To the Membership:

Having the opportunity to serve in various positions within CCME over the last seven years has allowed me to see the quality of people that devote their time to this organization and the passion with which they seek to serve in this capacity. As the board has changed and people have come and gone, the desire has always been to find better ways to provide for the service member. This genuine concern is what continues to drive the board members and motivates them to give up of their time to provide a venue in which these voices can be heard. It is with that same spirit that I accepted the position of President and that same desire that continues to move us forward as we plan for CCME 2008 in San Francisco.

As the organization grows, we are ever more mindful of the responsibility it carries and the impact that has on how we plan ahead. With last year’s conference coming in close to 600 attendees, we realize the need to plan our location and agenda further out. We are currently looking ahead to our locations for 2009 and 2010 in order to secure a site that will accommodate everyone with the intention of finding locations that are able to provide a greater number of rooms at the government rate. In addition to location, the agenda committee is working hard to provide a dynamic and appropriate agenda for today’s military voluntary education given the changes in staff, technology and the demand on the services.

We are faced with the impact of change, not only within CCME, but on a much larger scale. The number of retirements, both within the services and within the educational realm, seems to be on the rise. These retirements leave a void of both history and experience while also opening the door for new growth and renewed enthusiasm. We aim to find a balance between this influx of new people and the groundwork that has already been laid. The focus on the service member has long since been established and we need to ensure continuity of this goal while allowing for one generation moving on and another moving in. In light of the loss of many foundational people and the increasing competition in this environment, we are mindful of our purpose and of the history that grounds us to that purpose.

The increasing presence of distance learning has made voluntary military education accessible to virtually all service members. Globalization of education creates great opportunity but is also accompanied by new challenges that require our attention. The student is working with different resources and has different needs as a result. These changes impact every one of us, whether a student trying to pursue an education, an institution working to provide the means to do so or the military, encouraging the greater accessibility of education to service members while working on a limited budget. In spite of the potential growth pains of technological advancement, we cannot continue to respond in the same way that we always have. How do we, as a community, address the issues that come as a result of this progression?

There is inevitable movement within our field of voluntary military education. Professionals who have played a significant role are beginning to pass on their legacy to a new generation. We run to keep up with the advancements of technology and the increasing demand of distance learning. And yet, we remember the history and the commitment that brought us here. Even within CCME, we move forward with the intent to grow but respect those people who offer a voice from our history. As one generation moves on and as the marketplace expands, how do we maintain the integrity with which we offer education? How does our community advance with our technology while still holding onto the values this field was founded on? As the CCME board continues with our planning for 2008, we keep these thoughts in mind and allow them to drive our agenda and our focus, excited as the program comes together and looking forward to the discussions that follow. To be successful in this endeavor, we rely on your input as well and hope to see you in San Francisco, 2008!

Louis Martini
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Council of College and Military Educators

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DoD and Advisory Councils on Military Education (ACMEs)
Year Three: an Update

By Gary A. Woods
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Great Progress

At World Wide 2006, seven ACME presidents signed an agreement to use CCME as a springboard for cross-state collaboration that would have more of a national focus than they had worked before. COMETS, centered in Texas, signed the agreement this year. The MOU the ACME leadership signed provides a platform for them to share concepts, approaches and common planning for the military clientele they each serve. Several other states committed to forming provisional, or formative, ACMEs dedicated to helping provide service members, their spouses and family members, Guard and Reserve personnel, ROTC instructors, and recruiters better access to affordable higher education opportunities. Colorado subsequently established an ACME already fully recognized by DoD; Kansas is in the process of pursuing full recognition. North Carolina and New York are still committed to pulling comparable organizations together. Washington and California have agreed with DoD to do the same, as has a group of states in the center of the nation that have designated themselves the Midwest Regional ACME.

Expansive Involvement

So who should belong to these ACMEs? The short answer is anyone or entity within a state or region who can contribute to the educational well-being of our service members and their families.

The long answer merely expands on that concept. Each Education Officer from each of the installations within a state or regional should obviously be a participant. They have a professional obligation to make a viable education available to the broader DoD family. On-base and home campus leadership of colleges and universities providing an on-base academic program should participate as well. Public and private institutions off-base that enroll or wish to enroll personnel from the installation should be invited to participate. Senior military leadership from the installations involved should also be key players; by all means, commanding generals and state Adjutant Generals or their key staff should be involved. Senior-level contacts within the governor’s office and the state legislature responsible for higher education issues should also be players.

No one who has a valid professional interest in the higher educational well-being of our Armed Services should be turned away.

Collaboration the Key

ACMEs from across the country approached DoD and asked the DoD Chief of Voluntary Education to assist them in finding a national home that would provide them a common base for professional interaction and planning. This national home had to be attuned to the mission and goals of the ACMEs. The home also had to be able to provide an organizational platform, professional participation, conferencing capabilities, and meeting and training opportunities the ACMEs could not field separately on their own.

