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From the Outgoing and Incoming Presidents

Mebane Harrison
Past President, CCME

It was a great voyage on the Queen Mary! To those who made the trip, thank you for joining in a very successful symposium. Each year gets better with the influx of new faces and ideas. I look forward every year to the up date presentations and to the innovations in technology. There is something about meeting with colleagues that provides the motivation and determination to achieve success in our education of the military. It is a constant process of learning and revising.

In March, the CCME Board met in Phoenix to discuss your ideas from the surveys you filled out at the symposium. It is from these that we receive your guidance on what is important to stress in drawing up an agenda for the following year. Thanks to those of you who shared your ideas with us.

Again, I would like to thank the outstanding members of the Board for their planning and presentation of this year's agenda. From what I have observed, next year's symposium promises to meet the same high standards with some outstanding speakers, panels and breakouts.

Welcome to those of you who are new to CCME. It was wonderful to see so many new members and I hope that you will continue to be a part of this great organization. Thanks to all of you who made my presidency so easy and so exciting. As I step down from the podium, I leave the presidency in good hands with Patricia Torbyn.

Pat Torbyn
President, CCME

The Council of College and Military Educators (CCME) Executive Board is planning a very exciting agenda for the 2002 symposium. "Together, We Can Make a Difference" is the theme selected for the symposium to be held February 11-14, 2002, at the Hilton Mesa Pavilion, 1011 West Holmes Avenue, Mesa, Arizona, a suburb of Phoenix. To make your hotel accommodations, you can contact the Hilton Hotel direct by calling (480) 833-5555. Please use the code MEC000 to receive a special room rate of \$107.00 per night. For your convenience, this rate is also available to you the weekend prior to and the weekend following the symposium. You can also visit the CCME website at www.ccmeonline.org and make your room reservations online with the Hilton. Additional links have been provided for the Mesa Convention and Visitors Center and driving instructions from Sky Harbor Airport to the Hilton Mesa Pavilion. It is really important to plan ahead because February is a premium month in Arizona.

This would be a great time to explore Arizona! Arizona is known as the "Valley of the Sun," covering over 400 square miles. The Phoenix metropolitan area encompasses more than 20 communities including Scottsdale, Mesa, Tempe, Glendale, and Chandler. There are more than 150 golf courses so bring your golf clubs and plan on extending your weekend. If golf is not your thing, some other points of interest are:

- Prescott
- Jerome
- Old Tucson
- Sedona
- Grand Canyon

As president of CCME, I am looking forward to a great year and a great symposium. See you in Phoenix!

Reflections on the Long Beach Symposium

Education 2001: A Voyage to the Future

The Council of College and Military Educators (CCME) recently held its annual symposium, *Education 2001: A Voyage to the Future*, aboard the Queen Mary in Long Beach, California. CCME membership is a coalition of representatives from military organizations involved with voluntary education and representatives of the colleges and universities that provide the education programs to Servicemembers worldwide. The Symposium serves as a forum for professional development of its membership through the exchange of ideas and information from numerous constituencies. More than 300 participants attended this year's Symposium, making it the largest CCME gathering ever.

The Symposium included three days of speaker and panel presentations on a wide variety of subjects ranging from adult continuing education issues in general to military education programs in particular. Those in control of military education policy at DOD and the individual Services shared their ideas and concerns about 100 percent tuition assistance, new Service initiatives such as the Navy College Partnership Program and the Army University Access Online, lingering Service problems such as "contracting-out" efforts, and other issues affecting military education personnel and programs. More overarching issues such as transferability among differing accrediting regimes, changing lifelong learning trends, and certification as an alternative to degree programs in pursuit of professional development were presented. Panels consisting of College Presidents, ESOs from all the Services, and success stories in military education rounded out the general sessions. Finally, a series of concurrent sessions one afternoon gave attendees the choice of attending more narrowly focused presentations on such subjects as National Guard partnerships, Navy College Program implementation, Tech-Prep applications to the military, a Virtual Counseling Center, and others.

The capstone event of the Symposium was the final evening banquet at which several awards were presented. The CCME President's Award, presented annually to the individual or organization making a significant contribution that advances the cause of military education, was given as two awards to two recipients.

One was presented to California Assemblyman George Runner for his legislative efforts resulting in in-state tuition rates for Servicemembers and their families stationed in California. The other President's award was presented to the Department of the Navy and the Marine Corps for developing the Sailor/Marine American Council on Education (ACE) Registry Transcript (SMART).

The recipient of the John Brian Service and Leadership Award, presented to an employee of the government for excellence in military education, was Ms. Dian Stoskopf, Director of the Army Continuing Education System.

The recipient of the William E. Kennedy Award, presented to an employee of a CCME academic institution for excellence in military education, was Dr. Jim Anderson, Chancellor of Central Texas College.

Finally, the CCME Institution Award was presented to Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University for its history of support for and participation in CCME activities.

CCME also awards scholarships each year to deserving Servicemembers enrolled in postsecondary school programs. This year, ten (10) scholarships of \$500 each were awarded to military students representing all the Services.



Left to Right: Mebane Harrison presenting CCME President's Award to Department of the Navy represented by Susan McIntosh (Quantico), Loretta Cornet-huff (Kaneohe Bay), Ileen Rogers (Navy VolEd Policy Director) and Jeff Cropsy (NETPDTC VolEd Director), for developing SMART.



Mebane Harrison presenting CCME's John Brian Service and Leadership Award to Dian Stoskopf, Director of the Army Continuing Education System



Mebane Harrison presenting CCME's William E. Kennedy Award to Dr. Jim Anderson, Chancellor of Central Texas College



Dr. Leon Flancher from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University receives CCME's Institution Award



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Servicemembers and Their Dependents Enjoy In-State Tuition Fees at California Colleges

The "Runner Bill" calling for in-state residency classification for servicemember-students stationed in California was signed into law to be effective January 1, 2001. It actually went further than originally intended, by including family members as well. It allows in-state resident tuition fees for active duty servicemembers AND THEIR DEPENDENTS stationed in California who are enrolled in the California State and Community College systems. At the undergraduate level this resident status lasts for the duration of enrollment. At the graduate level the resident status lasts for one year to allow time to actually become a state resident.



California Assemblyman George W. Runner and his wife with CCME President-Elect Valente (Val) Vera and wife Frances. Val has helped spearhead CCME legislative liaison with the California State Assembly the past few years along with Dr. Fred Huber, the CCME Historian and Chairman, Legislation Committee (not shown). Assemblyman Runner sponsored recent legislation favorable to Servicemembers and their families for which he received the CCME President's Award at the CCME banquet during the Symposium last February aboard the Queen Mary in Long Beach.

CCME Is Not Just For California Anymore

CCME, which had its origin in California, now boasts a worldwide membership. Over the last few years CCME has grown into a regional, national and international organization. Of the 334 attendees attending the February 2001 CCME Symposium in Long Beach, only 12 % indicated they were based in California. Two thirds of the attendees represented the various military branches with many coming from Europe and the Far East. The other third represented colleges and universities that provide educational programs to all branches of the military worldwide.

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