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\*\*\*September 13<sup>th</sup> is a career fair day. There will be over 20 colleges, USCG recruiter, and possibly veteran affairs. \*\*\*\*



### Question of the Week

**Q, / Does Leadership and Management (LAMS) training count towards education credit?**

**A. The answer is yes. It will show on your ACE transcript as Organizational development 3.0 UL semester credits.**

If you have a question you'd like answered as a Question of the Week, e-mail it to me at [Kristi.L.Hilton@uscg.mil](mailto:Kristi.L.Hilton@uscg.mil).



Thursday Sept. 5<sup>th</sup> 4-8pm 8 week on base College math starts



### Featured Books Available in Education Center

Books from commandants reading list

- 2011 Exclusive Rankings America's Best Graduate Schools
- Financial Aid for Veterans, Military Personnel, and Their Families
- Occupational Outlook Handbook
- The Best 366 colleges

Books from Commandants reading list

[CLEP DVD's](#) on 5 or more subjects plus paper and pencil practice exams

### Enlisted Individual Development Plan

The first-termer or enlisted member should arrange a meeting with the ESS/ESO to discuss education topics listed on page 16. [http://www.uscg.mil/forms/cg/CG\\_5357.pd](http://www.uscg.mil/forms/cg/CG_5357.pd)

### Reservists

Welcome LTJG Aaron McClellan to the planning staff at the Sector location. He is a prior reservist that is on an active duty tour representing the reservists in the planning section.

In addition to the web site of the Coast Guard Office of Reserve Affairs

(<http://www.uscg.mil/reserve/>), Reservists should also check out TraCen Petaluma's Reserve Resource Guide (<http://www.uscg.mil/hq/cg1/tracenpetaluma/RRG/>).

Together, these provide info on and links to info on every facet of Coast Guard affairs related to service in the Reserve.



Did you know that a reservist may earn extra points towards retirement when they complete a Non-CG correspondence course? Most members do not realize that when a reservist completes a Correspondence Course while

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on Active Duty, they do **not** receive points to count towards their retirement. Reserve Policy Manual 8.C.5.b states “No retirement points will be credited for any courses completed while a member is on active duty or on an inactive status list”.

However, as with so many other rules, there is an exception to this. For example, when a reservist attends the Naval War College (NWC), or similar, for a course that **required them to complete correspondence prerequisites prior** to attending, they are entitled to receive retirement points. They must provide the SPO with a copy of the completion certification letter they received from the Navy or other agency. Somewhere in the letter it will state something equivalent to: “**prior** to your arrival / commencement at the Naval War College, you were **required** to complete a significant amount of reading..., etc.”

### Reserve Resource Guide

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**Selected Reserve Direct Commission deadline is 03OCT11** [Deadlines](#) & [requirements](#)



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descriptions, you must:

### Are you eligible to apply for OSAC scholarships?

OSAC scholarships may be used only at U.S. institutions eligible to participate in Title IV federal student aid (U.S. military academies are not eligible).  
otherwise specified in the individual scholarship

- Be a U.S. citizen or an eligible noncitizen in the United States for other than a temporary purpose, and intend to become a permanent resident of the United States. See list below for scholarships available to non-U.S. citizens/non-eligible noncitizens.
- Be an Oregon resident. Residency is usually established when an independent student or the parents of a dependent student have been in continuous residency in Oregon for 12 months before enrollment. For exceptions, such as tribal residency, see [definition of Oregon resident](#).
- Be an Oregon graduating high school student during the current academic year, or a GED or home-schooled graduate, or a first-time college freshman, undergraduate, or graduate student.
- Have Oregon listed as your home of record if you are U.S. military personnel.
- Not owe a refund on an educational grant or be in default on any educational loans.

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career planning program created and administered by ACT, "an independent, not-for-profit organization that provides more than a hundred assessment, research, information, and program management services in the broad areas of education and workforce development." (A more familiar of ACT's products is the ACT – the [American College Test or ACT](#).)

Contact the ESO for more info



# GRE

The new VS old:

<http://poetsandquants.com/2011/06/15/quick-guide-to-the-new-vs-old-gre/> 50% off in Sept. and Oct.



### CollegeWeekLive ---- Dependents info

If you're the parent of a college-bound student or are otherwise interested in getting good information about college, check out [College Week Live](#). CWL is an ongoing on-line college fair to help prospective students in their college planning by connecting them with colleges in a live, interactive environment. You'll be able to find information from dozens of colleges and research scholarships.

### Sector Columbia River available testing:

DeVry will begin testing at Sector Columbia River beginning on August 18<sup>th</sup>. Contact Lacey Torgerson at 503-2036427. Testing is always available at the Portland location.

- Defense Language Proficiency Test (DLPT) - monthly
- CLEP, DSST, – available through DeVry University email [LTorgerson@devry.edu](mailto:LTorgerson@devry.edu)
- ASTB testing for OCS
- Air Force University E-Exams <http://www.au.af.mil/au/afiadl/printcatalog-5Nov2010Update.pdf>
- ASVAB as needed
- Proctoring exam services provided
- EOCT/EPME - scheduled (praqs have to be signed off)



College Board has officially announced that it is discontinuing CLEP paper and pencil testing. As a National Test Center we are not allowed to paper test on site.



If you're leaving the Coast Guard within the next twelve months (whether through retirement, resignation, or expiration of your enlistment), you should be making plans for what you'll be doing after you take off your uniform for the last time. During the transition to leaving you might check out: [preparation counseling checklist](#)



<http://www.uscg.mil/worklife/default.asp> The office of work-life will be at Camp Rilea the third week of Sept. Flyers will soon be

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distributed by command personnel. Topics include financial counseling, 9/11 Gi Bill, housing, emergency preparedness, and other topics that might interest dependents.

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