

Thank you, Dr. Carol Berry, for over 36 years dedicated service to the voluntary education community!

It seems like just yesterday that we introduced Dr. Carol A. Berry in the DIB as the new DANTES Director, but in reality it was the May 2010 edition. Can you believe that? Now we say farewell, as she retired last month after dedicating over 36 years to public service in the field of voluntary education.

She, and DANTES, have accomplished much in the past five years, no doubt about it. Here are just some of the accomplishments Dr. Berry and the DANTES team can be proud of:

- » DANTES strategic plan
- » consolidation of military transcripts under the Joint Services Transcript (JST)
- » an online distance learning assessment
- » development of the DoD MOU data system
- » new TA Decide tool
- » development of a variety of reports and ROI calculations used to inform upper leadership on DANTES programs
- » 2012 DoD Worldwide Education Symposium
- » continuous voluntary education support to Service members
- » redesign of the website
- » expansion of DANTES social media strategy
- » celebration of DANTES' 40th anniversary



Berry started her long education career in 1979 with the Navy in Keflavik, Iceland. Afterward, she was actively involved with Navy Campus offices at NAS Norfolk, Va., and NAS Oceana, Va.; served as President of the Virginia Council on Military Education; and most recently was the Southeast Regional Director, Navy College Programs. Under her direction, the Navy Campus offices vastly expanded voluntary education programs and increased enrollments. At NAS Norfolk and NAS Oceana, Berry designed the first model education centers, housing all of the Navy Campus functions, institutional representatives, classrooms, and a bookstore. As the Southeast Regional Director, Navy College Programs, she supervised 16 Navy College Offices spread over the southern United States, including services provided to personnel stationed in the Caribbean and South America.

An innovator, Berry is responsible for a number of process improvement projects that have become standard throughout the Navy's Voluntary Education Program. Of significant note was the development of an online needs assessment survey and analysis program that has become the standard for all needs assessments in the Navy.

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Dr. Berry farewell

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Berry has received several notable awards: the Navy Award for Meritorious Civilian Service; the Kenn Smith Award for Navy Campus Excellence – Educator of the Year; Most Notable Alumna by the School of Education, Regent University; the President’s Award from the Virginia Advisory Council on Military Education (VA ACME); and numerous awards and letters of commendation for outstanding performance and innovative projects. And, at her retirement ceremony, she was presented the Navy Superior Civilian Award and OSD Award for Excellence.

“Mark Twain said “The secret of getting ahead is getting started.” Seems like we were just getting started and it is already time to go. I have been at DANTEs for five years and in that time we have made some tremendous progress and broken a lot of new ground.”
Dr. Carol A. Berry

Professional affiliations include Past President, Virginia Advisory Council on Military Education; member of Council of College and Military Educators (CCME); Hampton Roads Voluntary Education Advisory Group; and the American Counseling, Military Educators and Counseling, National Employment Counselors, and National Career Development Associations.

She has served on a number of Task Force projects at various levels of the DoD and Navy, including the Academic Credit Task Force; DoD Principles of Distance Learning; DANTEs Education Services Advisory Panel; MIVER Program Task Force; Navy Voluntary Education - Navy College Team 2000; Navy College Program (NCP) Advisory Board; Hampton Roads Voluntary Education Advisory Group – serving as Chairperson and as chair for the Strategic Planning and Library & Technology Sub-Committees; and the Electronics Curriculum Advisory Committee for Tidewater Community College.

A prolific author, many of her professional articles concerning education related topics, programs and services provided through the voluntary education programs, were published in national and local publications:

- » Berry, C. (October 2014) “Forty Years of Service and Excellence,” Military Advanced Education
- » Berry, C. & Stanley, E. (July 2014) “The Intentionality of Education,” Joint Force Quarterly, produced by National Defense University Press.

- » Berry, C. (May 2014) “History of the Voluntary Education Program with Navy’s Voluntary Education Program,” excerpts published
- » Berry, C. (December 2013) “Embracing Change and Helping Service Members Define Their Futures,” Military Advanced Education cover story
- » Berry, C. (July 2012) “Leveraging Contracts and Services to Achieve Academic Success,” Military Advanced Education cover story
- » Berry, C. (April 2011) “Advancing Goods and Services for Educational Success,” Military Advanced Education cover story

Also published was her dissertation titled “The Assessment of Learner Autonomy and Persistence in Adults Enrolled in Online Courses.”

