

Servicemembers Opportunity Colleges



Serving the Voluntary Education Needs of the Military Services

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Servicemembers Opportunity Colleges (SOC) was created in 1972 to provide educational opportunities to servicemembers who, because they frequently moved from place to place, had trouble completing college degrees. SOC functions in cooperation with 15 higher education associations, the Department of Defense, and Active and Reserve Components of the military services to expand and improve voluntary postsecondary education opportunities for servicemembers worldwide. SOC is funded by the Department of Defense (DoD) through a contract with the American Association of State Colleges and Universities (AASCU).

SOC was established by civilian and military educators to help strengthen and coordinate voluntary college-level educational opportunities for servicemembers. The SOC Consortium consists of more than 1,900 institutional members that enroll hundreds of thousands of servicemembers, their family members and veterans annually in associate-, bachelor-, and graduate-level degree programs.

To find out more about SOC schools and to see a list of participating institutions, please visit the SOC web site at <http://www.soc.aascu.org>