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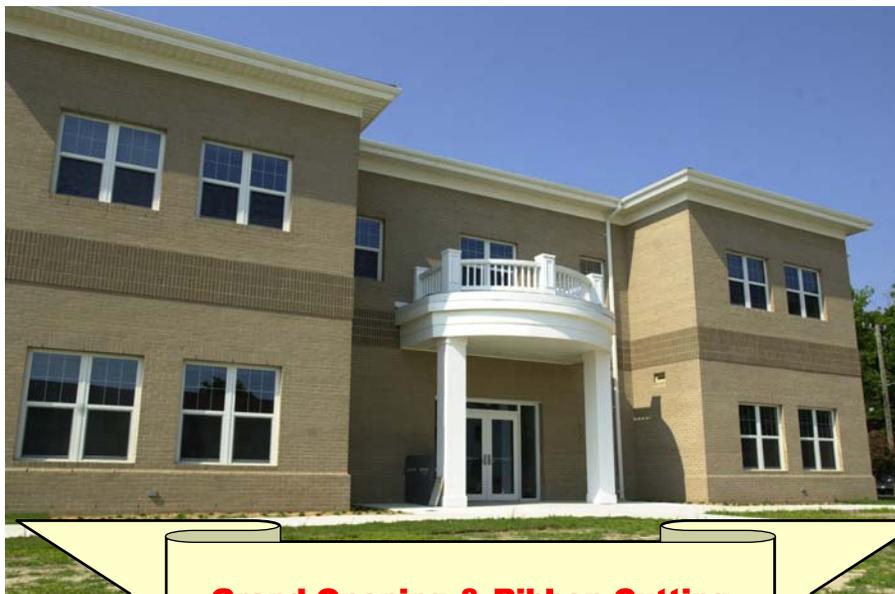
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Grand Opening & Ribbon Cutting
October 8, 2004 10AM

The new Personnel Support Facility will hold its Grand Opening and Ribbon Cutting ceremony on October 8th. Located at 1481 D Street, the new PSF building is the new home for the Navy College Office, the Navy Marine Corps Relief Society, the MWR Library and the Substance Abuse Rehabilitation Center.

The ceremony will begin at 1000 followed by an open house and refreshments. The Navy College Offices and school offices will be closed for regular business on that day but we look forward to showing you around our new spaces. Come celebrate with us!

GI Bill Rates Increase – See Insert!

TERM II AT SAINT LEO UNIVERSITY

Classes for Saint Leo University Fall Term II will be offered from October 25 – December 18, 2004. Registration will be held October 4 – 20th. Tuition will increase to \$125.00 per credit hour. Please see your SLU advisor for more details. Saint Leo University welcomes all military and family members, government employees and civilians.

LUNCHTIME CLASSES WITH SAINT LEO UNIVERSITY

Saint Leo University will be offering three classes during the lunch hour for the 2004 Fall II term at NAVPHIBSE Little Creek.

- ACC 202-Principles of Accounting II, Mon., Wed., Fri., 1100-1300
- ENG 121-Academic Writing I, Tue. & Thu., 1100-1340
- SSC-102-The Global Perspective, Mon., Wed., Fri., 1100-1300

Contact the Saint Leo office in building 3016 or call 464-6449 for more details.

FIST STEPS TO SUCCESS:**NAVY COLLEGE LEARNING CENTER**

Do your dreams include a college diploma, a new career, or a special military program? The Navy College Learning Center offers a computer-based, self-paced program to help you reach these goals and more. Active-duty, reservists, retirees, federalized National Guard, and their adult family members are eligible to use the center free of charge. Call 464-6500 to get started today, or stop by Bldg. 1560 to sample the courseware.

College Prep: Reviewing basic math, algebra, and writing skills at the NCLC will help you prepare for a college placement test prior to enrolling in college.

CLEP Prep: CLEP testing accelerates your degree program when you earn college credits with self-study. NCLC resources help with several exams, including English Comp., College Mathematics, Natural Sciences, Social Sciences & History, Analyzing & Interpreting Literature, Freshman College Comp., History of the US I & II, and Intro to Sociology.

