

## EXAMINATIONS NEWS

### Quarterly TCO/ATCO status update and test inventory due

In accordance with DANTES Examinations Program Handbook (DEPH) procedure, all Test Control Officers (TCOs) and Alternate TCOs (ATCOs) must confirm their appointment information quarterly, providing DANTES and the testing agencies verification of accurate test site personnel information. To verify their information, testing personnel log into the TCO Portal and access Status Update under Manage Test Site.

For all stocking DANTES-sponsored test sites, the Third Quarter FY11 Test Inventory is due July 5, 2011. Test sites must submit their paper-based test inventory to the appropriate testing agencies (Prometric, ACT, GEDTS and ECE) via e-mail or FAX.

Agency	E-mail	FAX
Prometric	<a href="mailto:pnj-dantesinventory@prometric.com">pnj-dantesinventory@prometric.com</a>	651-641-8571
ACT	<a href="mailto:act-dantes@act.org">act-dantes@act.org</a>	319-337-1221
GEDTS	N/A	202-296-8404
ECE	<a href="mailto:dfax@excelsior.edu">dfax@excelsior.edu</a>	18-464-8777/8810

The TCO, ATCO, or Interim TCO (ITCO) must log into the TCO Portal and report that their DANTES 1560/12 Quarterly Inventory form (AFAEMS for Air Force) was submitted to the respective testing agencies for reconciliation.

### FY11 DEPH update available online

The DANTES Examination Program Handbook (DEPH) fourth quarter update is now available online to DANTES testing personnel with access to the TCO Portal at <https://dantestcoportal.prometric.com/demis/login/login.aspx>. Once in the TCO Portal, access Manage Documents to view, search, or download the latest updates to the FY11 DEPH. For questions or comments concerning electronic DEPH publications or your TCO Portal account, contact the DANTES Examinations Program at [exams@navy.mil](mailto:exams@navy.mil).

### ECE Update

Although DANTES funding for Excelsior College Examinations (ECEs) expires Sept. 30, 2011, ECEs will remain available in computer-based format on a self-paid basis at base-supported national test centers (NTCs) and computer-based DANTES testing centers. Members are encouraged to continue taking ECEs and to contact their education office to determine if their respective service branch provides Tuition Assistance (TA) funding for exams.

The UExcel Examination program offers seven undergraduate exams and will be available at NTCs Oct. 1, 2011. Members should contact their local education office to learn whether TA is available for UExcel. Visit [www.uexceltest.com](http://www.uexceltest.com) for additional information.

All Excelsior College paper-based testing will end Sept. 30, 2011. All orders for paper ECEs must be received by the close of business Aug. 30, 2011, for shipment Aug. 31, 2011. All paper-based DANTES testing sites must return all ECE exam booklets and testing materials upon completion of testing Sept. 30.

Contact Excelsior College at 888-647-2388 (enter 1-6-2- at the automated greeting) or 518-464-8500 (international), or e-mail [dfax@excelsior.edu](mailto:dfax@excelsior.edu).

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Credentialing  
Program Manager

## CREDENTIALING NEWS

### ASE News

The final available personally funded paper and pencil test cycle of these exams is November 2011. Effective January 2012, ASE exams will be administered exclusively in computer-based-delivery (CBT) format on an examinee pay basis through Prometric testing centers. Refer to the announcement article on the ASE Web site: [www.ase.com/News---Events/Press-Releases/ASE-Ends-Written-Testing-after-2011.aspx](http://www.ase.com/News---Events/Press-Releases/ASE-Ends-Written-Testing-after-2011.aspx).

As a reminder, the ASE is now a personally funded exam. For additional questions or concerns, contact [certprog@navy.mil](mailto:certprog@navy.mil).

