

**SPECIAL INSERT TO THE BEACON ~ MARCH 2012**

# EDUCATION

**AN UPDATED  
INTERACTIVE  
GUIDE  
TO YOUR  
BENEFITS**

## EDUCATION IS WITHIN YOUR REACH

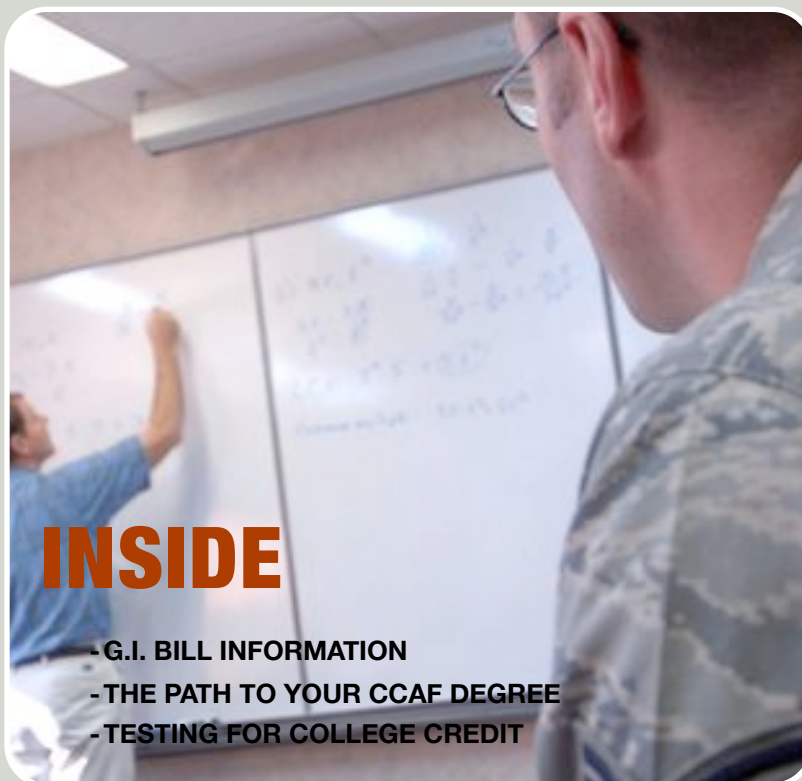
### **Life is full of changes - WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW:**

some good, some bad, some planned, some unexpected.

One thing that will stay with you through all that life throws at you is an education. Education is priceless, never expires, never goes out of style, and no one can take it from you.

As a member of the Idaho Air National Guard there are many educational resources at your fingertips that your civilian counterparts don't have.

- Your education can be a deciding factor in promotions and employment in the Guard.
- Even you are not ready to pursue an education your family can use some of your benefits
- There is a window of opportunity for many benefits so take advantage of them while you can.
- You may be closer to getting a degree than you think. Many people just need to transfer credits to the Community College of the Air Force in order to earn a degree.



## INSIDE

- G.I. BILL INFORMATION
- THE PATH TO YOUR CCAF DEGREE
- TESTING FOR COLLEGE CREDIT

## The Lowdown on the G.I. Bill

All members of the Air National Guard with at least a six year commitment, whether you have deployed or not, are eligible for some form G.I. Bill assistance. Your benefits come in the form of tuition reimbursement paid directly to the school

you attend, and, depending on the type of G.I. Bill you are eligible for, allowances for book and housing expenses, as well.

There are two basic forms of the G.I. Bill. The new Post-9/11 G.I. Bill and the older Montgomery G.I. Bill.

The Post-9/11 GI Bill ([Chapter 33](#)) provides financial support for education, housing and books to individuals with at least 90 days of

aggregate service after Sept. 10, 2001, or individuals discharged with a service-connected disability after 30 days. You must have received an honorable discharge to be eligible for the Post-9/11 GI Bill.