PRAXIS Prep: NCLC courses in math, algebra, English, and reading build a foundation for success on PRAXIS, a prerequisite for teaching licensure in VA.

Professional Skills Prep: Writing skills courses at the NCLC help with resumes and cover letters. The "Pre-Employment Skills" course helps with finding, applying for, and interviewing for a job.

NAVY COLLEGE LEARNING CENTER**FREE ASVAB/SAT/ACT
Prep Classes**

**Oct. 12-22, Oct. 25-Nov 5,
Nov. 8 – 19, Nov. 22 – Dec. 3,
Dec. 6 – 17, Dec 20 – 31**

M-Th: 9-4, F: 9-1

Seating is limited. Sign up early!

464-6500

FINANCIAL AID BRIEF

A representative from Virginia Tidewater Consortium's Educational Opportunity Center (EOC) will conduct a financial aid briefing, "Funding Your Education" at NAVPHIBASE Little Creek on October 5 and November 2, 2004. These briefings will focus on the application process for grants and loans from the federal government, and information will be provided about scholarship searches. A question and answer session will follow the presentation.

The EOC representative will schedule appointments for one-on-one financial aid counseling and assistance with funding higher education following the brief.

DATES: Tuesday, **October 5th, 11:30** & Tuesday **November 2nd, 11:30**

LOCATION: Navy College Office, building 3016 second floor, Room 237

The briefs are open to active duty personnel, retirees, family members, and base personnel. Contact the EOC's military base representative, Darryl Greenwell by email: vtcdarryl@aol.com or by phone at either 489-3329 or 683-2312 to make your reservation before the briefing. Take a minute to pass the word about this helpful event so the information gets to those who need to attend. Parents, these briefings also include information that could be valuable for this year's graduating high school students and their parents.

TROY UNIVERSITY HAS THE MASTER'S DEGREE FOR YOU!

Troy University invites you to take the next step and attend an information briefing on **Thursday, November 4th**, from **11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.**, in Building 3016, Room 236. Come and get the latest information on the **Master of Business Administration, Master of Public Administration, Master of Science in Human Resources Management, Master of Science in Management, Master of Education, Master of Criminal Justice and the Executive Master of Business Administration.** Dr. Stephen Ries, Associate Regional Director of Academic Affairs will be presenting and faculty will be on hand to answer questions. Program materials will be available as well as applications.

Seating is limited, so call 460-2736 or email rludwig@troyst.edu for a reservation. Registration for January classes begins December 6, 2004.

TROY
UNIVERSITY

ECPI COLLEGE OF TECHNOLOGY ON-BASE CLASSES

ECPI College of Technology is currently registering students for the next term at NAS Oceana which begins on 19OCT04. The following programs/classes are being offered:

A+ Certification Prep Training: A+ Core and Operating Systems

CET 100 A+ Preparation is a 5-credit course, which provides 80 hours of classroom and laboratory instruction relating to the servicing of microcomputers. The class is designed to train students in all aspects of PC Hardware and Operating Systems, providing them with the knowledge and skills required to pass the CompTIA A+ Certification Examinations. A+ Certification is a testing program sponsored by CompTIA that certifies the competency of entry-level service technicians in the computer industry. Examination vouchers for the A+ Core Hardware and A+ Operating System Technologies Exams are included. For students interested in the Networking and Security Management degree this course will fulfill the requirements for CIS 141 and NET 201. This will be a Friday/Saturday class from Oct. 20 to Dec. 18, 2004.