Berry is a sought after speaker, having presented at DoD Worldwide Conferences, CCME, VA ACME, COMESC, and other professional settings. She has been cited in “Remembering those who have made

“Working with the staff, the Service Chiefs, education center personnel, high level leadership, institutional partners and Service members made for exciting days and some sleepless nights, but all in all serving the greatest military in the world has been a great experience.”
Dr. Carol A. Berry

a difference in United States Military Voluntary Education”; by Dr. Clinton Anderson, published July 2006.

Berry received her Bachelor of Arts degree in biology and a Master of Science degree in education from Hofstra University. She received her Doctor of Education degree from Regent University.

“DANTEs is made up of very experienced and knowledgeable professionals, who are a joy to work with and it has been my honor and pleasure to have spent the past five years with them providing Superior Solutions to members of the greatest military in the world! See you all on the flip side.” – Carol A. Berry, Ed.D. Director DANTEs, signing off.

Five years ago we said “Welcome aboard.” Today, we say “Fair winds and following seas.” Good luck in your next life-chapter, Dr. Berry. Rest assured your legacy will live on at DANTEs and in the Voluntary Education community.

COUNSELING NEWS

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EXAMINATIONS NEWS

DANTES Exams Program retires the DANTES TCO Portal

The new DANTES Academic Information Management System (DAIMS) will soon replace the DANTES Test Control Officer (TCO) Portal. Like the portal, DANTES Testing Personnel will use DAIMS to manage paper-based DANTES Test Site operations and provide resources specific to DANTES-sponsored academic exams, including funding eligibility information for all programs. The new system features enhanced and up-to-date volume reporting by authorized users for a variety of academic programs, and an electronic data share capability with DANTES' military partners.

The initial June 2015 rollout is only for internal use by HQ DANTES staff. TCOs will not have access to DAIMS until Oct. 1, 2015. Prior to May 31, 2015, it is essential that DANTES Testing Personnel log into their TCO Portal accounts and download all items under DOCUMENTS which are crucial to test site

management and paper-based test administration. DANTES recommends creating backup files of the following proprietary documents to avoid test administration delays:

CLEP Examination Guides

» All 2015 CLEP titles

DEPH Online

» Part I and Part II (all chapters)

Exam Program Forms

» Ordering Forms (all items)

» Online Forms and Exhibits (all items)

Items, except the 2015 CLEP Exam Guides, MAY NOT be accessible via the military installation Intranet.

Until DAIMS is fully functional, the staff at DANTES HQ Exams Program will make every effort to ensure continued operations and provide support as needed. Email requests for information and assistance to exams@navy.mil.

DSST Assessments: A proven way to achieve better academic outcomes

By Dawn Draper-Jackson, Prometric

As a DSST test center, you're likely aware of some of the benefits of DSST exams: they help students save time, save money and graduate sooner by offering a faster, more cost-effective route to earning college degrees. But the benefits go beyond time and cost savings – as part of a Prior Learning Assessment (PLA) program, DSST helps both students and colleges achieve better academic outcomes.

PLA is a process for evaluating and demonstrating knowledge in order to award college credit for learning from non-traditional methods, such as work experience, military service or credit-by-exam programs, such as DSST.

According to a 2013 study by the Council for Adult and Experiential Learning (CAEL), students who utilize PLA programs such as DSST have a graduation rate that's 2.5 times higher than those who don't. PLA students also show more persistence, having completed their degrees sooner than their non-PLA peers. And

students who earn degrees set themselves up for getting better jobs and earning more money than those who either don't attend college or never complete their degree requirements.

Additionally, PLA also helps colleges and universities stay on track. Currently 30 states receive some amount of funding based on performance indicators, such as course completion, time to earn a degree, transfer rates, the number of degrees awarded or the number of low-income and minority applicants. Because schools offering PLA programs tend to see higher graduation rates, they may earn more funding as well, creating a win-win for both the schools and their students.

By offering DSST exams at your test center, you're both fulfilling a need and helping to do your part in creating better academic outcomes for both students and the colleges and universities they attend. Learn more about DSST as a Prior Learning Assessment tool at www.getcollegecredit.com today!



