

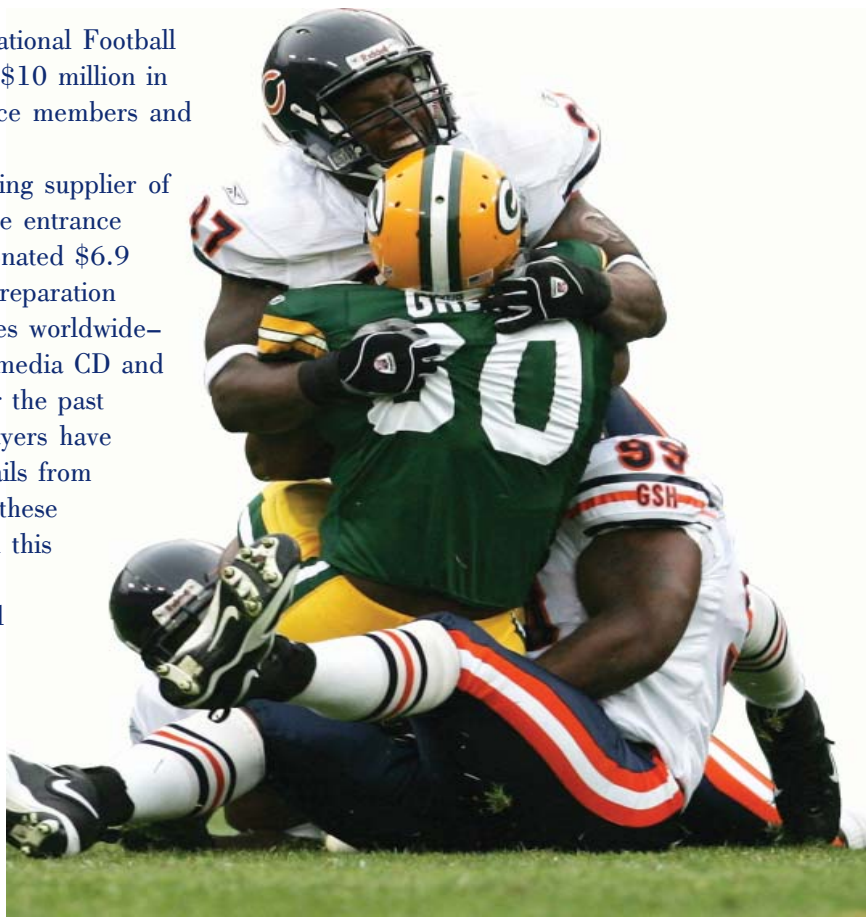
eKnowledge, NFL players tackle SAT and ACT Group donates free SAT/ACT prep programs to Service members

eKnowledge Corporation and a group of National Football League (NFL) players pledge to donate up to \$10 million in SAT/ACT Test Preparation programs to Service members and their families in 2007.

Last year, eKnowledge Corporation, a leading supplier of interactive test preparation products for college entrance exams, along with a group of NFL players, donated \$6.9 million worth of multimedia SAT/ACT Test Preparation products to Service members and their families worldwide—that’s more than 48,000 free SAT/ACT multimedia CD and DVD test preparation programs donated. Over the past several months, eKnowledge and the NFL players have received tens of thousands of letters and e-mails from Service members expressing appreciation for these SAT/ACT test preparation products. Based on this tremendous response, eKnowledge and the participating NFL players announced they will extend the free SAT/ACT donation program through 2007, with a total financial commitment of \$10 million.

Some of the NFL players who have pledged to support the eKnowledge donation program for 2007 include: Mark Anderson (Chicago Bears - pictured, dark helmet), Jon Bradley (Tampa Bay Buccaneers), Scott Young (Philadelphia Eagles), Garrick Jones (Atlanta Falcons), Corey Williams (Green Bay Packers), Jason Radar (Miami Dolphins), and Ahmaad Galloway (San Diego Chargers).

Charles P. Beall, CEO of eKnowledge and a Marine Corps veteran, said, “We owe our Service members and their families a heartfelt ‘thank you’ for their sacrifice and honorable service to our country.



Charles P. Beall, CEO, eKnowledge

The donation of these eKnowledge products hopefully will demonstrate our deep appreciation and financial commitment to their futures. With these highly effective SAT and ACT Test Preparation products, America’s Service members and dependents who dream of pursuing a college education will now have the tools they need to compete on a level playing field.”