The familiar Montgomery G.I. Bill ([Chapter 1606](#)) - Selected Reserve pays a flat rate to cover tuition costs based on a student's rate of pursuit (part time/full time). You have to be

an active member of the Guard in order to receive benefits. [Chapter 1607](#) - Reserve Educational Assistance Program, which provides additional benefit to those who have served in contingency operations, is available to you after your active service ends, as is [Chapter 30](#), which applies to those who served in active duty prior to joining the Guard.

### **Four year degree not for you?**

There are new opportunities available for on-the-job training, non-college degrees, flight training, apprenticeships, and correspondence courses. Learn more at [www.gibill.va.gov](http://www.gibill.va.gov)

## Got a question about the G.I. Bill?



This guy knows  
the answer.

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- Earned M.A. in Management from Central Michigan University using his G.I. Bill
- Former Director of Financial Aid/Veterans Education Certifying Official, Apollo College
- Conducts training and outreach on veterans education benefits statewide

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COMPREHENSIVE  
POST-9/11 G.I. BILL  
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POST★9/11  
GI BILL

*It's Your Future*

## The Community College of the Air Force serves more than 320,000 airmen worldwide making it the largest community college system in the world.

**Master Sgt. Bonnie Davis**, base training manager in Bldg. 400 said that the Air Force is getting more serious about Airmen earning degrees through CCAF. In fact, it may soon be a requirement for promotion.

"There are a lot of people who have degrees and just haven't had their college transcript sent to the CCAF. Others are as few as 6 credits away and could CLEP the required classes," said Davis.

A CCAF degree is a 64 credit Associate degree that you can earn for any Air Force Specialty Code in which you have attained at least a five level. You can receive multiple CCAF degrees if you cross train into a new career field. You are automatically enrolled into the CCAF when you complete basic training so that you can have your basic training and technical school credits transferred from the CCAF

to a college or university.

To see if the CCAF will accept your college credits visit the Civilian Course Conversion Table see instructions below to get CCAF Transcripts.

### **CCAF 64 Credit Breakdown:**

4 Physical Education Credit (Basic Training)

24 Technical Credits (Tech School)

6 Management (Airman Leadership School or CDC)

15 Program Electives

15 General Education (Speech, English, Math, Social Sciences, Humanities)

### **\*Program Electives and Education credits can be fulfilled by CLEP courses**

The most commonly overlooked classes required for a CCAF degree are math and speech, both of which can be completed through CLEP testing. When all CCAF credit requirements are met the education office will nominate you for CCAF graduation. A graduation ceremony is held annually in the fall. The next CCAF graduation will be held during the September UTA. Around 15 airmen each year graduate from the CCAF here.

## CCAF: They did it. So can you.



# You've got your AFSC. Now get your degree.

Find your AFSC under the CCAF degree list below.  
Follow the link by clicking on your AFSC\* to see  
exactly what you need to complete your degree. \*Online reading only

## Aviation Operations

[1A0X1](#), [1A1X1](#), [1A2X1](#), [1A6X1](#), [1A7X1](#)

## Information Systems Technology

[1A3X1](#), [1C4X1](#)

## Air & Space Operations Technology

[1A4X1](#), [1U0X1](#), [1W0X1](#), [1C5X1](#), [1C6X1](#)

## Intelligence Studies and Technology

[1A8X1](#), [1NXX](#), [8D000](#), [9L000](#)

## Cybersecurity

[1B4X1](#)

## Aviation Management

[1C0X2](#), [1C7X1](#)

## Air Traffic Operations and Management

[1C1X1](#), [1C2X1](#)

## Emergency Management

[1C3X1](#), [3E9X1](#)

## Aircrew Safety Systems Technology

[1P0X1](#)

## Safety

[1S0X1](#)

## Survival Instructor

[1T0X1](#)

## Personnel Recovery

[1T2X1](#)

## Weather Technology

[1W0X1](#), [1W0X2](#)

## Avionic Systems Technology

[2A0X1](#), [2A3X1](#), [2A3X2](#), [2A5X3](#)

