



# Navy College Program Newsletter

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Navy College Website

## Notice of Updated Hours of Operation

Effective 16 June 2025, the Navy College Office has adjusted its hours of operation to better align with the demands of our mission and manpower limitations. Our new hours are:

**Monday through Friday: 0600 – 1630**

This change supports our ongoing efforts to deliver timely, effective educational services across the Fleet and ensure we remain responsive to every Sailor's academic needs.

**Please continue to reach us at: 833-330-6622**

Select Option 4, then Option 1. We look forward to assisting you and your goals.

## Scholarship Opportunities

The Surface Navy Association has an Enlisted Grant Opportunity for Sailors E1-E6, [https://  
surfacewarfare.org/programs/grant/](https://surfacewarfare.org/programs/grant/).

Take advantage of these valuable resources to secure the support you need to further your education!



New Navy College Virtual Education Center (NCVEC) Hours  
Monday-Friday 0600-1630 Eastern

## Success comes in all shapes and ranks

“When you are hungry for something, you are more likely to dedicate your time and energy to achieving it. This focus is crucial for success. “ -Atticus

### ENS Valenti – A Journey of Education, Perseverance, and Professional Growth

ENS Valenti’s pursuit of higher education began in 2014 as a determined E-4 with a clear goal: to earn an Associate of Arts degree. With the support of Tuition Assistance (TA), he achieved this milestone while advancing in rank to E-5. Demonstrating commitment and momentum, he seamlessly transitioned into a Bachelor’s in Business Administration program without pause.

Completing his BA as an E-6, ENS Valenti faced more than just academic deadlines. During times of restricted TA funding, he paid out of pocket to stay on track—demonstrating unwavering commitment to his educational goals. His persistence and drive were soon recognized when he was selected for Chief Petty Officer later that same year, marking a significant milestone in both his academic and professional journey.

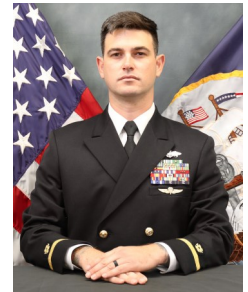
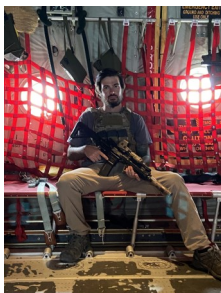
In July 2024, he commissioned as a Limited Duty Officer and continued his educational journey. True to form, ENS Valenti has continued his educational journey and is now pursuing a Master of Business Administration. Once again leveraging TA, he is methodically working through each course while continuing to serve with distinction.

"I used CLEP exams early on to test out of certain subjects and speed up the process," he shares. "Every step helped build momentum."

Balancing schoolwork with military obligations hasn’t been easy. Over the course of seven deployments, connectivity challenges and the ever-present demands of the mission made coursework difficult. But ENS Valenti never let obstacles stand in his way. "The mission always came first, but I learned to manage my time and energy to pursue my personal goals, too."

ENS Valenti credits his success not only to his own determination but to the people who supported him: "I had tremendous support from my leadership and family. Their encouragement and flexibility gave me the time and tools to succeed."

His journey is a powerful reminder of how higher education, pursued with persistence and purpose, can propel personal and professional growth. "I credit a portion of my success to education. It’s helped shape the leader I’ve become."



## Tuition Assistance Waivers: What You Need to Know

A *waiver* is a formal request to bypass a standard policy, timeline, or procedure outlined in an official instruction. Essentially, whenever a Sailor seeks an exception to established guidelines—such as submitting something late, omitting a required step, or a deviation from a policy—they must submit a waiver for consideration and approval.

Over the past year, there has been a notable increase in the number of waiver submissions. While waivers exist to support mission-critical needs, this trend has prompted the command to closely evaluate each request to ensure that granting a waiver is truly in the best interest of both the Sailor and the Navy. Submissions should include clear justification and supporting documentation, as approval is not automatic and must reflect a genuine need for exception.

As a reminder:

- **Tuition Assistance (TA) applications** can be submitted **as early as 120 days prior to the course start date**.
- TA applications must be submitted and command approved between 120—7 days prior to course (term) start date. This is the responsibility of the applicant to ensure this is properly completed.