A recent testimonial from a Service member stated, “As a military parent residing in Africa (Kenya), I truly appreciate the opportunity to obtain these products for my daughter who attends the international school here. This program will guarantee that she has current material to prepare for the SAT and ACT. Thanks from an Air Force Major who is trying to serve his country and also take care of his family.”

Active duty, reserve or retired

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Testing Calendar

April 2007

6 Excelsior Extended Response (Essay)

16-21 GRE Subject *

28-2 May Praxis*

May 2007

8, 10, 15 ASE (CONUS) **

8-10 ASE (Overseas) **

June 2007

1 Excelsior Extended Response (Essay)

11 LSAT

August 2007

3 Excelsior Extended Response (Essay)

4-8 Praxis *

September 2007

1 LSAT

Notes:

Overseas test centers send orders six weeks before the test date. CONUS test centers send orders four weeks before the test date. Contractors ship tests to arrive just before the planned test date.

*Select only one test date from the published period for DANTES testing and specify that date on the order form.

**Deadline for ordering ASE exams was 24 March.

Online calendar:

<http://www.dantes.doded.mil/>

[dantes_web/library/docs/examinations/06-07cal.pdf](http://www.dantes.doded.mil/dantes_web/library/docs/examinations/06-07cal.pdf)

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Prevent invalid testing

A question frequently asked by ESOs and counselors is, "Why is the CLEP eCBT or iBT DSST test score, available immediately after testing, not considered an official score?" The answer lies in the fact that the unofficial test score must still be sent back to either Educational Testing Service or Thomson Prometric to ensure that the examinee has not taken the same test, whether it was paper-based or computer-based, in the last 180 days. If the test score is invalidated because the examinee retested within 180 days, the designated institution selected by the examinee at the time of testing is notified of the invalid test result. DANTES receives all DANTES-funded CLEP and DSST test results, and depending on the Services' transcript or counseling system requirements, we pass these test reports to them.

With this discussion as a background, we need your help to counsel prospective CLEP and DSST examinees of the 180-day retesting policy and the affect it has on valid test scores. If your installation has an on-base National Test Center for the administration of CLEP eCBT and/or iBT DSST, please discuss this issue with them as well.

\$25,000 in scholarships for military dependent children

Twenty-five \$1000 scholarships are available for military dependent children as a part of an essay contest.

Applications must be postmarked by 23 April 2007. Scholarship information, eligibility requirements, and applications are available on the organization's Web site at

<http://www.homefrontamerica.org>.



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Service members can request the eKnowledge SAT/ACT prep programs by visiting <http://www.militaryhomefront.dod.mil> to confirm their military status through the secure DoD DEERS main database. The Web site will forward them to the eKnowledge/NFL sponsorship order page where they can request the SAT/ACT programs. The eKnowledge/NFL sponsorship donation covers the complete \$200 standard price for the program. Eligible Service members will pay only \$9.95 for the actual cost of packaging, processing and shipping the donated products anywhere in the world.

For more information, e-mail eKnowledge Support at support@eKnowledge.com or call (951) 256-4076.

Kuder – online education tool – explores opportunities

The *Kuder® Career Planning System (KCPS)*, an online education and career-planning tool, has been a staple of the DANTES counseling department for eight years. In addition to three research-based assessments covering interests, skills, and work values, the *KCPS*



Scott Vandever, a Kuder representative, gives a presentation at DANTES.

has many system features that are designed to help individuals meet their long-term career and education goals.

Career Assessment

When individuals sign up for the *KCPS*, they take the career assessments, and from there, explore a world of opportunities in different postsecondary institutions, colleges, potential careers, and most recently, a specific search for career options within the military. This system enhancement that was added in the fall of 2006 is particularly useful for individuals looking to get valuable work experience while fulfilling military duties. It gives the most updated and accurate results

from the Department of Defense and the O*Net occupation exploration site.

Job Resources

In addition to extensive searches, the *KCPS* also prepares individuals for life beyond postsecondary school with job resources, such as the

Resumé Builder, Job Interview Planning, and the lifelong Online Career Portfolio. With the Resumé Builder, individuals can build and store different resumé in a variety of formats and send them directly from their portfolio to prospective employers or their counselor. With the Job Interview Planning resources, individuals can view potential interview questions, learn what they should expect from an interview, the interview process, and a list of questions to ask employers.