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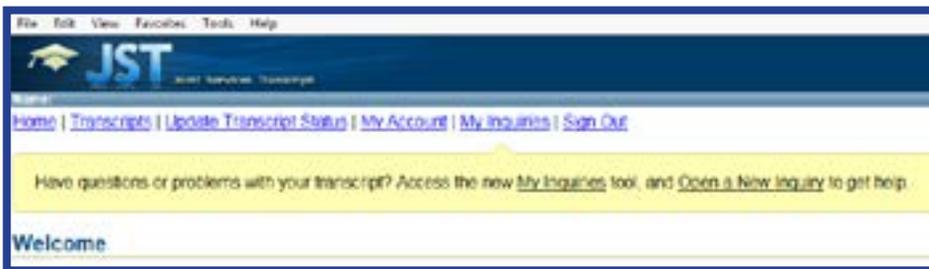
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DANTES PARTNERSHIPS NEWS

New JST self-service tool for military members and veterans

Thanks to Siri, Google, and there being “an app for that,” users are accustomed to having access to any and all resources needed to resolve almost any issue they may have. Now, with the release of a new Joint Service Transcript (JST) self-service feature in the JST portal, that kind of access is available to Service members and Veterans. The JST Operations Team recently released the new inquiry tool, allowing Service members and veterans to navigate everything from obtaining their transcript to submitting corrections to their own JST online. This reduces the amount of time and staff resources required for Service members to have the necessary corrections made to their academic and occupational transcript.

Members logging into the JST portal at <https://jst.doded.mil> have the option of selecting “My Inquiries” to gain assistance with questions or problems with their transcript.



The JST inquiry tool allows members to “Open a New Inquiry” and select from several topics such as:

- » viewing and printing student/unofficial transcripts
- » sending a transcript to an institution
- » resolving issues with electronic delivery of transcripts
- » requesting transcripts for employment purposes
- » adding or updating course information
- » determining if a course or MOS is eligible for college credit
- » updating incomplete or missing personnel data or test scores

The tool provides a solution with corresponding actions to ensure that the member’s issue is resolved. If the issue is not listed, members can request assistance directly by completing a short form that provides a description of the problem. Best of all, members are able to attach and upload supporting documents, that will be verified against official records, into the system to assist with the resolution of their issue.

Service members are advised to include their name, last four of their social security number, and an email address on any documents submitted for consideration into the secure platform. Also, note that awards and local training that do not have military course identification numbers will NOT appear on their JST. When documentation is submitted, members should wait approximately 15 days before logging into JST to check their transcript for the change(s). After logging in, the ‘Transcript Update Status’ link will notify them when the documents were received and the current status of their request.

For additional questions about this new feature or other questions regarding the JST, contact the JST Operations Team at DSN: 753-6013 or jst@doded.mil.

SOC redesigns website

Servicemembers Opportunity Colleges (SOC) has completed the first phase of website redesign at <http://soc.aascu.org/>.

Information has been updated to reflect the significant changes made in FY15 SOC Contract such as the dissolution of the Consortium and the consolidation of the Degree Network System (DNS). Content has been streamlined and reorganized so that visitors can find the resources and online tools with greater ease.

Changes to the website appearance, content, and functionality will continue to be made over the coming months. Visitors can provide feedback to Erica Grant, SOC Assistant Director for Administration, at grante@aascu.org.



Do you have an education-related story to share?

Is there a topic you would like to see covered in the DIB?

Do you have a question about DANTES?

If so, send submissions to pubs@navy.mil.

TROOPS TO TEACHERS NEWS

Georgette Harrald never gave up on her dream

By John Parker, TTT Central Region Supervisor

Georgette Harrald enlisted in the Navy in 1985. She spent the first eight years at various duty stations, busy with a new marriage and family, making college seem a far off dream. While in Pennsylvania, Harrald took advantage of volunteering at her son's school to see if teaching was something she would like to pursue and she found that she did enjoy the challenge.

Her following duty station was NAS South Weymouth, Mass., where her second son was born. While there, she enrolled at Quincy College. Then, her third son was born. Due to his medical issues, the Navy relocated her to Missouri, in order to be closer to the University of Nebraska Medical Center. She was assigned to Mobile Inshore Undersea Warfare in Kansas City, and later to Whiteman Air Force Base.

