



THE EDUCATED WARRIOR

Becoming a Lifelong Learner

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MISSION STATEMENT:

To vigorously promote lifelong learning opportunities offered to Soldiers, Family-members, and Civilians of the 409th BSB in order to sharpen their competitive edge, and enhance job performance, skill qualifications and career growth.

Featured Quote:

The result of the educative process is capacity for further education.

*John Dewey, U.S.
Philosopher and Educator*

eArmyU Now Available Army Wide:

Effective 01 Oct 04 (FY05), Army Continuing Education System will increase access and choice for enlisted Soldiers Army-wide. A key element of the current eArmyU program—the **technology package or laptop will now be offered as an incentive for enlisted Soldiers who are willing to reenlist for duty in combat forces/operational units** as defined by senior Army leadership, subject to adjustment. These Soldiers will be provided a technology package, if otherwise eligible for

eArmyU participation. The (FY05) eArmyU program—eCourses or course-by-course enrollment—will be offered Army-wide to all eligible enlisted Soldiers who have their own computer or computer access. These changes are in direct support of Readiness and Retention and are part of Army Transformation and the Army Campaign Plan.



For more information on the eArmyU program, see page 3.

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A FOND FAREWELL

The Vilseck and Grafenwoehr Education Centers are sad to say farewell to two members of our team who have given selflessly of their time and talents to help the service members and family members of the 100th ASG. We must say goodbye to Christina, formerly of the Grafenwoehr Education Center, where she worked as both a DANTES Test Examiner, and as Administrative Support. Christy is pursuing work that is more closely associated with her chosen field, marketing. We also bid farewell to Theresa, who is leaving us to have her first baby! Theresa has worked for Central Texas College as a DANTES Test Examiner in both Kosovo and Vilseck, and also as a Counselor Aide in Vilseck. We will miss both Christy and Theresa and their dedication to assisting the community in Educational endeavors.



University of Maryland University College *Europe*

University of Maryland University College Term 2 registration is 12 – 22 October, with classes beginning on 25 October and running through 17 December. Because of overwhelming interest, we recently added a GERM112: Elementary German II class to the Term 2 University of Maryland schedule (Mon, Wed 1830-2130). We are pleased that so many of our students are interested in pursuing German beyond the first level.

We also have had many questions lately about how to transfer military history or other college transcripts over to UMUC credit. Once you have taken 6 credit hours with the University of Maryland, you are eligible for a free evaluation. Our advisors will look at your entire education history and compile your credits into one transcript. This process will count as your Servicemembers Opportunity College (SOC) agreement and will provide the one transcript you need for promotion points. If you already have 6 credit hours with UMUC, or if you will have 6 credit hours soon, come by our office and pick up an Application for Official Evaluation so you can be on your way to a Maryland degree!

We also would like to extend our condolences to the family of SGT Tyler Prewitt, a current UMUC student who died while serving in Iraq. We at UMUC are very sorry for the Prewitt family's loss.

University of Phoenix

Start Earning Your Degree Today!

More than just convenient, University of Phoenix offers the most up-to-date and relevant degree programs available. To ensure that our programs provide the skills and expertise that are in high demand, we develop our curriculum based on the current needs of the industry. The curriculum is continually updated to reflect the latest proven concepts, methods and practices. The entire program is organized to foster teamwork, critical thinking, and project management in real time. So while you are learning the concepts and techniques, you are also developing your decision-making,



communication, presentation and leadership skills, all of which lead to success in business and the Military.

Degree Programs Available

Master of Business Administration

Master of Arts in Education

Administration and Supervision

Adult Ed & Distance learning

Elementary Teacher Education

Secondary Teacher Education

Curriculum and Instruction

For more information, contact the Phoenix Field Representative/Enrollment Advisor via DSN at 476-3605

FAST CLASS

Looking to improve your GT-Score? The FAST Class might be just what you need! Functional Academic Skills Training (FAST) can help prepare you to retake the ASVAB.

Upcoming FAST Classes:

18-29 October 04	0800-1500
6-17 December 04	0800-1500
7-18 February 05	0800-1500
4-15 April 05	0800-1500
11-22 July 05	0800-1500
12-23 September 05	0800-1500

The first step towards taking a FAST class is to take a TABE test at either the Vilseck or Grafenwoehr Education Center. The TABE test is offered at both centers every Monday and Wednesday at 0815.

ARMY PERSONNEL TESTING SCHEDULE

ASVAB and AFCT testing will be done every Monday at 0830

Spanish Defense Language Proficiency Test will be given every Tuesday at 0830

German Defense Language Proficiency Test will be given every Wednesday at 0830

All other APT will be by appointment only

Prior to testing, service member must have a DA Form 4187 approved by Unit Commander and 38th PSB.

eArmyU Participation Terms for FY 05

eCourses

- Soldier-provided PC or access to a PC
- Matriculation cost is not deducted from 1st FY TA ceiling
- Supporting technology: ISP, email, course materials, Student tutorial/Boot Camp, digital library services, 24/7 eArmyU Helpdesk, program mentoring, academic tutoring, and an Offline Learning Application at four eArmyU schools
- TA ceiling (\$4500)
- SH cap (\$250)
- Army Tuition Assistance Statement of Understanding (SOU) required with Commander's signature
- Distance education assessment required
- Counselor and Commander approval required

Technology Package (Laptop)

- eArmyU-issued laptop
- Cost is deducted from 1st FY TA ceiling
- Supporting technology: ISP, email, course materials, Student tutorial/Boot Camp, digital library, 24/7 eArmyU Helpdesk, program mentoring, academic tutoring, and an Offline Learning Application at four eArmyU schools
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- Distance education assessment required
- Counselor and Commander approval required
- Retention eligibility verification required
- Sign and return PA within 90 days of Counselor Signature Date

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Featured Web Site

Spouses to Teachers

The Troops to Teachers program is expanding with a pilot program that will provide information and assistance to spouses interested in pursuing a teaching career. Find out more at:

www.spousestoteachers.org

CZECHING in on PRAGUE

The Prague American Embassy soldiers welcomed Vilseck Education Counselor, Sandra Grey, on 13 September 2004. LTC William Meehan hosted the roundtable where staff Army, Marine, and Air Force personnel asked education questions.

Most issues focused on distance learning, tuition assistance, VA upgrade process, importance of Regional Accreditation for degree seekers, spouse benefits, and testing for credit through CLEP or DANTES. Attendees agreed that access to information can be very difficult at remote locations, and that the visit was extremely helpful. The Vilseck Education Center hopes to continue assisting service members in remote locations with their education needs.

Army Learning Center/ MOS Library

Days/Hours: Mon – Fri, 0800- 2200 hrs

* Military Publications (AR's, ARTEP's, FM's, PAM's, TC's, TM's, STP's, CD-ROMS)

* Military Magazines (Soldiers, NCO Journal, Army AL&T)

* GT Improvement Materials (CD-ROM & Paper-based)

* Educational Materials (GED, ACT/SAT, CLEP, GRE/ GMAT)

* Education Reference Books (Colleges, Grants/ Scholarships)

* Computer Lab (Correspondence Courses, AKO, Leaders Books, Sergeant's Time Classes & Army Study Guides, Military History, Electronic Military Pubs & Forms, Promotion Points)