

2010 SYMPOSIUM
February 15-18, 2010
Nashville Renaissance Hotel
Nashville, Tennessee

The city of Nashville in Tennessee is a major hub for the health care, music, publishing, banking and transportation industries. CCME will be hosting its annual symposium in the beautiful city nicknamed, "Music City USA".



This year's theme is ***"Developing a 21st Century Total Force – A Matter of Honor."*** We hope you to see you in Nashville.

[Registration will open online in mid-September.](#)

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THE 2009 SYMPOSIUM IN HAWAII
A GREAT SUCCESS.

Last year's symposium was held in Hawaii, the US military hub of the Pacific and Asia, and was the perfect place to host the event. The agenda, which centered on the theme "Embracing Our Heroes - Shaping Our World: Educating Servicemembers, Spouses and Families" generated opportunities to hear from veterans, active duty, and spouses and the results were well received. Please visit the [CCME website to view the General Sessions from the 2009 Symposium.](#)

GREETINGS FROM JIM SWEIZER,
CCME PRESIDENT!

I hope you're getting good use out of those sandals you bought in Honolulu. It will soon be time to put them away, dust off your cowboy boots (or buy some), and learn to two-step, in preparation for the February 2010 symposium in Nashville.

Before commenting further about the Nashville symposium, I would like to share some of what your CCME board is doing to improve the organization. The past year has brought many significant changes which should help us serve our members better.

First, we had a major overhaul to our website thanks to the pro-bono efforts of our friends at Indtai, Inc., and their Military Community Academic Explorer platform. Besides making the site more user-friendly, Indtai has created a Virtual Exhibition Floor which will provide more visibility to the growing number of sponsor and exhibitors that support CCME each year. Future plans call for a Discussion Forum that will allow members to engage in conversation with their colleagues on key issues in the realm of higher education. We're all passionate about what we do, and this will be a great virtual meeting place to share ideas, address issues, and network with those sharing common interests.

Another major accomplishment was hiring Exhibits Promotion Plus (EPP) to coordinate and manage all of the activities associated with our annual symposium. This reallocation of workload will allow the board to concentrate more on symposium program content and customer service for our constituents.

Now, more on our Nashville symposium: The entire CCME board has been working hard over the past six months to make our Nashville symposium a successful event. We feel confident the majority of attendees at last month's DoD Worldwide Conference will want continue learning and networking through CCME. Speaking of DoD WW, **kudos** to Jeff Cropsey, Sharon Beaudoin and the staff at DANTES for conducting such an excellent event.

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Letter from President, Continued.....

I view CCME and DoD/DANTES as true partners in providing relevant professional development to the voluntary education community. Their success is our success!

We expect over 1,000 attendees and 100 exhibitors to attend our Nashville symposium. In keeping with the symposium theme, “Developing a 21st Century Force - A Matter of Honor”, we hope to attract speakers from the military and academic communities that will expound on the need and importance to develop and maintain a well trained fighting force of problem solvers and critical thinkers. To this end, former Command Sergeant Major of the Army, Jack Tilley, has graciously accepted our invitation to be the opening keynote speaker. We’re also in the process of accepting concurrent session proposals and would especially like to see some submitted from the installation level ESO community.

Of course, a conference shouldn’t be all work and no play. The Renaissance Hotel is just a few blocks away from an array of honky-tonks that make Nashville famous. We also plan to wrap up the symposium with have a country/ western style event complete with entertainment. So, find some Dixie Chicks and Brooks and Dunn music to sharpen-up those dancing skills. It’s going to be a fun evening!

Spread the word and make your plans to join a thousand of your best friends February 15-18 in Nashville Tennessee. We’ll be doing our best to make your trip to Nashville a rewarding and entertaining experience.

MEMBERSHIP

[Join today!](#)

Members of CCME belong to the largest international organization dedicated to promoting, encouraging, and delivering quality education to servicemembers and their families in all branches of the United States Armed Forces. Our membership includes military



and civilian educators, post-secondary educational institutions, and suppliers of quality education products and services. The CCME symposium is the largest annual forum of its kind with an attendance of about 1000 participants. The annual symposium facilitates the networking and interaction of the key leadership across these organizations in an environment that is focused on enhancing and optimizing voluntary education opportunities for servicemembers and their families. .CCME members enjoy many benefits:

- Attend the annual CCME Symposium
- Hear and discuss updates on military policy changes
- Participate in discussions on relevant issues
- Influence military education policy and practices
- Join in networking opportunities
- Obtain news and information from the website

SPONSORSHIPS & EXHIBITS

It’s that time again. If you or your organization would like to be a sponsor of the 2010 CCME Symposium, see below for an overview and visit the CCME website for details:

<http://www.ccmeonline.org/sponsorshipexhibits.aspx>

Platinum - \$5,000

- Full-page advertisement in the symposium program
- Two complimentary full conference registrations
- Promotional item for symposium tote bag

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&

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[CCME President's Award](#)

2009 Recipient: Mr. Gary Woods
DoD Educational Opportunities

IN MEMORIAM



Dr. Fred Huber, President Emeritus of CCME and a giant in the world of military education recently passed away at the age of 94. Dr. Huber was a driving force in the early development of CCME

and continued to work within the organization for many years following his active involvement as a board member. Please honor this great man by viewing his accomplishments [here](#).



Barry L. Cobb, Ph.D., 66, who served as director of DANTES for nearly 25 years, passed away on July 26. Cobb started working for the agency upon its creation in 1974 and became its director in January 1981. He retired in June 2005. Cobb was a lifelong learner and advocate of the power of higher education.

During his life, he earned bachelor and master's degrees in education from Florida State University and a Ph.D. from the University of California, Berkeley. In 2002, he received an Honorary Doctorate of Law from Excelsior College. Cobb was a veteran of the United States Army who worked in military intelligence and completed a tour in Vietnam. During his professional career, Cobb worked as a high school teacher and department head and served on the staff and faculty of Florida State, U.C. Berkeley, and California State University, Hayward. Cobb wrote articles, educational directories and guides on social foundations of education, non-traditional education and military education. He served as a team member for the Joint Chiefs of Staff Process for Accreditation of Joint Education, along with a host of advisory committees and boards. He received numerous awards during his career, including the Nickerson Medal of Merit and Outstanding Military Educator. He was inducted into the International Adult and Continuing Education Hall of Fame in June 2001.

RETIREMENTS



Ed McKenney, CCME Past President; Retired from Coastline Community College

Ed is a Navy veteran, having retired after 24 years of service. After retiring from the Navy, Ed went to work at Servicemembers Opportunity Colleges (SOC), where he spent eleven years as Director of SOCNAV, SOC's Navy Programs. While with SOCNAV, Ed visited virtually every Navy College Office worldwide and was personally responsible for establishing a Navy College Office in Bahrain.

Through his eleven years with SOC, Ed has met and maintained friendships with many of the Education Officials representing the Services, DOD, higher Education associations such as ACE and AACC, and countless college representatives in their dealings with SOC. He was active with CCME during these years, having presented at several CCME Symposia. He met his wife Jacque at a CCME Symposium in 1992 in San Diego. For several years, Ed served the CCME Organization as its Secretary, and, in 2005, served as its President.

Ed retired from Coastline in July 2009 and moved to Tyler, Texas with his wife Jacque.



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