## Aviation Maintenance Technology

[2A3X3](#), [2A5X1](#), [2A5X2](#), [2A6X1](#), [2A6X3](#), [2A6X4](#), [2A6X5](#), [2A6X6](#)

## Aerospace Ground Equipment Technology

[2A6X2](#)

## Metals Technology

[2A7X1](#)

## Nondestructive Testing Technology

[2A7X2](#)

## Aircraft Structural Maintenance Technology

[2A7X3](#), [2A7X5](#)

## Logistics

[2F0X1](#), [2G0X1](#), [2S0X1](#), [4A1X1](#)

## Electronic Systems Technology

[2M0X1](#), [2P0X1](#), [3D1X2](#), [3D1X3](#), [3D1X5](#), [3D1X6](#), [3D1X7](#)

## Missile & Space Systems Maintenance

[2M0X2](#)

## Mechanical & Electrical Technology

[2M0X3](#), [3E0X1](#), [3E0X2](#), [3E1X1](#), [3E4X1](#)

## Maintenance Production Management

[2RXX](#), [2T3X7](#), [3E6X1](#)

## Transportation

[2T0X1](#), [2T1X1](#), [2T2X1](#)

## Vehicle Maintenance

[2T3X1](#), [2T3X2](#)

## Munitions Systems Technology

[2W0X1](#), [2W2X1](#)

## Aircraft Armament Systems Technology

[2W1X1](#)

## Information Management

[3D0X1](#), [8M000](#), [8P100](#)

## Information Systems Technology

[3D0X2](#), [3D0X3](#), [3D1X1](#), [3D1X4](#),

## Computer Science

[3D0X4](#)

## Construction Technology

[3E2X1](#), [3E3X1](#), [3E5X1](#)

## Entomology

[3E4X3](#)

## Fire Science

[3E7X1](#)

## Explosive Ordnance Disposal

[3E8X1](#)

## Aerospace Historian

[3H0X1](#)

## Restaurant, Hotel & Fitness Management

[3M0X1](#), [8A200](#)

## Public Affairs

[3N0X1](#), [3N0X2](#),

## Multimedia Production Services

[3N0X4](#)

## Music

[3N1X1](#), [3N2X1](#)

## Criminal Justice

[3P0X1](#), [7S0X1](#)

## Human Resource Management

[3S0X1](#), [3S3X1](#), [8F000](#), [8RXX](#)

## Social Services

[3S1X1](#), [5R0X1](#), [8C000](#)

## Education & Training Management

[3S2X1](#), [8B100](#)

## Health Care Management

[4A0X1](#)

## Biomedical Equipment Technology

[4A2X1](#)

## Bioenvironmental Engineering Technology

[4B0X1](#)

## Mental Health Services

[4C0X1](#)

## Dietetics & Nutrition

[4D0X1](#)

## Public Health Technology

[4E0X1](#)

## Cardiopulmonary Laboratory Technology

[4H0X1](#)

## Physical Therapist Assistant

[4J0X2](#)

## Allied Health Sciences

[4J0X2A](#)

## Aerospace Physiology Technology

[4M0X1](#)

## Allied Health Sciences

[4N0X1](#)

## Surgical Services Technology

[4N1X1](#)

## Pharmacy Technology

[4P0X1](#)

## Diagnostic Imaging Technology

[4R0X1](#)

## Nuclear Medicine Technology

[4R0X1A](#)

## Diagnostic Medical Sonography

[4R0X1B](#)

## CCAF TRANSCRIPTS

The CCAF will only accept civilian college transcripts directly from civilian institutions. Transcripts must be sent to the following address:

### CCAF/DESS

100 South Turner Blvd.  
Maxwell AFB, AL 36114-3011

To get a CCAF Transcript,  
log on to Air Force Portal at  
[www.my.af.mil](http://www.my.af.mil)