Online Career Portfolio access starts when an individual registers with the *KCPS* and continues throughout their entire education and career journey, for lifelong access. At any point they can log back into the system to use all the components and view their assessment results.

Person Match

One of the most unique components of the *KCPS* is the Person Match Feature. Person Match is found within the *Kuder Career Search with Person Match* (interest inventory) Report. Once results from the assessment have been compiled, users are

provided a list of Person Match sketches or biographies. It's more than just a job description, though. Person Match takes away titles and gives users a view of the person behind the job. A Person Match profile may include the person's education, likes and dislikes about their job, how it fits their personality, and the day-to-day work they do. Instead of outlining a generic job description, Person Match is an intimate look at a real person's career and why it's important to them. Individuals can relate to this and begin to consider careers outside the norm.

Database Management System

Administrators, educators, and counselors also have access to the Administrative Database Management System, a tool for viewing individual or aggregate data, and using that information to create customized reports based on the assessment results, education level, ethnicity, and gender for all registered users. Administrators can also use the database to monitor individual progress by reviewing assessment results and help guide individuals on the right career path.

If you have questions regarding the *KCPS*, contact the Manager, Counselor Support (DANTES) at (850) 452-1111 ext. 3131 or e-mail counselor@voled.doded.mil.

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James Anderson and Susan Aldrich at the signing of a historic partnership.

CTC, UMUC launch academic partnership at signing ceremony

James R. Anderson, chancellor of Central Texas College, and Susan C. Aldridge, president of University of Maryland's University College (UMUC), sealed a historic partnership that will ease the transition from a CTC associate degree to a UMUC bachelor's degree for thousands of military and civilian students.

The two institutions formally signed an "articulation agreement," which guarantees transferability of CTC courses to UMUC. The agreement will cover students in a variety of degree programs including criminal justice and business administration.

The agreement is especially significant for Army students, as the institutions hold the number one (UMUC) and number two (CTC) spots in the number of students enrolled in courses covered in whole or in part by Army tuition assistance worldwide. Both institutions have seen a boom in distance learning enrollments and both are ranked in the top 10 of the *U.S. News & World Report's* latest ranking of the largest degree-granting online programs.

As a state university, UMUC has a 60-year history serving students around the world, from active duty military to corporate executives, in class or in an online format. UMUC's operation includes 127 teaching locations in more than 22 countries around the world. With an excess of 90,000 students, UMUC is one of the largest accredited state universities in the United States.

Founded more than 40 years ago, CTC is a public, open-admission community college offering associate degrees and certificate programs in academic, professional and vocational/technical fields. With its main campus in Killeen, Texas and more than 150 other locations around the world, CTC serves 70,000-plus students on military installations, in correctional facilities, in embassies, and on ships at sea.

2007 Regional Workshops

Regional Workshops are designed to provide information and updates about the DANTES programs. They are targeted to Education Services Officers (ESOs), counselors and others who represent the military voluntary education community, along with representatives from colleges and universities who provide degree programs to our Service members. The focus is to promote a better understanding and utilization of the voluntary education programs managed by DANTES.

For more information, visit http://www.dantes.doded.mil/dantes_web/training/regwkshps.htm for details on the upcoming Regional Workshops scheduled for Southbridge, Mass., 7-9 August and Atlanta, Ga., 18-20 September 2007.

New DANTES positions

The following DANTES personnel have assumed new positions:

Bob Berkley, formerly Reference Publications, is now Program Operations Specialist in the Education Programs Department (Code 20).

Kirstin Savage, formerly Program Support, is now Program Operations Technician in the Education Programs Department (Code 20).

Carol Thompson, formerly Manager, Distance Learning Programs, is now the Department Head, Education Programs Department (Code 20).

Transcript evaluation

DANTES Web pages list two foreign transcript evaluation services. One is the American Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers (AACRAO). This is a national professional organization for admissions professionals and offers educational credential evaluation from all countries of the world. Also, the National Association of Credential Services (NACES) offers the same services and is committed to formulating and maintaining ethical standards in the field of foreign educational evaluation.

Both of these services may be found on the DANTES Web site respectively at either http://www.dantes.doded.mil/dantes_web/refpubs/aacrao.htm or http://www.dantes.doded.mil/dantes_web/refpubs/naces.htm.