Waivers should clearly explain:

- Why the 120-7 day window was missed,
- Why the course cannot be deferred to a future term, and
- The specific mission requirements that delayed submission.

### How to Submit a Waiver:

- All waivers must be submitted through **Issue Tracker**.
- Use the **official command letterhead** for endorsement
- Include all relevant details and supporting documentation.

While we never discourage the submission of a waiver, incomplete or unsupported requests cannot be approved and will be returned for correction. Each case is weighed carefully—especially against applications submitted on time—to determine if immediate attendance is necessary or if the course can be taken at a later date.

Your attention to the proper process ensures equitable access to educational benefits and helps maintain the integrity of Navy policies.



## Fleet Engagement



The Navy College Fleet Education Advisor Team plays a vital role in enhancing educational opportunities for Navy personnel. Their primary mission is to connect Sailors with essential resources that support both educational and career advancement, focusing on college degree programs, professional development, and continuing education.



Team members are dedicated to improving educational outcomes, boosting career readiness, and fostering a culture of lifelong learning among Sailors. Through these efforts, they help Sailors fully leverage the educational benefits available to them, ensuring they are well-prepared for success in both their military careers and civilian life.



Currently, the focus is to bring information concerning all DOD Voluntary Education programs directly to the waterfront and provide assistance to Sailors in meeting their education goals. For more information and to connect with your Fleet Education Advisors, please visit the NCP website.



**Attention:** Below you will see the projected travel dates, events, and the

### Future Fleet Engagement Opportunities



| Date         | Event                | Installation                           |
|--------------|----------------------|--|
| 16 Jul 25    | Ed Fair              | Newport News Shipyard/<br>Mid-Atlantic |
| 15-17 Jul 25 | CDS Midlant          | NavSta Norfolk/Oceana/<br>Dam Neck     |
| 28-31 Jul 25 | Education Fair/Brief | San Diego/North Island                 |
| 21 Aug 25    | Resource Ed Fair     | NSF Indian Head                        |
| 18-22 Aug 25 | Briefings/Ed Fairs   | San Diego/Coronado                     |
| 21 Aug 25    | Graduation           | North Island/Coronado                  |

For more information regarding the Fleet Engagement Team, including bulletin boards, region information, education fair requirements, and FET contact information, please visit <https://www.navycollege.navy.mil/commands/fleet-engagement>.

## Free FAA Knowledge Testing in Hawaii

### TAKE YOUR FAA KNOWLEDGE EXAMS - FOR FREE, ON BASE!

We are proud to announce that the Schofield Barracks Education Center is now an official FAA Written Knowledge Testing Site!

**NOW OPEN**

**FAA TESTING SITE**

### ELIGIBILITY (BASE ACCESS REQUIRED)

- Active-Duty Service Members (ALL SERVICE BRANCHES)
- Military Dependents (ALL SERVICE BRANCHES)
- DoD & DHS Civilians
- Retirees/Veterans and their Dependents (ALL SERVICE BRANCHES)

### AVAILABLE FAA EXAMS – AT NO COST TO YOU


- All Pilot Knowledge Exams
- Sport - Recreational - Private - Instrument - Commercial - Instructor - ATP
- Drone Pilot License Knowledge Exam (sUAS)
- Airframe & Powerplant License Knowledge Exams (A&P)
- Aircraft Dispatcher Knowledge Exams

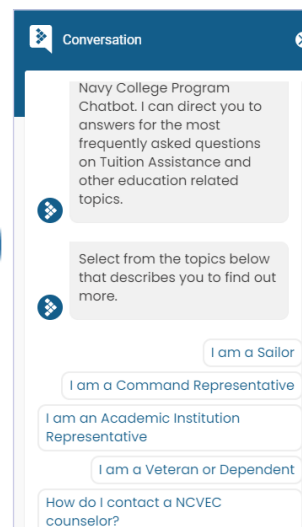
### HOW TO REGISTER

- Apply for an FAA Tracking Number on <https://iacra.faa.gov/>
- Register for FAA Exam on <https://faa.psiexams.com/faa/login>
- MUST select “Schofield Barracks Army Education Center (JSV00109)” as the test location
- More Info/Inquiries: Email us @ [ArmyEdCentersHawaiiTesting@army.mil](mailto:ArmyEdCentersHawaiiTesting@army.mil)

### Need to reach Navy College but don't have time to talk?

The New Navy College Chat-bot can assist you with frequently asked questions and concerns. The Chat-bot is available after office hours and can quickly help you with general topics.

