

EDUCATION CENTER

Spring-Summer 2004

NEWS FLASH !!!!

* *Army Tuition Assistance (TA) pays up to \$250 per credit hour with an annual cap of \$4,500. The money may be used toward any accredited traditional and distance education courses. TA funds may NOT be issued after the course has begun or on a reimbursable basis.*

* *Confused about setting up your internet service for your distance educational courses. Stop by the Pioneer Computer Lab and pick up an information packet entitled the "The American Hook-Up"*

* *Deploying to the Middle East? The Pioneer Education Center is offering a Middle East Orientation Program on basic language and culture. For more information call DSN 322-8380/9600.*



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COLLEGE BULLETIN **Term 3 (Jan - March 04)**

Univ. of Maryland Univ. College
UMUC Term 4 classes begin on 29 Mar 04. Registration for UMUC Term 4 is 15 -26 Mar 04. Summer Term 5 classes begin on 7 June and end 30 July .Tentative Term 4 courses schedules are available on site and on-line.

Central Texas College:

Registration for summer courses runs 24 May-04 Jun. The courses offered in Hanau are EMT Basic, EMT Clinical, Fundamentals of Criminal Justice, and Introduction to Hospitality Industry.

University of Phoenix

Offers Masters degree programs in Business Administration and several Educational programs. Office hours 0800-1500 on Mondays Only.

Embry Riddle Aeronautical Univ.

****ER has moved to Bld. 11, Pioneer**
Going to Iraq? ERAU is already there! Call for more details.



Federal Rule Bedevils Online Institutions

A rule designed to prevent fraud in correspondence courses is making business difficult for many modern online colleges. About a decade ago, in 1992, Congress passed a law which states that if an institution enrolls more than half their students at a distance, or offers more than half of their courses via distance education; it prevents that institution from participating in federal financial aid programs. This is called the 50-percent rule. For institutions that are accredited by DETC, the rule is a big problem. It prevents their students from taking advantage of low-interest, deferred-payment federal loans to pay for their education. Lawmakers have been considering easing the 50-percent rule for several years. Congress plans to extend the Higher Education Act in the spring; the 50-percent rule may be killed or severely weakened. (This is a synopsis of an article in the Chronicle of Higher Education, Dec 12, 2003 online edition)

"I am always ready to learn, but I do not always like being taught"

-Winston Churchill



Buedingen Education Center

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Congratulations to our "Employee of the Quarter", **Stephanie Witwer**, Education Services Technician. Stephanie is a family member of the Buedingen community and her husband is 2LT Richard Witwer, XO, A 1/1 CAV., who is currently deployed to Iraq.

We want to welcome the newest member of the Buedingen staff, **Mr. David Downing**, University of Maryland site representative. David is not new to the community as he served as 1ST Sergeant with 1/1 CAV before his retirement. David will be available at the center on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 0900-1600. He can be reached at DSN 321-4449. Call for info on upcoming seminars and classes.