

## 2010 SUMMER NEWSLETTER

### 2011 CCME EDUCATION SYMPOSIUM



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Tampa, Florida

Mission First, People Always: Collaborations  
and Innovations in Military Education “Service  
members, Veterans & Families”

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### HAPPY TRAILS LED TO AND OUT OF NASHVILLE!

Howdy Partners!

We had a great time in the city of Nashville for the 2010 CCME Symposium in February. The theme was “Developing a 21st Century Total Force – A Matter of Honor.” Your participation made the gathering a great success, and feedback and insights are contributing to what the CCME board has in store for Tampa in 2011. We hope to see you all there!!!

### FROM THE DESK OF BELINDA JONES, 2010-2011 CCME PRESIDENT



Hello everyone and welcome to a new and exciting year with CCME!

CCME is off to a great start this year with a new approach and fresh focus. Join us in helping raise awareness with the 2011 CCME Education Symposium theme of **MISSION FIRST, PEOPLE ALWAYS: Collaborations and Innovations in Military Education**

“Service members, Veterans, and Families.” We truly appreciate the support and active role you all have taken as CCME members. The comments and suggestions you shared with us during the 2010 CCME Education Symposium in Nashville, TN set the stage for 2011. We were able to incorporate your diverse and original ideas into the planning stages for the 2011 CCME Education symposium in Tampa, FL and look forward to an outstanding conference this upcoming year. Thank you for your membership and part in shaping our focus for the 2011 symposium. The 2011 Education symposium will focus on current and engaging topics of interest for all attendees. It will also provide the CCME membership a platform upon which you may share your knowledge, experience, and best practices. We are working hard to ensure your experience this year is paramount and beneficial to the work you do for our Service members and their families.

2010 presented many firsts for the CCME Education Symposium. CCME’s 2009-2010 President, Jim Sweizer, led the charge in transferring the conference management activities from the CCME Board to Exhibits Promotion Plus; contracting our registration to Registration Headquarters; and fielding our website management to Academic Explorer. These successful partnerships have allowed us to dedicate more time to our membership and focus on the agenda and content for the 2011



*Letter from President continued.....*

conference. As we move forward with a more concentrated focus and hands-on approach, we seek to be more effective and efficient as your proponents by actively championing your convictions and sharing them with the military education community. You deserve to be heard on the issues that matter to our patrons. In our pursuit to act as your “Community Voice”, we continue to experience changes and firsts for CCME. We have added outreach liaison positions to the CCME Board. These CCME appointed liaisons are helping us cultivate our outreach efforts and keeping us abreast of the latest military education news. We are also enhancing our communications efforts to our membership not just once a year at the conference but throughout the year via our website and new Facebook page. CCME would like to stay connected with you by providing you pertinent information on hot topics and offering an online forum in which you can interact with the CCME membership. Please visit us at [www.ccmeonline.org](http://www.ccmeonline.org) or at our Facebook page, accessible through our website, and share your thoughts and suggestions with the CCME community. In addition, we seek to make a difference in the military community and give back through enhanced CCME scholarships, endowments and volunteerism opportunities.

I can't emphasize how important our membership is to the continued success of CCME. Our perspective CCME members frequently ask the WIFMs (What's in It For Me), why should I become a member of CCME? Becoming a member of CCME extends far beyond a newsletter and a discount on conference registration. CCME provides members an opportunity to further their professional development, connect with a welcoming community of peers, and gain access to current education information. CCME also provides access to long-range benefits that include:

- Information
- Community
- Education
- Inspiration
- Collaboration
- Representation

I leave you with an open invitation to be a part of the solution and make a difference in military education by getting on board with CCME. I hope to see everyone at the 2011 CCME Education Symposium. We encourage your

participation through Call for Presentations, as well as assisting in committees and meeting sessions. If you have a special interest or desire to help out in any way, please let me or any member of the CCME Board know or click on the Volunteer Coordinator icon on the website to volunteer. Join us as we embark on a new conference year. Let's step outside the box and into the minds of our students.

Together we can take education to the next level and inspire the next generation of leaders.