**Live Help Now** allows you to chat real-time with a Navy College professional. Click  on the chat icon located in the bottom right corner on any page of the Navy College website to chat online with a Navy College Education professional (Monday to Friday, 0600 - 1630 EST). You can also submit a Help Desk Request Ticket. Alternatively, you can send a text message to 877-838-1659, Monday to Friday, 0600 - 1630 EST.



## Meet the New NCVEC Counselor

We are excited to welcome **Hugo Roman** as the newest member of the Navy College team! Hugo brings a wealth of knowledge and expertise to our staff, further enhancing our ability to provide you with the educational support you need, when and where you need it.

Hugo was with the Navy College team in 2007 and continues to find ways to enhance the education of our Sailors.

We're confident that his contributions will make a positive impact, and we're thrilled to have him on board as part of the Navy College Team!



Welcome  
Aboard



## Navy College Program Director Note

As my time at Navy College comes to a close this summer, I want to take a moment to reflect on the incredible progress we've made in supporting you and your educational journey. It's been an honor to serve in this role, and I'm grateful for the opportunity to work alongside such dedicated professionals. This fall, CDR Jamie Phillips will be stepping in as the next Director of Navy College. I am confident that under CDR Phillips' leadership, the Navy College program will continue to evolve and serve the needs of our Sailors with excellence.

Over the past year, we've made some significant strides in improving our services. We've implemented an online counselor appointment scheduling system, making it easier for you to connect with our knowledgeable team without the hassle of wait times or phone tag. Additionally, we're introducing a new, more accessible phone number to simplify contacting us—another step toward making your experience smoother and more efficient.

We've also restructured some of our personnel to streamline processes, which will help us serve you even better. But we know that there's always room to improve, and that's where your feedback is invaluable. If you have any ideas or suggestions on how we can continue to enhance the services we offer, please don't hesitate to reach out. Providing the best service possible is always our priority, and we rely on your input to help us move forward.



Thank you for your continued support, and we look forward to what the future holds for all of you.

Fair winds and following seas,  
CDR Mollie Gold Greenlund



Call the Navy College  
Virtual Education Center  
(NCVEC) at  
1-833-330-6622  
option 4 then option 1  
(0600-1630 EST Mon-Fri).

**[MyNavy Education  
Website:](https://myeducation.netc.navy.mil/webta/home.html#nbb)**

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**[Navy College Program  
Website:](https://www.navycollege.navy.mil/sailors/tuition-assistance)**

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## What is the Post 9/11 GI Bill?

The Post-9/11 GI Bill is a veterans educational assistance program intended to promote recruitment and retention in the uniformed services, facilitate the readjustment of veterans to the civilian workforce, and reward or repay individuals for their service to the country. In exchange for service in the Armed Forces on or after September 11, 2001, it provides eligible individuals benefits and an entitlement to educational assistance. The benefit payments may satisfy tuition and fee charges and provide an additional stipend to defray housing costs. This entitlement, usually 36 months (or its equivalent in part-time educational assistance) initially, is used or reduced by an individual's receipt of educational assistance payments for pursuit of approved programs of education. The 36 months of entitlement may be used for full-time pursuit over four 9-month academic periods or for part-time pursuit over a longer period. The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs administers the Post-9/11 GI Bill program and pays benefits.

## What is transferability under the Post-9/11 GI Bill?

The Post-9/11 GI Bill authorizes the U.S. Department of Defense (DOD) to permit qualifying servicemembers to transfer all or a portion of their Post-9/11 GI Bill entitlement to eligible dependents. Statutory provisions authorize DOD to prescribe regulations for the eligibility and management of Post-9/11 GI Bill entitlement transfers. The Post-9/11 GI Bill and the ability to transfer entitlement went into effect on August 1, 2009.



## New Navy College Hours of Operation

*The Navy College office has new hours, our offices are open Monday through Friday 0600-1630 hrs. EST. We accept walk-ins from 0730-1530 daily, you can also call the NCVEC at 833-330-6622 option 4 then option 1.*