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**Spouses,
Children,
Active duty
Do You Need
MONEY
for College?**

October 2004

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
 4				1
	5 0730 Routine Testing <div style="border: 2px solid red; padding: 2px; text-align: center;"> Financial Aid Brief 11:30, Bldg. 3016, Rm. 237 </div>	6	7 0730 Routine Testing & 1300 TA Briefing	8 1000-1400 Join Us for our Grand Opening  Navy College Office Closed for regular business.
11  Columbus Day Navy College Office Closed	12 0730 Routine Testing	13	14 0730 Routine Testing 1300 TA Briefing	15
18 0730 SAT	19 0730 Routine Testing	20 0800 Coastline Comm. College Testing 0830 Excelsior College Testing	21 0730 Routine Testing 1300 TA Briefing	22 0730 Thomas Edison State College Testing
25	26 0730 Routine Testing	27	28 0730 Routine Testing 1300 TA Briefing	29 

Testing Notes

- All testing is given in Building 3016, classroom 228. Late arrivals are NOT admitted.
- **Routine Testing** includes CLEP, DSST, ECE, GED & pre-GED exams. Call **462-8279** for a reservation.
- **Fees for Authorized Civilians:** CLEP \$120, DSST \$60.00 (Certified check or Money Order only).
- The next SAT is December 13. Call for a reservation.



Individual Counseling Appointments

Navy College Counselors will be happy to schedule counseling appointments to meet with students on an individual basis to discuss educational goals. Call **462-8279** to schedule your appointment today!

November 2004

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1	2 0730 Routine Testing <div style="border: 2px solid red; padding: 2px; text-align: center;">Financial Aid Brief 11:30, Bldg. 3016, Rm. 237</div>	3	4 0730 Routine Testing <hr/> <div style="text-align: center;">1300 TA Briefing</div>	5
8	9 0730 Routine Testing	10	11 Veteran's Day  Navy College Office closed	12
15 0730 SAT	16 0730 Routine Testing	17	18 0730 Routine Testing <hr/> <div style="text-align: center;">1300 TA Briefing</div>	19 0730 Thomas Edison State College Testing
22	23 0730 Routine Testing	24	25  Navy College Office closed	26
29	30 0730 Routine Testing			

College Info & TA Briefing

This briefing is mandatory for all Navy Tuition Assistance (TA) users. The TA Briefing is held in Building 3016, Room 241.

The TA Briefing covers:

- TA policy and restrictions.
- How to prepare a TA Application.
- Processing a TA application.
- Student's responsibilities.
- Accreditation issues.
- Reimbursement & Request for Waivers.
- Degree Plans.
- VA Top-Up.

**Thursdays at 1300:.. October 7, 14, 21, 28
November 4, 18**



Command Briefings

The NCO can provide briefings at your command on a variety of topics between **0730 - 0930**. Call the NCO two weeks in advance to make your request, **462-8279**.

Types of Command Briefings:

- NCPACE.
- INDOCs.
- GMTs.
- SMART.
- USMAP
- Other specialized briefs.

The Navy College Office requests commands provide a PowerPoint projector and related equipment for presentations.



ODU MILITARY SPOUSE & DEPENDENT TUITION BENEFIT – A GOOD DEAL!!

Effective July 1, 2004, the Commonwealth of Virginia has reinstated a benefit for families of active duty military members. This benefit entitles spouses and dependent children of active duty military members to in-state tuition charges for a maximum of one year during the period that the military parent or spouse is residing in the State. Old Dominion University participates in this benefit to military families starting with the Fall Semester 2004. Provided below are some key Questions & Answers about the new program.

Q: What is the Military Spouse/Military Dependent Tuition Benefit?

A: The Code of Virginia states as follows: If the student is the child or the spouse of a member of the armed forces, then the student shall be entitled to in-state tuition charges for a maximum of one year during the period that the military parent or spouse is residing in the Commonwealth of Virginia. Language contained in the Appropriation Acts since the early 1990s suspended this provision thus making the benefit unavailable to military families through fiscal year 2004. Starting on July 1, 2004, the suspension was lifted. The change does not affect normal domicile determinations. This is the reinstatement of a limited benefit for a specifically defined one-year period of time for each military family. Students must establish their eligibility within one year of the reporting date listed on the service member's orders, by enrolling at a public institution of higher education in Virginia (i.e. Old Dominion University). Eligible students shall receive this benefit for up to one year after first enrolling, even if the benefit period extends more than one year beyond the reporting date.

Q: Does the active duty military member receive this benefit?