After approaching a handful of professional education associations, DoD recommended and brokered an agreement for CCME to provide a platform for that type of synergy. CCME agreed to provide the national setting the ACMEs were seeking, facilitate professional interaction for ACME leadership and membership, and to provide a forum for professional development opportunities for ACME leaders and members.

Resounding Success

The first example of the success of this collaborative synergy manifested itself at CCME’s most recent conference in Monterey California. And it was a resounding success. Ms. Debbie Wiggins, the ACME-elected liaison on the CCME Board, and Mr. J.J. Jones, former CCME president and CCME-appointed liaison to the ACMEs, worked together to ensure the needs of the ACMEs were met to a tee.

Debbie Wiggins and DoD hosted a meeting for ACME presidents, which outlined the new collaborative partnership the ACMEs were crafting with CCME. In that new relationship, the ACMEs will piggy-back off of the annual CCME conference, which will provide meeting space for a combined ACME state presidents’ planning session, a general session of ACME participants, presentation of a special professional development session ACME leadership will select, and individual state or regional ACME meetings if and when needed.

The ACME liaison to the CCME Board will work closely with the state ACMEs and the CCME conference chair to determine canva’s, survey and identify ACME leadership’s, membership’s and organization’s professional development needs, using those findings to develop program proposals for concurrent sessions and training opportunities at the annual ACME meetings hosted by CCME.

The ACME representative to CCME will work with the various state ACMEs in forming a conference subcommittee that will work closely with CCME to determine the conference needs of the ACMEs and the constituencies they serve. The subcommittee will establish the agenda for the ACME meetings held in conjunction with CCME, arrange for its own speakers, and work with CCME conference planners to arrange for ACME meeting space and equipment requirements.

In addition to the Presidents’ meeting, ACME sessions at Monterey included a presentation by DoD representatives which outlined how to form an ACME in states with high concentrations of military personnel, where ACMEs had not yet been formed. Another DoD presentation, hosted by a DoD expert in state liaison techniques, familiarized ACME leaders with the contacts, information, techniques and skills necessary to more effectively engage with governors, legislatures, state higher education authorities so they could better realize the higher education needs of military personnel and their families in the states the ACMEs represent.

Continued DoD Commitment

To ensure these collaborative relationships have every opportunity to unfold in a coherent manner conducive to needs of military personnel seeking higher education opportunities, as well as the ACMEs, CCME and DoD, which are focused on meeting those needs, the Department of Defense has made a long term commitment to ACME and CCME leadership to remain involved in the formative relationship of this dynamic partnership.

DoD Voluntary Education leadership is committed to working with states to form new ACMEs when requested. We will visit and make presentations to proactively engaged ACMEs on a rotational basis to the fullest extent possible. We will participate in and contribute to the professional development opportunities that ACME conference committees organize for ACME leadership at the CCME conferences. We want the ACMEs to continue to be resounding successes and will work closely with the ACME liaison to CCME and the CCME liaison to the ACMEs to ensure that is the case.

The Next Step: San Francisco

That brings us to the next national ACME meeting, scheduled in concert with the 2008 CCME symposium in late February 2008. A series of ACME meetings will be scheduled there as promised. ACME presidents will convene to plan out year conference agenda items and discuss other items of common interest. DoD will host a session for organizing chairs of formative or provisional state ACMEs to provide them strategy for involving key players across their states in standing up ACMEs in their individual states. We will work with new ACME leadership to ensure that key players from across these ACMEs are invited to this session as well.

We will also work closely with the ACME liaison to CCME to flesh out a professional development opportunity that focuses on current needs of ACME leadership nationwide. Other sessions will be provided as determined by those of you proactively participating in shaping the future of this very important effort. See you in San Francisco.

Gary A Woods / Director, DoD Educational Opportunities / May 2007
CCME Award Nominations (Due October 1, 2007)

The CCME President presents several awards during the CCME annual symposium banquet, recognizing outstanding contributions and accomplishments of its members. The CCME Executive Board is inviting nominations for the following awards to be presented during the 2008 symposium.

- **The John Brian Service and Leadership Award** – presented to an employee of any branch of the United States Armed Forces who is directly involved in the delivery of voluntary off-duty education programs on a military installation.

- **The William E. Kennedy Award** – presented to an employee of an institution offering a program of instruction at one or more military installations.

- **The CCME President’s Award** – presented to an individual or organization making a significant contribution that advanced the cause of military education.

- **The CCME Corporate Award** – presented to an organization in recognition of its significant contributions to the cause of military education.

- **The CCME Institution Award** – presented to an educational institution to recognize its significant contributions to the cause of military education.

*Please complete the form below for each nomination of an individual or organization for any of these awards.*

Nominations are due by October 1, 2007.

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**CCME Awards Nomination Form**

Check for which award the individual/organization is being nominated:

- [ ] The John Brian Service and Leadership Award
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- [ ] The CCME President’s Award
- [ ] The CCME Corporate Award
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**Nominator Information**

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Name of individual/organization being nominated: ____________________________________________________________________________________________

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Brief description of why this individual/organization is deserving of recognition: ________________________________________________________________

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Call for Scholarship Applications for CCME 2008

Scholarship Award Nominations - CCME awards scholarships on an annual basis and we look to you to help identify and nominate service members who are interested in submitting an essay. Detailed information on applying for a scholarship award is posted on the CCME Web site at www.ccmeonline.org.