## DISTANCE LEARNING NEWS

### New schools affiliated with DANTES:

#### DANTES External Degree Catalog



#### Central Penn College

600 Valley Rd.  
Summerdale, PA 17093  
(717) 728-2424  
1-800-759-2727  
Fax: (717) 728-2490  
E-mail: [erickann@centralpenn.edu](mailto:erickann@centralpenn.edu)  
Internet: [www.centralpenn.edu](http://www.centralpenn.edu)

Associate of Science  
Accounting  
Computer Information Science  
Network Management

Bachelor of Science  
Homeland Security Management  
Criminal Justice  
Business Administration  
Information Technology  
Corporate Communications  
Accounting

#### Mystery Quote

"The school is the last  
expenditure upon which  
America should be willing to  
economize."

If you know who said this,  
let us know at  
[pubs@navy.mil](mailto:pubs@navy.mil).  
The first correct responder will  
get his or her name published in  
the next DIB.

Michelle Ellis Young  
with Troy University

was the first to identify the  
author of last month's quote as  
John Dewey.

Great job!

### July in U.S. history:

**1, 1862:** President Abraham Lincoln signed the first income tax bill

**1, 1863:** Beginning of the Battle of Gettysburg

**2, 1788:** Congress announced U.S. Constitution was ratified

**2, 1881:** President James A. Garfield was shot and mortally wounded; died September 19th

**2, 1964:** President Lyndon Johnson signed the Civil Rights Act of 1964

**4, 1776:** The Declaration of Independence was approved

**4, 1872:** Calvin Coolidge, 30th U.S. President, born

**6, 1747:** Revolutionary War Naval Officer John Paul Jones born; best remembered for responding "I have not yet begun to fight!" to British opponents seeking his surrender during a naval battle.

**11, 1767:** John Quincy Adams, 6th U.S. President, born

**14, 1913:** Gerald R. Ford, 38th U.S. President, born; the first non-elected vice president and non-elected U.S. president

**16, 1945:** Experimental Atomic bomb "Fat Boy" set off at 5:30 a.m. in the New Mexico desert

**20, 1969:** Apollo 11 Astronaut Neil Armstrong took his first step onto the moon

**25, 1898:** Amelia Earhart born; 1st woman to fly solo across the Atlantic and fly solo from Hawaii to California

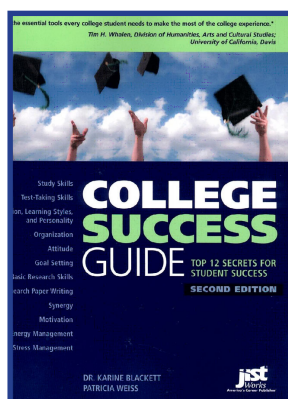


### 2011 edition of College Success Guide – Top 12 Secrets for Student Success now here!

The 2011 edition of College Success Guide (DANTES Stock #2437) is full of expert advice for college-bound students. It covers skills and management tools that can help students succeed in college.

For example, one tip found in chapter one is a way to retain all the information thrown at you in college: “chunking – organize a big mass of information into small chunks of related information.” Chapters also contain “Do’s and Don’ts” plus activities or assignments to complete. See Fig. 1 below.

Chapters include: Test-Taking Skills; Perception; Learning Styles and Personality;



**College Success Guide,  
DANTES Stock #2437**

Organization; Attitude; Goal Setting; Basic Research Skills; Research Paper Writing; Synergy; Motivation; Time and Energy Management; and Stress Management.

Another powerful tip in this book is called “Surround Yourself with Winners”. It is said that it takes 11 positive people to take away the negative energy of just one negative person. So put yourself amongst people who want to succeed and go for the goal.

Military education centers – send an e-mail to [dist@navy.mil](mailto:dist@navy.mil) to order your copies of this book. Provide your DANTES ID #, the DANTES Stock # and quantity. Limit on this publication is 10 per three months.

#### **Assignment 5.1: Identify Your Blind Spots**

In this assignment, you identify five things you don't think you can do, and then identify the blind spots that prevent you from seeing the solutions. By doing this, you offer yourself a “can-do” attitude and literally ensure your success as a student.

