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January Testing

ACT	29th @ 0800-1330
AFCT	5th @ 1300-1630
CLEP/DSST	7th @ 0900-1100 21st @ 1300-1500
College Exams	7th @ 0900-1200 21st @ 1300-1600
DLAB	15th @ 0900-1100
DLPT Part 1-Listening Part 2-Reading	13th @ 0830-1200 13th @ 1300-1630
Part 1-Listening Part 2-Reading	27th @ 0830-1200 27th @ 1300-1630
TABE	9th @ 0900-1100 23rd @ 0900-1100

February Testing

ACT	25th @ 0800-1330
AFCT	2nd @ 1300-1630
CLEP/DSST and	4th @ 0900-1100 18th @ 1300-
DLAB	12 @ 0900-1100
DLPT Part 1-Listening Part 2-Reading	10th @ 830-1200 10th @ 1300-1630
Part 1-Listening Part 2-Reading	24th @ 0830-1200 24th @ 1300-1630
SAT	5th @ 0800-1430
TABE	6th @ 0900-1100 20th @ 0900-1100

Distance Learning Programs: Going Back to School When You're a Servicemember

As a member of the armed forces, you are entitled to education benefits such as tuition assistance, the Montgomery GI Bill, and student loan repayments. Although these benefits will help you pay for your education, you may still have questions about going back to school. You may wonder how much of your education costs will be covered and whether you can afford to pay the rest. You may wonder whether you can take the time to go back to school, or you may worry that the work will be too difficult. Before you decide, it's a good idea to weigh the potential benefits of a degree or certification against any possible hardship from being in school. Figuring out where the balance lies will help you make the choice that's right for you.

Questions to ask yourself

Your answers to these questions will help you determine whether it's in your best interest to further your education:

What's your career goal?

Will you stay in the military or transition into the civilian workforce? In either case, what is your ideal job?

Do you have the training and education to meet your career goal?

If not, what course of study will give you the skills and training to meet that goal? If you do, how likely is it that your career goal will change in the future? If demand for people with your qualifications drops or your career priorities shift, you may regret not going back to school while your military benefits were still active. For information about educational requirements for different occupations, look at the Occupational Outlook Handbook available on the U.S. Department of Labor's Web site at www.dol.gov or go to the Army's Credentialing Opportunities On-Line Web site at <https://www.cool.army.mil>.

What additional opportunities can a higher education offer you?

Going back to school will expose you to new ideas. It can also point you toward career directions you hadn't considered. Once you have your degree, it may open new opportunities for

advancement within your chosen career.

What is the job market in your chosen field?

Are there many openings in your field? If so, are jobs available throughout the country, or would you have to relocate? If there are few job openings in your chosen field, you may decide that it's not worth the time and money to earn a degree. Or you may want to look into a program of study that will lead to a better-paying job.

What will you have to give up in order to go back to school?

Time with your family? Leisure activities? Flexible learning programs such as distance learning and classes that are held on or near installations will help you fit your education into your schedule.

More information on this topic can be found at www.militaryonesource.com

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Marty Ramirez, a representative from American Military University, will be visiting the Education Center every Tuesday during

the month of January from 1000-1400. He will be available for advising for those interested in learning more about AMU. Appointments are accepted but not neces-

sary. Please contact Heather Ruppert at 928-269-5614 for further information.

Station Library

Library Programming

Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<p>Story Time Ages: 3-5 yrs Time: 1000-1100 *Spaces Available</p> <p>LapTime Ages: Birth-2 yrs Time: 1730-1810 *Spaces Available</p>	<p>Story Time Ages: 3-5 yrs Time: 1000-1100 *Currently Full</p> <p>School Age Story Time Ages 6-10 yrs Time: 1500-1600 *Spaces Available</p>	<p>LapTime Ages: Birth-2 yrs Time: 1730-1810 *Spaces Available</p>	<p>Pajama Story Time Ages: 6-10yrs Time: 1900-2000 * Last Friday of the Month</p>

Story Time Ages 3-5 years old

This is an hour long program that consists of stories, songs and a craft revolving around a weekly theme. Parents are allowed to leave during this time.

Lap Time Ages Birth-2 years old

This is a 40 minute program consisting of interactive stories, songs and craft for the parent and the child. The parent is required to attend with their child.

*NEW School Age Story Time Ages 6-10 years old

This is an hour long program that consists of stories, songs and a craft revolving around a weekly theme. Parents are allowed to leave during this time.

*NEW on the last Friday of the Month

Pajama School Age Story Time Ages 6-10 years old

On the last Friday of the month, this hour long program consists of stories, songs and a craft revolving around a weekly theme. Parents are allowed to leave during this time.

NEW MGIB and Post 9/11 Brief

The Education Center is now offering a 1 - hour MGIB brief that discusses both the MGIB Chapter 30 and the Post 9/11 Veterans Assistance Act of 2008. The briefs are offered the first Tuesday of every month at 1400 at the Education Center, Bldg. 850.

Military Spouse Scholarship

The National Military Family Association's Joanne Holbrook Patton Military Spouse Program awards spouses of uniformed servicemembers up to \$1000 for professional certifications, college, or graduate school. The funds are for tuition, fees, and school room and board. Applications are now being accepted and are due by midnight February 1, 2009. For more information or to submit an application please visit their website at www.nmfa.org/scholarship.