This year CCME is proud to announce that we will be offering scholarships to ten spouses of uniformed service members.

Applications should be submitted through the CCME Website and any questions directed to Doug Barr at dbarr@nu.edu or phoned to 619.563.7481.

The deadline for applications is September 17, 2007 so please, encourage your service members and spouses to write in soon!

CCME was proud to award scholarships to the following service members at the 2007 Symposium in Monterey, CA:

1. PO1 Clyde Adams - U.S. Navy
2. SrA Aaron Blalack - U.S. Air Force
3. AN Jason French - U.S. Navy
4. PO3 Nora Holmes - U.S. Navy
5. PO2 Kevin Johnson - U.S. Coast Guard
6. PFC Michael O’Connell - U.S. Army
7. PO2 Jennifer Stubbefield - U.S. Coast Guard
8. SSgt Sarah Taylor-Jones - U.S. Air Force
9. SSGT Isaac Detrinidad - U.S. Marine Corps
10. HN Elizabeth Adams - U.S. Navy

The 2008 CCME Symposium will be held in San Francisco, CA.
February 18-21, 2008

The room block for CCME 2008 San Francisco is now open!

The block begins on Sunday, February 17 and extends through Thursday, February 21st.

Symposium Hotel Information
- Reservations: Direct Number – (415) 442-6170, Toll-free 1 (800) 228-9290
- 13 mi SE of San Francisco Airport: subway $5.15 each way, taxi $40 each way
- 19 mi NW of Oakland Airport: subway $3.35 each way, taxi $51 each way
- 45 mi NW of San Jose Airport: taxi $167 each way
- Hotel Parking: on-site $11/hr, $50 daily; valet $50 daily
- High speed internet: $13 daily, includes unlimited local and long-distance phone calls within the US
- Complimentary Fitness Center: Spa services – $5 usage fee
- Non-Military Room Rate: $219; Marriott accepts prevailing government rate at time of symposium with valid identification.
Concurrent Sessions Call for Papers

The theme for the 2008 CCME Annual Symposium is “Globalization of Voluntary Education: Best Practices.” We want to hear your perspectives on ways in which education is being shaped by global processes and encourage you to actively participate in the 2008 Symposium by submitting a proposal for a concurrent session.

Deadline for submission is September 28, 2007. For information about concurrent sessions please contact Joycelyn Groot, Concurrent Sessions Chair, at jgroot@coastline.edu.

To find further information and submit a proposal online please visit http://www.ccmeonline.org/concurrent_overview.asp

Discover San Francisco neighborhoods on foot!

If you want to know more about San Francisco, its history, architecture, legends and lore, we suggest you start with a City Guides walking tour.

City Guides, founded in 1978 is a non-profit organization with more than 200 trained volunteers who lead FREE history and architectural walking tours in San Francisco. Join us for a walk along the streets, sidewalks, and byways of America’s most beautiful — and fascinating — city!

City Guides volunteers research, develop, organize, and lead free walking tours in San Francisco’s most famous (or, in some cases, infamous) districts, as well as in some of its more hidden neighborhoods. Walks last from 1-1/2 to 2 hours.

For more information and a complete tour listings please visit www.sfcityguides.org.

CCME Board Positions

Nominations are open for Assistant Secretary, VP for Institutions and President-Elect. You can submit nominations online at www.ccmeonline.org. Descriptions of officers’ duties can be reviewed at www.ccmeonline.org under Article V of the bylaws link. The nominations will be available for all members to view prior to the 2008 Symposium at www.ccmeonline.org/public_nominations.asp. If you submit a nomination, please take a look at the nominations list to make sure your nomination was received. If you submit a nomination and it is not listed, please notify Larry Dempsey through the link provided at the bottom of the nominations list.

Please submit all nominations by October 26, 2007.

Sponsorship Opportunities

Planning is underway for the 2008 CCME Symposium. Previous year’s sponsors will be contacted soon regarding the opportunity for sponsorship at the 2008 Symposium.

Sponsorships range from Platinum ($5000) to Bronze ($500). There are several other promotional advertising opportunities available also.

Sponsors reach many decisions-makers that they would not usually see on a day-to-day basis. They increase their visibility and name recognition. Please consider one of the sponsorship opportunities to leave your mark on the minds of decision-makers in the military voluntary education and higher education community.

For more information, please contact Valerie Halseth at valerie.halseth@andrews.af.mil or 301-981-4315.
2007 CCME Membership dues are now past due. This is your opportunity to join or rejoin CCME for 2007. The Membership Application is below:

Please Print or type:

**Individual Dues:**
- Service Members: quantity: _____@ $35.00 $__________
- Institutions and others: quantity: _____@ $50.00 $__________

**Institutional Dues**
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