

Career Transition: **Improving leadership skills through education**

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In 2012, Navy public affairs reservist **LT Tia Nichole McMillen** was awarded a full scholarship to attend the American College of Financial Services, located outside Philadelphia. McMillen, whose day job is as a strategic communication planner with NAVSUP, was motivated by a desire to improve her leadership skills. She learned about the American College and its scholarship program for veterans when writing a speech for the Chief of Supply Corps to deliver there on the anniversary of September 11. "When I saw how the college cared for our veterans and their families, I knew it was a community I wanted to join," she said.

McMillen, a graduate of Messiah College who holds a Master of Science degree in business and organizational

communication from Northeastern, completed the Master in Management (MSM) program at the American College with an emphasis on leadership in 2013. As affiliated faculty at both Messiah College and Elizabethtown College, she credits the program, with its emphasis on working in small teams, with helping her learn to create "a safe, productive environment in which a team can thrive. The American College taught me many things," she said, "but the most important was how to be a valuable team member."

In addition to the highly accredited MSM program, the American College specializes in educating professionals who are either in or want to begin a career as a financial services professional. Anyone considering taking advantage of



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this opportunity offered to active duty veterans and their spouses may contact me at Ted.Digges@theamericancollege.edu or check out the website at veterans.theamericancollege.edu.

Foundation Leadership awards presented



Supply Corps Foundation Leadership awards were presented in March at the Navy Supply Corps School. Pictured are the award recipients ENS Rodway McCloggan and LT Joshua Denning with Chief of Supply Corps RADM Jon Yuen, CDR (Ret.) Jack Evans, Foundation Chief Staff Officer and CAPT Kristen Fabry, CO of the Navy Supply Corps School.

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