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*“Our congratulations to the twenty MCCS Lifelong Learning Scholarship winners for 2009. Ten family members of active duty and ten active duty servicemembers each received a \$500.00 scholarship to aid in their studies. The winners came from 12 different units on MCAS Beaufort and MCRD/ERR Parris Island, including a Navy unit. We wish you all great success in your studies.”*

## Spotlight On...

### Choosing a College Major and Career Path

Thinking about college, but not sure what to study or where to begin?

The MCRD Parris Island Education Office is now offering Skills Assessments which can help determine a college major and subsequent career that may be a good fit for you. If you think you already know what you want to do, these tests can help confirm the decision you have made. Once the skills assessments are taken and your ideas are discussed, we can help you find an accredited college to help make those plans come alive!

**We offer three different Skills Assessments:**

1. The Self-Directed Search—this assessment is “self-scoring” and gives general information regarding your particular interests.
2. Campbell Interest and Skill Survey—this assessment must be mailed in for scoring, however, the information received is much more specific to your long term goals.
3. Kuder Career Planning System—Kuder is a computer-based assessment with automatic results. The assessment provides not only paths of interest but college programs that may help you achieve your ultimate goal. Individual assessments are given in the education office, however, there is limited computer access. Once the initial questioning is completed, the assessment can be accessed from your home pc for further research.

Call Karen Bird at 228-2086 to schedule a brief for your command or an individual assessment.

## Post-9/11 GI Bill Transferability Option Directive Signed:

### Servicemembers:

The directive is signed and the Transferability of Benefits web link should be open on June 29th. The transferability web link will be: [www.dmdc.osd.mil/TEB](http://www.dmdc.osd.mil/TEB).

At this point, no transferability applications will be approved until the Service Member agrees to do the additional 4 years of service – UNLESS they have an approved retirement date, or are part of the exceptions below:

Service Members with an APPROVED retirement date on or after August 1, 2009, and before July 1, 2010, have no additional service requirements.

Service Members ELIGIBLE for retirement after August 1, 2009, and before August 1, 2010, will be required to serve an additional ONE year of service.

Service Members eligible for retirement on or after August 1, 2010, and before August 1, 2011, TWO additional years of service is required.

Service Members eligible for retirement on or after August 1, 2011 and before August 1, 2012, THREE additional years of service is required.

PLEASE keep in mind that the service obligation starts WHEN Service Members submit their application for transferability. Therefore, the sooner the application is tendered, the sooner the obligated service starts.

## Webster University is now holding office hours at MCRD Parris Island, MCAS Beaufort and BNH

Dr. Richard Chapman, PhD, is now representing Webster University at MCRD Parris Island and MCAS Beaufort. Dr. Chapman holds office hours at MCAS Beaufort on Tuesdays from 1000-1400 and MCRD Parris Island on Wednesdays from 1000-1400. Webster University offers Master level degree programs in Management and Leadership, Human Resource Management, MBA, and Management Information Systems. Classes are taught locally at the Beaufort Naval Hospital and are also available online. Dr. Chapman may be reached at 524-1851 for an appointment.

## Important Information Regarding CLEP, DSST, and Excelsior College (ECE) Testing

**We have joined many other bases in 21st Century Testing Methods.**

The Technical College of the Lowcountry (TCL) is now the DANTES\* National Testing Center for CLEP and DSST Testing for Beaufort County. Tests are still FREE for active duty, and they are now computer-based, meaning you will know immediately if you have passed your test or not. The trade-off is that MCRD Parris Island and MCAS Beaufort Education Offices no longer administer the CLEP and DSST tests; however, FREE study materials and advisements are still available at the Education Offices, as well as the paper-based Excelsior College Examination (ECE) Testing. For more information, call your test advisor at MCAS 228-7474 or MCRD 228-2086. To make an appointment at TCL for a CLEP or DSST Test, please call 525-8344.

*\*Defense Activity for Non-Traditional Education Services and its partner test providers are moving away from paper-based testing.*

## JULY 2009 TESTING SCHEDULES

### MCRD Parris Island 228-2086/3889

**SKILLS ASSESSMENT**  
July 1 & 15 • 0800 & 1300

**TABE**  
July 2, 9, 16 & 28 • 1300

**ACT**  
July 6 • 0800

**TABE**  
July 7, 14 & 30 • 0800

**ASVAB**  
July 13 & 27 • 0800

**DLAB**  
July 15 • 0800

### MCAS Beaufort 228-7474/7421

**ASVAB**  
July 1, 9, 14, 21 & 28 • 0830

**ACT**  
July 2, 13, 20 & 30 • 0830

**TABE**  
July 7, 14, 22 & 28 • 1400

**DLAB**  
July 7, 16 & 22 • 0830

**ASTB**  
July 8 & 29 • 0830

**PRAXIS**  
July 27 • 0800

Testing requires a prior appointment. Please call at least two days in advance to schedule. For FREE, full-length practice tests on the SAT, ACT, ASVAB, and CLEP General and Subject tests, check out [www.nko.navy.mil](http://www.nko.navy.mil).

### LOCAL COLLEGE CONTACT NUMBERS

EMBRY-RIDDLE AERONAUTICAL UNIVERSITY	228-7585
PARK UNIVERSITY	228-7052
TECHNICAL COLLEGE OF THE LOWCOUNTRY	228-7494
UNIVERSITY OF PHOENIX	228-7102
UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA BEAUFORT	228-7499
WEBSTER UNIVERSITY	524-1851
WHELOCK COLLEGE	522-1183

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