A: No. However, active duty military members do have the one-year residency requirement waived when they elect to make Virginia their legal state of residence (as evidenced by an LES).

Q: How do I apply for the tuition benefit?

A: A "[Tuition Benefit Form](#)" and a copy of the military member's orders to Virginia must be submitted prior to beginning classes. The "[Tuition Benefit Form](#)" is available on the ODU Registrar's web site or through a local ODU base office.

Q: How will I know if I qualify for this benefit?

A: The student will be notified in writing that they will receive in-state tuition based on this benefit.

Q: Will I be notified before the one-year tuition benefit expires?

A: Yes, registered students will be notified approximately two months before the tuition benefit expires.

Q: I still have questions -- who can I contact for more information?

A: Spouses and dependent children of active duty military who may qualify for the Military Spouse and Military Dependent Tuition Benefit are strongly encouraged to contact the Domicile staff at Old Dominion University or a nearby base representatives listed below for complete information and application forms. For added information, contact: Old Dominion University Domicile Office, 757-683-3679 or 757-683-4428, or the NAVPHIBASE Little Creek base representative at 363-3885.



ECPI

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The Electronics Technicians Association (ETA) Fiber Optics Installer Certification

CET 105 Fiber Optics Installer consists of classroom and laboratory instruction in the characteristics, preparation, and installation of fiber optic cable. The Fiber Installer program represents the Fiber Industry's most advanced and comprehensive method of certifying technicians in the worlds fastest growing field: Fiber Optics Installation. The very latest "hands-on" instruction methods presented by certified instructors will be implemented in this course. The latest tools and equipment will be covered to include: Fusion and Mechanical Splicers; OTDRs; ST & SC Termination Equipment; Fiber Scopes; Stripping and Cleaving Tools; and Optical Loss Test Sets. The ETA certification exam is administered on the last day of class. This will be a Saturday class beginning from Oct. 30 to Nov. 12, 2004.

IT/Networking & Security Management A.A.S. Degree Program

ECPI College Of Technology offers an Associate Of Applied Science (A.A.S.) degree in **Computer and Information Science with Major in Information Technology/Networking and**

Security Management, on-board NAS Oceana. This is an extremely challenging and rewarding technical education program designed for those serious about obtaining the "real world" knowledge and skills necessary to install, administer, troubleshoot, and defend local and wide area networks. Advance classes in Intrusion Detection, Network Defense and Counter Measures, and Cisco router configuration are included in the program. Students will have the opportunity to pursue IT certifications including: Microsoft Certified Professional (MCP), Security Certified Network Professional, CompTIA A+, and CompTIA N+ certification. The following classes are being offered: NET 111 Programming Logic, NET 158 Networking II, NET 258 Routers II, and NET 195 Unix Administration.

If you want to learn more about these programs, or any of the other degree, diploma, or certificate programs offered by ECPI COLLEGE OF TECHNOLOGY call 491-5755 or email rhollingsworth@ecpi.edu. An ECPI representative is available at NAS Oceana on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays 0900-1700 and on Tuesdays 1300-1700, at Naval Station Norfolk on Thursday's 1200-1500, at Portsmouth Naval Hospital on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month 1200-1500, and at **NAB Little Creek on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month from 1000-1300**

Customer Service Hours for School Representatives

BLDG. 3016		BLDG 1560 East
<p>Saint Leo University Mon. & Thu: 9am-5pm, Tue. & Wed. 9am – 6:30pm Fri: 9am to noon</p> <p>☎ 464-6449, 464-0242, 464-5316 New Student Orientation, 1st & 3rd Thu., 2:30pm</p> <p>Navy College Office Room 217</p>	<p>Old Dominion University Mon. & Wed 9 – 4pm ☎ 363-3885 Navy College Office, Room 251</p> <p>Tidewater Community College Mon. – Fri. 9:30am – 3:30pm Except 1st & 3rd Tue. 1:30 – 3:30pm ☎ 363-3939 Navy College Office, Room 252 Placement Test: Call TCC for Schedule</p> <p>Virginia Tidewater Consortium Tue. and Thu.: 8:00am – 12:00pm ☎ 363-3944 Navy College Office, Room 250</p>	<p>Navy College Learning Center Mon.–Thr. 9am – 6pm, Fri., 9-1pm, ☎ 464-6500</p> <p>Computer –based, Self-paced Courses Eligibility: Activity Duty, Retirees, Reserves, Adult Family Members, NJROTC, and DEP</p> <p>FREE Two Week classes available:</p> <p><u>SAT/ACT or ASVAB Prep Class</u> Call for current schedule</p> <p><u>Algebra Prep or Writing Skills Class</u> Call for current schedule</p>
<p>Troy State University Mon. - Thu. 8-4:30pm ☎ 460-2736 Navy College Office Room 254</p>		