1. Write down the five things you don't think you can do.
2. Identify the blind spots preventing you from accomplishing your five goals.

**Fig. 1: An example of an assignment found in the College Success Guide. This assignment is not just for the college-bound, but could be a useful tool for everyone.**

### NAIMES 2011 Student Spotlight Scholarship

The National Association of Institutions For Military Education Services (NAIMES), in celebration of student achievements across the Armed Forces, is now accepting applications for the 2011 Student Spotlight Scholarships. Eligibility is open to all active duty personnel using federal tuition assistance funding through the Voluntary Education program that are current students seeking an undergraduate or graduate degree.

A \$1,200 cash prize and commemorative plaque will be awarded to the top project in three categories:

- 1) Undergraduate student with less than 60 credits earned; 2) Undergraduate student with 60 or more credits; and 3) Graduate student.

Application deadline is Sept. 2, 2011, and the winners will be notified no later than Oct. 28, 2011. Application, resume, and project must be submitted online at [www.naimes.org/upload.asp](http://www.naimes.org/upload.asp).

For detailed information about the NAIMES Student Spotlight Scholarship:

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- » Cheri Arfsten, Director, Military and Veterans Programs, Pikes Peak Community College  
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Manager

## WORLDWIDE 2012 NEWS

### WW12 Call for Proposals campaign draws a record number of submissions

An exciting program agenda for the DoD Worldwide Education Symposium and Expo (WW12) is beginning to take shape. The symposium's planning committee met June 1-2, 2011, in Pensacola, Fla., to discuss plans and evaluate over 150 breakout session proposals—more than ever before received at this stage of planning.

The committee reviewed several proposals offering information never before covered, while others offered the latest perspectives on basic information one always

hopes to find at the symposium. By summer's end, the breakout session schedule should be about 90% complete and potential speakers notified of their status.

Organizers hope to offer most breakout topic choices when symposium registration kicks off on Oct. 1, 2011. Registrants will have the opportunity to indicate which sessions they are likely to attend. These indications will help to manage seating capacity and identify whether some sessions should be repeated.

WW12 will be July 23-27, 2012, held at the MGM Grand Hotel and Conference Center in Las Vegas, Nev.



The 2012 Worldwide Planning Committee at their meeting in Pensacola, Fla. Pictured left to right:

Row 1: Vinnu Kudva, Mgmt. Contractor; Sharon Beaudoin, DANTES, Chair; Elizabeth Ruffin, USA; and Lt. Col Mary Maguire, ARNG.

Row 2: Senior Master Sgt. Sharon Benoit, AFRC; Lisa Teeling, USN; Roland Perez, USN; Carolyn Baker, OUSD, Executive Chair; and 1st Lt. Michelle Grant, ARNG.

Row 3: Sam Bagwell, USMC; Mark Sifford, SOC; Mary Norwood, USCG; Evelyn Howard, ACE; and Patrick Billhartz, USAF.

Row 4: Tech. Sgt. Ed Wilchinski, AFRC; Master Sgt. Michael Caracoglia, ANG; and Lew Zellman, USAR.

### DoD Worldwide's Team SPIRIT Trivia competition to kick-off next month!

Ready, set, go! It's time to sharpen up your research and trivia skills because the WW12 Team SPIRIT Trivia competition is about to start. The first trivia question will be posted in the Worldwide 2012 News section of the August DANTES Information Bulletin, with one to follow monthly until July 2012.

As in years past, the first correct answer to reach the submission inbox earns 150 points for the winner's team. Subsequent correct answers credit the team with 10 points each.

The team with the most points when the competition ends in July 2012 will be credited with winning the trivia event and claim first place prize points to take into the competition that will continue on-site in Las Vegas. The second place finisher will also receive award points for the event, but fewer than first place.