Sincerely,

Belinda Jones

CCME President, 2010-2011

### **CCME MEMBERSHIPS SUPPORT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM**

Did you know that your CCME membership supports our Scholarship Program? You can be very proud that a portion of your membership dues is used to assist military families pursue their dream of a college education. Through an application and essay process, ten \$1,000 scholarships are awarded annually. Five scholarships are awarded to servicemembers and five to military spouses. The scholarship monies can be spent on tuition, fees, books or any other expense that assists the student in attaining a higher education goal. Members of CCME belong to the largest international organization dedicated to promoting, encouraging, and delivering quality education to servicemembers and their families. Our membership includes military and civilian educators, post-secondary educational institutions, and suppliers of quality education products and services. The CCME Annual Symposium, with about 1000 attendees, provides an opportunity to networking with the leadership across these organizations to enhance voluntary education opportunities for service members and their families. CCME members enjoy many benefits including:

**CCME Membership continued.....**

- Join in networking opportunities with military education leadership.
- Receive CCME newsletters throughout the year.
- Get discounted Symposium Exhibitors fee for Corporate/Institution members.
- Take advantage of discounted Annual Symposium fee for early registration
- Receive updates on military policy changes that affect education
- Benefit from a CCME website link to your Institution/Corporate Member websites.
- Participate in discussions on relevant military education issues.
- Influence military education policy and practice.
- **Stay Current and Connected** - Collegiality, respect and increased credibility among your colleagues within the military education community. CCME members value these intangible benefits that result from the personal and professional relationships they develop with one another through conference interaction, workshops, and concurrent sessions.
- **Advance the "Education Profession"** - Part of the CCME's mission is to champion the advancement of military education across all communications disciplines by recognizing excellence and promoting education, research and legislation through leadership, networking and engagement.
- **Partners in Education (PiE)** - CCME leverages partnerships in education with Academic Institutions, Government and Corporate entities that provide support to enhance military education and promote awareness. CCME's partners provide our members with pertinent information and professional benefits that make a positive difference in their personal and professional lives.

To join, visit the CCME website by going to <http://www.ccmeonline.org/membership.aspx>.

**RETIREMENTS & NEW POSITIONS**

***Dr. Jeff Cropsey***



In our last newsletter, we announced that Dr. Jeffrey Cropsey would be leaving DANTES after more than 40 years of service to the Department of Defense on January 2, 2010. He has since taken a new position with Grantham University as their Vice President for Strategic Initiatives. He had been the Director of DANTES since 2005. Dr. Cropsey's other DoD service included positions in the Army, Air Force, and Navy. He was honored with five civilian meritorious service awards. At the Nashville Symposium in February, Dr. Cropsey received the CCME President's Award for his significant contributions to military education.

***Dr. Gary Woods***



Dr. Gary Woods has retired from federal service after a distinguished career. He has since taken a new position with Brandman University as their Vice Chancellor for Military Programs. Prior to joining Brandman, Gary was the Director of DoD Educational Opportunities for six years. Here, he was responsible for DoD's Voluntary Education Program, Troops-to-Teachers and Spouses-to-Teachers Programs. He received numerous civil service awards including the Air Force Meritorious Civilian Service and Distinguished Service Awards.

*Retirements & New Positions continued.....*

***Mr. Vernon H. Taylor***



Vernon Taylor, Head of the Marine Corps Lifelong Learning program, retired on June 18, 2010. He joined the Army when he was 18 and thereafter served the military and education community in civilian positions. From April of 2002 to May of 2010, Mr. Taylor was Head, Marine Corps Lifelong Learning. He was responsible for the policy, guidance and funding of the worldwide academic program that provides library and Voluntary Off-Duty Education Program support services for over 186,000 Marines and their families. Mr. Taylor's accolades include the 2007 John Brian Leadership Award for his dedication and leadership in providing quality voluntary, off-duty education programs.

***Dr. Carol Berry***



On April 26, 2010, Dr. Carol A. Berry was selected as the new Director of the Defense Activity for Non-Traditional Education Support (DANTES). She will lead DANTES in meeting its mission: "To support the off-duty, voluntary education programs of the Department of Defense and to

*Dr. Berry's Bio continued.....*

conduct special projects and development activities in support of education-related functions of the Department." Prior to becoming the DANTES Director, Dr. Berry was the Southeast Regional Director for Navy College Programs. She held this position since 2003. Here, she was responsible for the management and execution operations in Navy College Offices throughout the southeast. Before this, Dr. Berry served as an Education Services Specialist with the Navy's Voluntary Education Program from 1979-2003. Dr. Berry received a baccalaureate degree in Biological Sciences from Hofstra University in 1978, a Master of Science degree in Education from Hofstra University in 1979, and a Doctor of Education degree from Regent University in 2006.

**IN MEMORIAM**

***Rodney V. Cox Jr.***



Colonel Rodney Cox passed away on January 29th 2010 at the age of 73. Dr. Cox had a 30 year career in the Air Force. He flew 100 combat missions in Vietnam. For this, he was awarded the Silver Star, the Distinguished Flying Cross and 11 Air medals for gallantry in action. He served as both the Vice President and Commander of the Community College of the Air Force (CCAF). After retiring from the Air Force, Dr. Cox served as president of Butler Community College in Kansas. He then took a position as Vice President of Troy State University in Alabama. Dr. Cox retired from Troy State in 2002.

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