Visiting School Representatives - BLDG 3016

<p>Coastline Community College 2nd Wednesday: 9 – 1pm Call for appointment – 462-8279</p>	<p>ECPI College of Technology 1st & 3rd Tuesdays: 10 – 1pm Call for appointment – 462-8279</p>	<p>Excelsior College 1st & 3rd Wednesdays: 8:30 – 3:30pm Call for appointment – 462-8279</p>
<p>Florida Institute of Technology 4th Wednesday: 9 – 1pm Call for appointment – 462-8279</p>	<p>Thomas Edison State College 2nd Thursday: 9 – 1pm Call for appointment – 462-8279</p>	<p>University of Maryland Every Monday, 9 – 2 pm Call for appointment - 462-8279</p>
<p>Vincennes University 4th Monday: 10 – 1pm Call for appointment – 462-8279</p>	<p>Something to think about... <i>The journey of a thousand miles starts with a single step.</i> ~ Chinese Proverb</p>	

Application for TA https://www.navycollege.navy.mil
GI Bill http://www.gibill.va.gov
Financial Aid http://www.finaid.org
EdUFind http://www.EdUFind.org
DSST Study Guides www.GetCollegeCredit.com/materials.htm
CLEP Practice Tests Bring formatted disk to NCO

ECPI College of Technology http://www.ecpi.edu
Embry Riddle Aeronautical Univ. http://ec.db.erau.edu
Florida Tech. http://www.segs.fit.edu
Norfolk State University http://hroads.fit.edu
Old Dominion University http://web.odu.edu
Saint Leo University http://www.saintleo.edu
Southern Illinois University http://www.siu.edu/~wed32

Thomas Nelson Comm. College http://www.tncc.vccs.edu
Tidewater Comm. College http://www.tcc.edu
Troy State University http://www.tsuar.edu
University of Maryland, UC http://www.umuc.edu/navy
Seaman to Admiral –21 Program http://www.sta-21.navy.mil/
Enlisted to Officer Comm. Prog. http://neds.nebt.daps.mil/1420.htm
To Schedule ASVAB test, email: psdnavstanorfolk@psplant.navy.mil

Montgomery GI BILL

CHAPTER 30 INCREASED EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE ALLOWANCE

The following basic monthly rates are effective October 1, 2004.

YOU NEED TAKE NO ACTION. However, if for some reason your payment for the month of October does not reflect the increased rate, contact the VA at 1-888-GI-BILL1 (1-888-442-4551). You can also contact the VA on the Internet at www.gibill.va.gov.

NEW BASIC MONTHLY RATES			
TYPE OF TRAINING	FULL TIME	THREE-QUARTER	ONE-HALF
INSTITUTIONAL	\$1,004.00	\$753.00	\$502.00
LESS THAN HALF-TIME	Tuition and Fees, Not to Exceed the Rate of \$502.00** For Less Than Half-Time But More Than One Quarter-Time and \$251.00** For One Quarter-Time.		
COOPERATIVE	\$1,004.00 (Full Time Only)		
CORRESPONDENCE and FLIGHT	Entitlement Charged At The Rate Of One Month For Each \$1,004.00 Paid.		
APPRENTICESHIP	First 6 Months	\$753.00	
ON-THE-JOB	Second 6 Months	\$552.20	
TRAINING	Remainder of Program	\$351.40	
** TUITION and FEES ONLY Payment cannot exceed the listed amount			