Defending Team SPIRIT champ from 2009 is the Marine Corps. The 2012 teams are: Army, Marine Corps, Navy, Air Force, Coast Guard, and National Guard. So gather your forces and get ready to play!

Is there a topic you would like to see covered in the DIB? Or, do you have a question about one of the DANTES programs? If so, let us know at [pubs@navy.mil](mailto:pubs@navy.mil).

# Patrick Gallegos – a Marine Corps education success story

Story by: Pat Jeffress, TCO Camp Pendleton, Calif.

By the summer of 2000, Patrick Gallegos had attained the rank of Staff Sergeant and had decided to leave the Marine Corps. He planned to take the California Highway Patrol exam and start a new civilian career in law enforcement. A conversation with his former Battalion Commander, however, changed his mind. Lt. Col. Sinclair wanted to know why such a good Marine had decided to leave the Marine Corps and asked Gallegos about his future goals. When Gallegos informed him, Sinclair explained how he could complete a degree without having to end his career as a Marine. With Sinclair's encouragement, Gallegos decided to pursue his educational goals while remaining on active duty.

According to Gallegos, the most difficult thing about college is taking the first step. During his first deployment, he took four college courses in seven months through the Navy College Program for Afloat College Education (NCPACE) with Central Texas College. This gave him the confidence needed to pursue his degree upon his return to Camp Pendleton.

It was not always the easiest thing to do. According to Gallegos, "At times, I seemed overwhelmed trying to balance the heavy demands required of a Marine Infantry leader, a family man, and a college student." It became even more difficult for him after the events of Sept. 11, 2001. "With the requirements of supporting the mission of the Marine Corps in Afghanistan, I had to put my education on hold for the twelve months that followed." Upon returning from Afghanistan, Gallegos was reassigned to the Staff Noncommissioned Officers Academy as a Leadership Instructor. Provided with the opportunity to mold future Marines, he found he enjoyed instructing and becoming a college instructor became another of his goals.

Keeping his goals always in sight, he earned an associates degree in 2003 from the Central Texas College program at Camp Pendleton, bachelor of science degrees in marketing and human resources (graduating with honors) in 2005 from Park University's

on-base program, and finally a master's degree in business administration in 2007 from Park University. During this time, he also applied to become an instructor for Central Texas College and was accepted during a deployment from 2006 to 2007, teaching two sections of Principles of Management with over sixty Marines in his classes.

Scheduled to retire from active duty in July 2008, and with his goals always in mind, Gallegos applied to become an Adjunct Professor for Park University at the Camp Pendleton campus center. He was accepted and by the spring semester of 2009 he was teaching his first college course. Since then, he has taught numerous courses for Park University and has found college instruction to be very rewarding. He feels he has come full circle, saying "It seems surreal that ten years ago I began my educational path and now I am the one transferring the knowledge to future college graduates."

As a Marine now retired from active duty, Gallegos tries to give his students the motivation needed to persevere through hard times. He tells them he knows it can be tough, especially for those on active duty, but that they need to see their educational goals through to completion. Says Gallegos, "I try to instill in them the confidence and personal driving force needed to keep on the path towards finishing education when faced with conflicting duties. Lt. Col. Sinclair was that driving force for me and I can only hope that I have the same effect on these students."

By anyone's measure, Gallegos succeeded with his goals and is a shining example to anyone with an educational goal of their own.



**Staff Sgt. (ret.) Patrick Gallegos**

## Calling all writers and camera-bugs!

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

**Send submissions to [pubs@navy.mil](mailto:pubs@navy.mil). If sending photos, please include names and a description of the event.**



# TESTING CALENDAR

## July 2011

23-27 Praxis\*

## August 2011

19 ECE Extended Response (Essay)

## October 2011

4 LSAT (all locations)

16-22 GRE Subject\*

## November 2011

12-16 Praxis\*

13-19 GRE Subject\*

## 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.

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