To the Membership:

It's hard to believe that summer has come and gone and that fall is now upon us. Fall brings cooler weather and a change of seasons often accompanied by a renewed enthusiasm and sense of refreshed spirit. In this light, we hope you are looking forward to San Francisco as much as we all are. As you're looking ahead to your winter plans, we hope you set the time aside to join us at the 2008 CCME Symposium in San Francisco, February 18-22. Whether you're interested in culture and art, museums and history or would rather enjoy a bowl of clam chowder alongside Fisherman's Wharf, you will be able to find whatever you desire in San Francisco. With streets lined with stores and restaurants, there is never a shortage of places to walk or things to do. If you prefer the more scenic route without having to huff and puff up the most crooked street in the world (Lombard Street), there are street cars on every corner. Just a short drive away, you can get away from it all and enjoy the quiet streets of Sausalito. Despite all the enticements of the city, you might not be able to tear yourself away from the conference with all that we have planned for you.

The Council of College and Military Educators continues to be one of the primary events of the year for professional development and networking. It doesn't matter if you're a first time attendee or if you could recite every conference location from years past, there are countless ways to connect with other people in your field and learn a little more about the side of Military Voluntary Education that you may still have questions about. There is no better place to combine the wisdom and experience of our long-standing attendees with the enthusiasm and creativity of our newcomers. If you have been coming over the years, we are grateful for your loyalty and hope, not only that you continue to come and enrich our program, but also that you invite others to join you. We want to provide an environment rich for nurturing mentorship and developing the next generation of military educators. It has always been a priority within CCME to honor all stages of this profession which is why we hope our discounted retiree rate will encourage those of you to continue to join us in years to come. Our goal is not that you would come to the symposium once and leave thinking that you learned a little, met some people, had some fun and are on your way back to the office. Rather, our hope and intention is that you learn of developments that will impact the way you work after you leave, that you will meet people and continue to brainstorm ideas that were sparked during the week, and that you look forward to reconnecting the next year.

Now is the time to register. We just released the invitations for those of you who have attended in the past. In the invitation, there is an option to invite other people so please send out the invitation to anyone you think would benefit from the symposium. If you did not receive an invitation, you can find the link to our new online registration on the CCME website, www.ccmeonline.org. The Board is hard at work, gathering our concurrent sessions, organizing the exhibit spaces and rallying for sponsors. If you have an idea, a product or are part of an organization that you would like others to know about, we’re accepting proposals for concurrent sessions. If you would like to exhibit, we’re in the process of assigning spaces and if you’re looking for another way to get involved, sponsorships are also available for various amounts. Also remember that we have extended our scholarship opportunities to include 10 available scholarships for military and our new addition of 10 scholarships for spouses as well. Please nominate anyone that you think might be an appropriate recipient. In other words, there are a number of ways to participate and we hope you will start thinking about how you’d like to get involved. We look forward to continuing our relationship or to starting new ones in San Francisco and in the years to come!

Louis Martini
President
Council of College and Military Educators

“Globalization of Voluntary Education: Best Practices”

The 2008 CCME symposium will be held in San Francisco, CA.
February 18-22, 2008
Mark Your Calendars!

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Marine Corps Community Services presents Lifelong Learning Scholarships