Harrald retired in 2005 and began work as a paraprofessional. Being in the classroom and working with wonderful educators for three years helped her realize again where she wanted to be. In August 2009, she learned of a new program, the Post 9/11 GI Bill, which would pay a stipend each month to cover her college classes. She saw this as her ticket and quit her job as a paraprofessional to go back to school full-time. While in school, Harrald recollects, "I heard about the Troops to Teachers program, but regretfully did not act on my former intuition to check into it."

She graduated from the University of Missouri Kansas City in May 2012 with a degree in Elementary Education. "I was a substitute teacher in three different districts the following year. Many of those assignments were in special education, and, having a child who had special needs early in his education, I felt a calling to become certified in special education. After an interview for a special education position, I took and passed the SPED Praxis, and started my second career as a co-teacher in 2013. I love my job as a first grade co-teacher and continue to learn new things every day."

Troops to Teachers awarded Harrald the TTT Missouri Teacher of the Year award by the Director of the State of Missouri's Veterans Education and Training section, Chad Schatz. He stated, "It's great to see Veterans take advantage of benefit programs and to see employers eager to help them get their benefits."



(pictured l-r) Chad Schatz, TTT Central Region Director, presented Georgette Harrald the TTT Missouri Teacher of the Year award.

Photo courtesy of TTT Central Region

For general information on the TTT program:

- » websites:
 - www.dantes.doded.mil/service-members/troops-to-teachers/index.html
 - www.proudtoserveagain.com/
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- » Toll free: (800) 231-6242
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FROM THE DESK OF THE SENIOR ENLISTED ADVISOR



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Senior Enlisted Advisor

The DESAG is coming! Do you know what the DESAG is? Would you even know what a DESAG looked like? You may be given an opportunity to serve under the DESAG.

In keeping with true military custom, style and tradition, the world of military voluntary education (VoEd) has birthed a new acronym: DANTES

Education Services Advisory Group (DESAG). 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 VoEd.

In a past Inter-Service Voluntary Education Board (IVEB) meeting, DANTES Director Dr. Carol Berry proposed the establishment of a formalized advisory group. The advisory group will be comprised of military education center personnel from each of the five Armed Services, who will be nominated by the Service chiefs of education, representing active and reserve component Service branches within DoD. This group will then advise the DANTES Director regarding field concerns with respect to voluntary military education services and programs.

The DESAG 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 DESAG. While

the DESAG 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 VoEd.

At the discretion of each Service, one primary and at least one alternate member may be appointed. DESAG members can serve up to a three-year term. Funding for members' travel, per diem and miscellaneous expenses will be the responsibility of the Service sponsoring the individual(s). Membership criteria includes:

1. Nomination by respective Service Chief.
2. Currently serving in a military VoEd setting.
3. Have current experience working with DANTES programs and products.

You can still participate even if you aren't a member of DESAG, by providing input to the group on voluntary issues and/or concerns you may have. Interested? Then 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 deck-plates. The goal is to see the DESAG become a valuable and integral resource that DANTES and the DoD Voluntary Education community can depend upon to deliver clear and relevant concerns directly from the Fleet, Field, and Air. Stay tuned for further information regarding the DESAG. Until next time, keep up with DANTES on Facebook (www.facebook.com/DANTES.DoD) or contact me at ea@navy.mil. I would enjoy hearing from you.

OTHER VOLED NEWS AND BLOGS

Early application is key for tuition assistance approval

www.navy.mil/submit/display.asp?story_id=87215

Abraham Lincoln Sailors lean toward learning

www.navy.mil/submit/display.asp?story_id=87197

Program offers museum visits to Service members, families

www.marines.mil/News/NewsDisplay/tabid/3258/Article/589757/program-offers-museum-visits-to-service-members-families.aspx

Help us get the word out about tools and resources for student loan repayment

www.ed.gov/blog/2015/05/help-us-get-the-word-out-about-tools-and-resources-for-student-loan-repayment/

VA Secretary waives resident-rate requirements of the Choice Act through December 2015

www.va.gov/opa/pressrel/pressrelease.cfm?id=2700

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