Some colleges and universities evaluate foreign transcripts on their own. There are three major references used by registrars and admissions officers worldwide, the *International Handbook of Universities*, the *Commonwealth Universities Yearbook* or the *American Association of Collegiate Registrars & Admissions Officers (AACRAO) World Education Series*. They use these books to determine if their university will accept the credits earned at a foreign school and to what extent. Each university uses these books differently (as dictated by their own policies).

Other colleges and universities recommend or require the student

Selected Reserve education benefits

By Maj. Ron Lee, DANTES Reserve Components Advisor

Few people can name all seven components of the Selected Reserve; much less describe the multitude of educational benefits that are available to their members. Memorizing each component is really quite simple...each of the five active duty services has a Reserve Component. They are described as the Army Reserve (USAR), Navy Reserve (USNR), Air Force Reserve Command (AFRC), Marine Corps Reserve (USMCR) and Coast Guard Reserve (USCGR). Add the Army National Guard (ARNG) and the Air National Guard (ANG) for a total of seven. While the Inactive Ready Reserve (IRR) is also considered a Reserve Component, it is not a member of the Selected Reserve.

Each Selected Reserve has a Web site where Service members can go to seek out information on their education benefits. Your local Education Services Office should also be able to provide you with this information.

USAR: <https://rcms.ocar.army.pentagon.mil/education>

USNR: <http://www.navyreserve.com>

AFRC: <https://rso.my.af.mil/afvecprod>

USMCR: <https://www.manpower.usmc.mil> (type “education” in the search box)

USCGR: http://www.useg.mil/hq/cgi/College_Funding_Assist/tuition_Assistance/index.html

ARNG: <http://www.virtualarmory.com> or <https://www.nationalguardbenefits.com>

ANG: <http://www.goang.com/benefits/>

Another important source for Service members is the Department of Veteran’s Affairs Web site at <http://www.va.gov>. There, you can find information about education benefits (Montgomery GI Bill and Reserve Educational Assistance Program) among other services relevant to veterans.

Some states also provide education benefits to veterans who are either currently serving or have served in the past. A valuable Web site to search for benefits by state is <http://www.govbenefits.gov>.

with a foreign transcript to get the transcript evaluated by AACRAO or one of the companies that fall under NACES. The fee for this service and the time required for completion of the evaluation varies with each agency. Routinely, it is the student’s responsibility to pay that fee. DANTES cannot recommend or endorse a particular one, but wants counselors to know about them when referral information is needed.

To determine the most appropriate one, the student should contact the educational institution he or she wishes to attend for additional guidance. Some institutions require a course-by-course evaluation vice a document-by-document evaluation.

Going purple

by MCPO Tim Zernick, DANTES Special Enlisted Advisor



MCPO Zernick

As I begin my term as the DANTES Special Enlisted Advisor, I am immersing myself into the world of purple.

Purple is the color you get when you mix the colors of all the armed forces, so purple is the term that is often used to describe a joint armed forces program.

The DANTES Special Enlisted Advisor (SEA) was established in 1979 to serve as the DANTES direct field input on day-to-day operational status, needs, and requirements of military personnel in voluntary, off-duty education within all military Services. The SEA also contributes to the overall development of DANTES organizational plans and programs.

Coming from the Coast Guard, I will bring a different perspective than that of my seven predecessors. I come from a small service that takes pride in how much we can do

with so little.

For much of my career, my education center was a Junior Officer providing ESO services as a collateral duty. These dedicated individuals had to somehow squeeze the many educational program offerings for the many sailors at the command into an already busy workday. I came to greatly appreciate the job they did when I became a collateral duty ESO

Now that I have the opportunity to serve with DANTES, I will keep my eyes and ears open to the needs of the members of the armed forces in areas of voluntary education. To help me better represent your needs, feel free to e-mail me your concerns, successes and experiences.

I would like to offer my thanks to my predecessor, MGSgt James P. O'Keefe Jr., USMC (Ret). He spent countless hours assuring that everything was in perfect order for my arrival. It is truly an honor to follow a dedicated professional of

**“Share our similarities,
celebrate our differences.”**

M. Scott Peck, author of *The Road Less Traveled*

myself.

As you can imagine, as a collateral duty ESO, I began to revere an organization like DANTES. It provided many of the tools and services needed to be successful in supporting the sailors at my command.

such high caliber.

My information is available on the Senior Enlisted Advisor Web site at: http://www.dantes.doded.mil/dantes_web/advisors/sea/index.htm.