BASIC RATES FOR PERSONS COMPLETING AN ENLISTMENT OF LESS THAN THREE YEARS			
TYPE OF TRAINING	FULL TIME	THREE-QUARTER	ONE-HALF
INSTITUTIONAL	\$816.00	\$612.00	\$408.00
LESS THAN HALF-TIME	Tuition and Fees, Not to Exceed the Rate of \$408.00** For Less Than Half-Time But More Than One Quarter-Time and \$204.00** For One Quarter-Time.		
COOPERATIVE	\$816.00		
CORRESPONDENCE AND FLIGHT	Entitlement Charged At The Rate Of One Month For Each \$816.00 Paid.		
APPRENTICESHIP	First 6 Months	\$612.00	
ON-THE-JOB	Second 6 Months	\$448.80	
TRAINING	Remainder of Program	\$285.60	
** TUITION and FEES ONLY Payment cannot exceed the listed amount			

BASIC INSTITUTIONAL RATES FOR PERSONS WITH REMAINING ENTITLEMENT UNDER CHAPTER 34 OF TITLE 38, U.S.C.				
TIME	NO DEPENDENTS	ONE DEPENDENT	TWO DEPENDENTS	EACH ADDITIONAL DEPENDENT
FULL	\$1,192.00	\$1,228.00	\$1,259.00	\$16.00
THREE-QUARTER	\$894.50	\$921.00	\$944.50	\$12.00
ONE-HALF	\$596.00	\$614.00	\$629.50	\$8.50
LESS THAN ONE-HALF BUT MORE THAN ONE-QUARTER	TUITION AND FEES, NOT TO EXCEED THE RATE OF \$596.00**			
ONE-QUARTER	TUITION AND FEES, NOT TO EXCEED THE RATE OF \$298.00**			
** TUITION and FEES ONLY Payment cannot exceed the listed amount				

COOPERATIVE COURSE 01OCT04-30SEP05	\$1,192.00	\$1,228.00	\$1,259.00	\$16.00
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APPRENTICESHIP AND ON-JOB TRAINING ENTITLEMENT UNDER CHAPTER 34 OF TITLE 38, U.S.C.				
TIME	NO DEPENDENTS	ONE DEPENDENT	TWO DEPENDENTS	EACH ADDITIONAL DEPENDENT
FIRST 6 MONTHS	\$855.75	\$868.13	\$879.00	\$5.25
SECOND 6 MONTHS	\$608.58	\$617.93	\$625.63	\$3.85
THIRD 6 MONTHS	\$375.20	\$381.33	\$386.05	\$2.45
REMAINDER	\$363.30	\$369.08	\$374.33	\$2.45

Correspondence – 55% of the approved charges
 Flight – 60% of the approved charges

MGIB-SR INCREASED EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE ALLOWANCE

The annual cost of living increase in Educational Assistance Allowance for trainees under the Montgomery GI Bill - Selected Reserve (Chapter 1606 of title 10, U.S.C.) has been approved. The following monthly rates were **effective October 1, 2004**.

NEW MONTHLY RATES FOR PERSONS TRAINING UNDER THE MONTGOMERY GI BILL - SELECTED RESERVE				
TYPE OF TRAINING	FULL TIME	THREE-QUARTER TIME	HALF-TIME	One Quarter-TIME
INSTITUTIONAL	\$288.00	\$216.00	\$143.00	\$71.75
COOPERATIVE	\$288.00 (Full Time Only)			
CORRESPONDENCE	55% OF THE COST OF THE LESSONS COMPLETED Entitlement Charged At The Rate Of One Month For Each \$288.00 Paid.			
APPRENTICESHIP ON-THE-JOB TRAINING		First 6 Months Second 6 Months Remainder of Program	\$216.00 \$158.00 \$ 100.80	
FLIGHT	60% percent of the cost of the lessons. Entitlement Charged At The Rate Of One Month For Each \$288.00 Paid.			