- Scroll down to Education/ Training/Force Development (under "Top Portal Links" on left side)
- Click on the AFVEC-AF Virtual Ed Center or search for "Virtual Education"
- Under Self Service Options click Application
  - a. My CCAF Progress Report to check your degree progress
  - b. Request CCAF transcript to order a transcript to send to a college or get a personal copy
  - c. CCAF Course Conversion to see if a college course counts for a CCAF Degree

## Diagnostic Imaging Technology

[4R0X1C](#)

## Medical Laboratory Technology

[4T0X1](#)

## Histologic Technology

[4T0X2](#)

## Ophthalmic Technician

[4V0X1](#)

## Dental Assisting

[4Y0X1](#)

## Dental Laboratory Technology

[4Y0X2](#)

## Paralegal

[5J0X1](#)

## Contracts Management

[6C0X1](#)

## Financial Management

[6F0X1](#)

## Scientific Analysis Technology

[9S100](#)



# CLEP/DSST INFORMATION

**Worker smarter, not harder.**

**College credit is just a test away.**

## The College-Level Examination

**Program® (CLEP)** lets you earn college credit for what you already know by earning qualifying scores on any of 33 introductory-level college subject examinations.

**DSST**, Formerly DANTES, tests offer college credit exams in 38 additional subjects.

Because these exams are funded by the United States government through the Defense Activity for Non-Traditional Education Support (DANTES), you could save hundreds, even thousands, of dollars toward your degree.

The 90-minute exams are administered at over **1,700 colleges** across the country and on-base testing centers worldwide. Credits are granted for successful scores at **2,900 colleges and universities**.

## Free testing at Mountain Home AFB

CLEP and DSST tests can be taken for free at Mountain Home AFB. The first test is free but you better study. If you don't pass you must wait six months to retake the same test and pay \$97 for CLEP tests and \$100 for DSST. You can take

any other test for free and immediately, even if you failed another test.

Call 828-6746 to get all the details and testing schedule.

You need to bring special ID on test day. When you go to take an exam, be sure to bring a current "Common Access Card" and a second form of ID with your signature, such as your driver's license or passport.

You can also call the Base Education and Training Office at 422-5371 for more information.

## HELPFUL LINKS

[www.getcollegedecredit.com](http://www.getcollegedecredit.com)

<http://clep.collegeboard.org/military>

[www.collegeboard.com/  
student/testing/clep/  
exams.html](http://www.collegeboard.com/student/testing/clep/exams.html)

[www.petersons.com/airforce/  
testprep.html](http://www.petersons.com/airforce/testprep.html)

## GOWEN FIELD CLASSES

Boise State's Gowen Field Campus offers core academic classes in all three of the required areas for students to complete an Associates degree. Upper division courses to complete the Bachelor of Applied Science degree are also available. Gowen Field classes are open to military members, their dependents and the general public. Stop by the Boise State office in Building 521 at Gowen Field. or call (208) 824-7017. You can also check it out online: <http://boisestate.edu/extendedstudies/gowenfield/>

## STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

Senior Airman David Anderson, 23, enlisted in the Idaho Air National Guard in 2008. After a half-hearted effort in college, Anderson, a Mountain Home High School graduate, decided he needed some direction.

"I had a great time in college my first time around, I just didn't go to class," he said.

After completing basic training and technical school, and really paying attention to the kind of money on the table for him to attend school, Anderson says he got serious.

He balanced a full-time course load, a job at Bodybuilding.com and a drill schedule to complete his degree in three years.

He got his G.I. Bill (Chapter 1606), plus a kicker and even took advantage of the State Tuition Assistance Program - until it was discontinued.

He is now ready to graduate, has already taken the Air Force Officer Qualification Test, and is pursuing commissioning opportunities. He credits the money he received from the Guard for helping him get through school.

"I guarantee getting that money for school is probably the only reason I am in this position," said Anderson.

Senior Airman  
**David Anderson**

124th Force Support  
Squadron

## STATS

- Attends Boise State University
- Communications major
- Averages 12-18 credits a semester
- Has been a year-round full-time student since 2009
- Receives \$695 each full month he is in school
- Will graduate in May 2012