Thank you for supporting our Service members!

Virginia ACME conference a success

The Virginia Advisory Council on Military Education (VA-ACME) met 14-15 March in Williamsburg, Va. VA-ACME president, Carol Berry reported that the VA-ACME has already grown to 134 members in just one year's time.

Opening keynote speaker, Virginia Delegate Terrie Suit, emphasized how important it is for members of the legislature to hear from groups like the VA-ACME. She said Virginia has a citizen legislature and the “ideas come from you—(you are) the nexus of what we do.” A Navy wife, Suit was elected to the Virginia

House of Delegates in November 1999. Over the past seven years, she has taken the lead on many important issues affecting the military. Her most recent success was garnering sufficient support to pass the 2006 bill that provides in-state tuition for dependents of active duty military.

Throughout the conference, Berry “challenged, charged, and tasked” attendees. She encouraged VA-ACME members to run for office and join committees, saying that the “strength of the organization lies in your hands.” At the conclusion of the conference, many current and new

committee members were already meeting to start strategic planning, to discuss ways to work with the

legislature, to focus on strengthening the membership, to form an awards committee, and to begin the process of planning for next year's conference. Further information on the VA-ACME can be found at

<http://www.va-acme.org>.



Delegate Terrie Suit

DANTES Independent Study Catalog news

New schools affiliated with DANTES:

University System of Georgia Independent and Distance Learning

1197 Lumpkin Street, Suite 193

Athens, GA 30602-3603

706-542-3243

Toll Free: 800-877-3243

Fax: 706-542-6635

E-mail: idl@georgiacenter.uga.edu

Internet: <http://www.georgiacenter.uga.edu/idl>

DANTES Catalog of Nationally Accredited Distance Learning Programs news

New and Revised Courses/Programs Approved

The Distance Education & Training Council Commission approved the following new courses/programs:

Allied Business Schools, Inc

Appraiser's Guide to Property Management

Appraiser's Guide to Real Estate Principles

Georgia Real Estate Principles

American Sentinel University

Bachelor of Science in Information Technology

Aspen University

Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice

Cardean University

Bachelor of Science in Behavioral Science–Psychology

Master of Science in Information Management

Columbia Southern University

Associate of Applied Science in Fire Science

Huntington College of Health Sciences

Bachelor of Health Science in Nutrition

International Import-Export Institute

Warehousing: Principles and Practices in a Global Economy

McKinley College

Associate of Applied Science

Accounting

Business Management

Associate of Applied Science in Health Information Management

Professional Career Development Institute

Computer Network Security

Sessions Online School of Design

Using Digital Photography

Raw Camera Digital Video Editing I

After Effects I

SketchUp Basic

SketchUp Intermediate

Web Accessibility Design

Drawing I

Figure Drawing

Committee appointment

The Secretary of Veterans Affairs, R. James Nicholson, recently appointed DANTES Director, Dr. Jeffrey P.

Cropsey, to serve as a Secretarial appointee to the Veteran's Advisory Committee on Education. The purpose of the committee is to advise the Secretary on the administration of education and training programs for veterans, Servicemembers, and dependents of veterans.



DANTES Director,
Dr. Jeffrey P. Cropsey

Kansas ACME to hold start-up meeting in April

Kansas will hold their initial ACME (Advisory Council on Military Education) organizational meeting on 3 April from 1-2:30 p.m. at the Ft. Riley Conference Center. (Ft. Riley is located north of Interstate 70, at exit 301, 125 miles west of Kansas City, Kan. The Conference Center is in Bldg. 446 at Huebner and Seitz Drive, Main Post.)

Anyone who has a role in providing quality education programs for the military in Kansas and their family members are strongly encouraged to attend and help provide direction in this worthwhile endeavor. Following the start-up meeting on 3 April, there will be a welcome address by the Ft. Riley Commanding General and reception.

Attendees are also invited to participate in sessions and roundtable discussions on meeting the post-secondary educational needs of the expanding Ft. Riley community on the following day, 4 April, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Ft. Riley Conference Center.

Contact Fred Rodriguez at federico.jesus.rodriguez@us.army.mil for further information.

Kansas ACME meeting

Organizational Meeting
April 3
1-2:30 p.m.
Ft. Riley Conference Center

Sessions/Rountable
Discussions
April 4
9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Ft. Riley Conference Center

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