Lance Cpl. James M. Mercure
Jet Stream Staff

Marine Corps Community Services-South Carolina and its partners presented seventeen $500 scholarships to Tri-Command Marines, sailors and military family members. The Marine Corps Lifelong Learning Program presented the scholarships to applicants who attend college, have at least a 2.0 grade point average and have submitted an essay explaining why they should receive the scholarship. “We give these scholarships to reward our members and encourage the use of the Lifelong Learning Program,” said C. David Ellard, the Education Services Officer for the Air Station and Marine Corps Recruit Depot Parris Island. The Marine Corps-wide program brings professors from around the country to the base or station making it easier for service members to attend college. “We provide personal and professional learning opportunities to the Marine Corps community,” Ellard said. “The money to fund these scholarships comes from the local colleges,” said Karen Bird, an education technician for Parris Island. “The colleges pay a percent of the tuition they receive back to the Lifelong Learning Program.” “This is another example of how the military community and the Beaufort community work together,” said Col. Robert Lanham, the commanding officer of the Air Station. Despite the busy lives of Tri-Command’s Marines, sailors and civilians, many choose to attend college. Those who do may apply for Lifelong Learning scholarships. “We’re really proud of all the recipients,” said Lanham. “They all have full lives on top of going to school and that’s a tremendous accomplishment.” There are many opportunities for individual scholarships to help pay for college expenses available throughout the year from different organizations who participate in the Lifelong Learning Program, according to Ellard. “It’s easy to get a scholarship,” Ellard said. “This money is free to help you with your education.”

Okinawa Marine Base Libraries Earn Esteemed Award

Desiree Butts
USMC Lifelong Learning

The Federal Library and Information Center Committee (FLICC) named the Camp Butler Library the Federal Library and Information Center of the Year for 2006. The Camp Butler Library is recognized for its superior efforts and service to their customers. In addition to serving more than 50,000 patrons, offering 500 individual programs, and maintaining eight branch libraries, the Camp Butler Library received a 98% customer satisfaction rating and boosted customer use by 14%. Congratulations to the Camp Butler Library for your admirable achievements and commendable efforts. This award is well deserved.

CCME Board Officer Positions Open for Nominations

Serving on the CCME Board is a great way to show your support for military education programs. Please consider nominating someone for the open positions.

Nominations can be submitted online at www.ccmeonline.org. Click the “Symposia News" link and then the “Board Nominations” link.

The deadline for nominations is Oct 26, 2007.

Duties of the Officers:

President-Elect (One year term)
•Perform duties of the President in the absence of the President
•Assume the office of the President if the office of the President becomes vacant
•Work closely with the President and act in any capacity requested by the President consistent with these bylaws
•Serve as chairman of the Program committee for the annual symposium
•Coordinate the program for the annual symposium in close consultation with the President and Program committee
•Be one of the Officers authorized to sign the Council’s checks
•Have served in another capacity on the Executive Board prior to running for the office of President-Elect

Vice President for Institutions (Two year term)
•Be a representative of a civilian college or university
•Perform the duties of the President-Elect in his/her absence when this office of the President-Elect is held by an institutional representative
•Assume the office of the President-Elect when this office shall become vacant and when the office of the President-Elect is held by an institutional representative
•Maintain the bylaws of the Council and serve in any other capacity requested by the President
(In case of an emergency and the office of the Vice President Institutional Liaison shall become vacant, the President shall appoint a new Vice President Institutional Liaison with the advice and consent of the Executive Board)

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•Assist the Secretary in recording minutes of all meetings of the Council
•Assist the Secretary in maintaining the correspondence of the Council as directed by the President
•Perform the duties of the Secretary in the Secretary’s absence
•Assume the Office of the Secretary in case of an emergency and the Office of the Secretary shall become vacant
(In case of an emergency and the Office of the Assistant Secretary shall become vacant, the President shall appoint a new Assistant Secretary with the advice and consent of the Executive Board)
NOW IS THE TIME TO REGISTER FOR THE 2008 CCME SYMPOSIUM!!!

When: Monday, February 18th from 7:00 AM to Thursday, February 21st 11:00 PM
Pacific Time Zone
Where: San Francisco Marriott
55 Fourth Street
San Francisco, CA 94103
USA
Attire: Business Casual
Fee: Event Registration
Attendee: $290 for a limited time ($360 original price)
Exhibitor: $1,040 (includes one registrant)
Guest: $50
Retiree: $50
One Day Registration
Guest: $50
One Day: $100

VIEW THE INVITATION AND REGISTER ONLINE AT WWW.CCMEEONLINE.ORG
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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 1½ to 2 hours.

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