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To the Membership:

The time is drawing near for the 2007 CCME Symposium and I hope you are as excited as I am. Monterey is a beautiful city and promises to give us the perfect backdrop for our annual symposium. The Portola Plaza is right on Fisherman’s Wharf where you can hear the sea lions barking and feel the crisp breeze coming in from the Bay. There is an abundance of restaurants, quaint little shops, and historical sites to capture your attention. Not to mention some of the most beautiful golf courses in the world, for you golfers.

When you tear yourself away from all that, I think you will find a fabulous opportunity for professional development and networking with friends and associates at the CCME Symposium. As usual, we have a full agenda planned for you. But we have built in time for you to conduct those all-important side meetings and discussions.

Our theme this year, “Joint Patriots… Driving Transformation”, centers round our military service members. You will notice a decided military focus to the symposium (after all, I am the “military” president). But whether you are employed by the military, an institution, or a corporation, you are a part of the transformation that is taking place in military voluntary education. Representatives from DoD, DANTES, SOC, and each of the military services will give you their perspective on the changes that are taking place. We will also cover a wide array of topics on concurrent sessions day (Wednesday) that I believe will spur much thought and discussion.

All of this could not be possible without the fabulous group of people you have working for you on the CCME Executive Board. This group of twenty (including elected officers, committee chairmen, and ex officio members) has worked diligently to make the 2007 Symposium an event that will enlighten you, enhance your communication with each other, and plant seeds for future growth and collaboration in the military voluntary education world.

I’m sure you can appreciate that a lot goes on behind the scenes to make a symposium of this magnitude come together. In addition to planning the symposium, the Board has worked hard to make needed revisions to the bylaws, re-vamp our registration process, promote our scholarship program, and select deserving individuals and institutions for this year’s CCME Awards.

Thanks to all the employers of our Board Members for allowing them the time and the financial support to serve CCME.

And thanks to all of you for giving me the opportunity to serve as president of CCME. I look forward to seeing each and every one of you in Monterey!

Sherri Sims
President
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and Military Educators
**Special Workshop on Distance Learning**

On Friday, January 26th, immediately following the CCME Symposium in Monterey, California, SOC and the Distance Education and Training Council (DETC) will sponsor a special “hands on workshop” focused on the proposed Principles of Good Practice for Distance Learning. The workshop, developed collaboratively with support of the Office of the Undersecretary of Defense, will help participants understand the proposed principles, gain practical experience with applying the standards to case studies, and develop institutional familiarity and responsiveness to the new Principles of Good Practice for Distance Learning that were announced last July at the DoD Worldwide Conference in Orlando.

With growth in higher education distance learning averaging over 30% each year, and with the incredible interest on the part of military members in taking online courses, this special Friday workshop aims to allow educators and military counselors to learn how best to apply the principles in real world situations. The theories set out in the principles will be fleshed out and brought to life with practical examples presented by outstanding distance educators and military experts in the field.

These principles were developed by a military-civilian Task Force appointed by the Chief, DoD Continuing Education Programs within the Educational Opportunities Directorate of the Office of the Undersecretary of Defense to ensure that distance higher education courses and programs for service members, their families, and the Department of Defense (DoD) education community are of high quality and are readily accessible. The principles are founded on best practices in distance higher education and tailored to the unique needs of the military community. The principles define parameters of excellence; enhance the legitimacy and worth of distance education; and foster dialogue to strengthen and improve the quality of these programs and services. The principles contribute to the continuous improvement of the military voluntary education program by helping to establish benchmarks of quality.

So, if your job involves working in distance learning with military members, you will not want to miss this workshop on January 26th to be held in Cottonwood I and II, 0800-1400. The location may be subject to change so please check the program when you arrive. Registration materials for this special Principles of Good Practice for Distance Learning workshop are available on the SOC Web Site: www.soc.aascu.org/socgen/SOCWorkshops.html. Because of the case study format and the need for subject matter experts during the workshop, it is important that individuals register in advance of the session. On-site registrations cannot be accommodated. Contact Sonja Ferguson at SOC (1-800-368-5622 or fergusons@aascu.org) with questions or additional information about the Distance Learning post-symposium event.

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**SOC Degree Network Workshop**

Servicemembers Opportunity Colleges (SOC) will conduct a SOC Degree Network System Workshop on January 22nd in Monterey, CA in conjunction with CCME’s Annual Symposium. As in past years, this type SOC-sponsored event will provide an update to college and educational service representative on recent changes to the Degree Network System. The workshop is slated for Monday morning, 9 am until 12:30 pm, prior to CCME’s opening event. Final hotel/conference center arrangements are still being negotiated; the specific workshop location within the Portola Plaza Hotel or Convention Center is still to be determined. This workshop will center on the Degree Network Redesign and how the redesign will impact member institutions. Other topics presented will include membership obligations, Handbook restructuring, and course transferability circulations. Detailed information about the SOC sponsored workshop and registration form will be available on the SOC Web site: www.soc.aascu.org. Contact Sonja Ferguson at SOC (1-800-368-5622 or fergusons@aascu.org) with questions or additional information.

**ACME Meetings**

If you are associated with a state Advisory Council on Military Education (ACME) or would like to be, please make plans to come to a pre-session meeting on Monday, January 22, at 3:00 p.m. It will give us a chance to discuss best practices, concerns, and any issues or questions that may need to be addressed. The meeting room will also be available throughout the day if ACME members would like to meet. For additional information and to coordinate meeting times, please contact Debbie Wiggins at debbie.wiggins@erau.edu
Our sponsors have been very generous and we appreciate everyone’s contributions. It’s not too late to become a sponsor. If you are interested, please contact Ida Cobb at ida.m.cobb@us.army.mil or visit our Web site at www.ccmeonline.org. Below is the current list of sponsors as of publication time:

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— Draft Agenda —

The Draft Agenda for the CCME Symposium has been posted to the website at www.ccmeonline.org.

CCME Board Positions - Nominations are still open for Secretary, V.P. for Military and President-Elect. You can submit nominations online at www.ccmeonline.org. The nominations are available for all members to view prior to the 2007 Symposium at https://www.ccmeonline.org/public_nominations.asp. Please take a look at the nominations list. If you have submitted a nomination and it is not listed, please notify Larry Dempsey through the link provided at the bottom of the nominations list.

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