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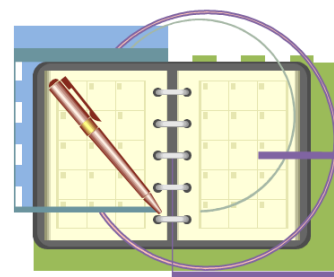
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## Welcome to our Winter Newsletter!

Welcome to the Winter 2013 edition of our NYSACME newsletter! We hope this will help to keep everyone up-to-date in the fast-paced world of educating our Military and Veteran students. If you have any questions or items to add, please contact Mark Diodato at [mdiodato@excelsior.edu](mailto:mdiodato@excelsior.edu).

## Mark Your Calendars!

- February 7: ACAP Career Fair at Fort Drum. Contact Lorrie Guler, 315-772-3284 or [lorrie.guler@us.army.mil](mailto:lorrie.guler@us.army.mil).
- February 25-28, CCME Annual Symposium, San Diego, CA.



## AARTS Transitioning to Joint Services Transcript

Announced in 2012, AARTS will be transitioning shortly to the Joint Services Transcript (JST). This new transcript will produce a uniform transcript of all military training and experiences to Service members of all branches. This new transcript will include Army Officer and Warrant Officer training, joint military training conducted by other services, and DANTES funded test scores.

This transition is due to happen on March 1, 2013. As of that date, the AARTS transcript will cease to exist and integrated fully into the JST.

## NYSACME at CCME 2013! San Diego, CA

The annual Council of College and Military Educators (CCME) Symposium takes place February 25-28, 2013 at the Hilton San Diego Bayfront. The theme for this year's conference is "Building Bridges to Success Through Education for the Military Community." NYSACME will conduct a regular membership meeting on February 25th from 11:00am - 11:50am on the Aqua Level of the conference hotel. This will be preceded by an All State ACME Meeting from 9:30am - 10:00 am, also on the Aqua Level. Please look for the signs to the meeting, and we hope to see you there!

If you are attending CCME, please send an email to Mark at [mdiodato@excelsior.edu](mailto:mdiodato@excelsior.edu) so we can be on the lookout for you!



## Federal News

### Helpful Links to VA Offices

Here is a collection of helpful links to various offices and organizations within the VA. Please feel free to share as needed!

#### Organization

- [VA Organization Briefing Book \(PDF\)](#)

#### Administrations

- [National Cemetery Administration](#)
- [Veterans Benefits Administration](#)
- [Veterans Health Administration](#)

#### Staff Offices

- [Office of Congressional and Legislative Affairs](#)
- [Office of Human Resources and Administration](#)
- [Office of Information and Technology](#)
- [Office of Management](#)
- [Office of Operations, Security and Preparedness](#)
- [Office of Policy and Planning](#)
- [Office of Public and Intergovernmental Affairs](#)

#### Online Benefits

- [eBenefits](#)

#### Staff Organizations

- [Acquisition, Logistics, and Construction](#)
- [Advisory Committee Management Office](#)
- [Board of Veterans' Appeals](#)
- [Center for Faith-Based and Neighborhood Partnerships](#)
- [Center for Minority Veterans](#)
- [Center for Women Veterans](#)
- [General Counsel](#)
- [Office of Regulation Policy and Management](#)
- [Inspector General](#)
- [Office of Employment Discrimination Complaint Adjudication](#)
- [Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization](#)
- [Office of Survivors Assistance](#)
- [Veterans Service Organization Liaison](#)



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### Tuition Fairness Act Introduced in US House

A bill was introduced on January 23 in the House of Representatives that would make all student veterans eligible for in-state tuition at colleges and universities, regardless of their residency status. The Representatives who introduced this legislation said it would address issues related to veteran students having difficulty establishing residency for in-state tuition and would ensure that veterans can access affordable higher education options if they so choose. This legislation has been met with early support from several Veteran Service Organizations. Please visit <http://veterans.house.gov> for more information.