To The Membership:

The year came to a close faster than most of us probably expected and as many of you are getting back to work after the Christmas break, your CCME board is also in high gear. Planning for the 2008 San Francisco Symposium is, and has been, in full swing as we prepare to bring you another successful event. Updates about the agenda, concurrent sessions, this year’s speakers as well as information on sponsorships and exhibits can be found on the website. Our host city of San Francisco also has many exciting opportunities so be sure to allow time to explore while you’re in town. Given our response at the hotel, I suspect many of you have planned to do just that! If you’ve tried to reserve a room at the Marriott recently, you probably found out that we filled up the hotel already. As encouraging as this enthusiastic response is for us, we realize that it has resulted in some concern for those of you without rooms yet. Don’t worry, we have already secured another block of rooms at the Hilton; additional information can be found in this newsletter and on the CCME website.

Now that you have your rooms reserved, don’t forget to register for the conference! With our new online registration process, you can register directly from the link on the CCME website. In addition to the registration process, there have been a number of other changes this year. In our effort to guide CCME in the direction you are asking for, the Board has decided to outsource some of the tasks that would otherwise occupy much of our time and focus. As the organization grows, we want to ensure that the Symposium runs smoothly and continues to provide the same opportunities it always has. In order to do this and still be able to tackle those issues that you have come to expect from the organization, we decided it best to hand some of the details of planning into the capable hands of Event Promotions Plus (EPP). The Board will still be intimately involved in the planning of the Symposium but having this assistance will allow us to focus on not only planning a spectacular event but also on continuing to enact change and make strides within the military voluntary education community. We understand that there may be a few bumps as we make the switch from an event that is managed entirely in house to a more professionally handled event. If you encounter any difficulties or confusion along the way, please contact any one of the board members as we are working together to make this as seamless as possible.

Ultimately, the changes within the organization are reflective of our growth which is truly a testament to your involvement and to your passion to work within the very honorable profession of educating our servicemembers. We hope that we can continue to work together to present a united front, representative of military, education, corporations and the service men and women themselves. As my term of President comes to a close, I want to thank you for your continued support of CCME as well as your commitment to seek out more effective and more efficient means of serving in this field. I look forward to seeing all of you in San Francisco.

Louis Martini
President
Council of College and Military Educators

“Our Host City of San Francisco also has many exciting opportunities...”
Overflow
Hotel Information

The block of guest rooms at the special rate for the Council of College & Military Educators at the Hilton San Francisco, February 15-22, 2008 is now available for booking. Reservations may be made via telephone or online.

Telephone
If you are requesting the conference rate of $229.00, call Hilton Reservations Worldwide at 1.800.445.8667 (1.800.HILTONS), and ask for the “Council of College & Military Educators” rate and mention the group code “CME.”

If you are to receive the Government per diem rate, call Hilton Reservations Worldwide at 1.800.445.8667 (1.800.HILTONS), and ask for the CCME Military rated room and group code “CMG.”

If attendees need to cancel their individual room, a 72 Hr. (3 day) notice is required for cancellation without penalty.

Guests can also call the Hilton Bay Area Regional Reservations desk at 415.771.1400, and choose option “1” for “Reservations.” Reservations may also be made on-line by following these easy steps:

2. Search for the Hilton San Francisco by entering the city and state.
3. Click on the Hilton San Francisco link (OR if you want to bypass steps 1 and 2, go to www.sanfrancisco.hilton.com which is the direct website link).
4. Type in desired dates on the right hand side of the screen in the “Check Availability” tab and click “Go.”
5. Guests can choose their arrival/departure dates and bedding preferences. Under “Special Accounts” guests can enter the group code in the box next to “Group/Convention Code.”
6. Then guests can continue through the reservation process of seeing the guestroom rate and booking the room.

To cancel a room at the Marriott or Hilton, contact:
Misty Isak, Associate Director of Military Education
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The 2008 CCME symposium will be held in San Francisco, CA.

Information:
Reservations: Direct (415) 442-6170 Toll free: 1(800) 228-9290

Distances and rates:
13 mi N of San Francisco Airport via Subway $5.15 each way or Taxi $40 each way
19 mi NW of Oakland Airport via Subway $3.35 each way or Taxi $51 each way
45 mi NW of San Jose Airport via Taxi $167 each way

Non-Military Room Rate: $219.00
Marriott accepts prevailing government rate at time of symposium with valid identification.

Fee’s and various charges:
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

VIEW THE INVITATION AND REGISTER ONLINE AT:
WWW.CCMEONLINE.ORG
Servicemembers Opportunity Colleges (SOC) invites SOC Degree Network System college representatives to participate in a “Burning Issues” Summit on Monday, February 18, 2008, 10:00 am - 12:30 pm as a pre-conference event for the Council of College and Military Educators (CCME) Annual Symposium in San Francisco, CA.

Purpose of the “Burning Issues” Summit is to provide college representatives with an opportunity to identify THE major concerns and hot topics related to military voluntary education from the academic institution vantage point. During the summit we encourage honest discussion of institutional issues and concerns — what the high priority or “hot button” issues are on your campuses.

We envision this summit as an opportunity to identify potential solutions, exchange success stories and best practices, explore partnering opportunities, and hopefully generate policy resolutions or recommendations that will be communicated with DOD Continuing Education Programs and Voluntary Education Service leadership. It is not intended as a gripe or complaint session; rather a productive dialog of issues and concerns with viable solutions.

The summit meeting format will include problem identification, key issue prioritization, break-out focus groups to address common college concerns/issues and generate potential strategies and solutions on specific topics. We look forward to an open and earnest dialog and discussion of institutional issues and concerns.

In order for SOC to prepare for the “Burning Issues” Summit on Monday, February 18, we ask that you RSVP for the event with the attached registration form.
SOC Degree Network System
Pre-conference to CCME Symposium
Monday, Feb. 18, 2008  10:00am - 12:30pm

Institution Information:

Name: 

Mailing Address: City State ZIP

Attendee No. 1 Information:

Name: Title 

Phone E-mail

Attendee No. 2 Information:

Name: Title 

Phone E-mail

Please mail this form to: Sonja S. Ferguson
Servicemembers Opportunity Colleges
1307 New York Ave., 5th Flr. Washington, DC 20005-4701
Information is posted on the SOC Web site at http://www.soc.aascu.org/ if additional space is needed, please add an additional page containing the requested information.

Questions, call: (800) 368-5622 or (202) 667-0079.

fax registration: fax (202) 667-0622
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To view the Concurrent Sessions program, the updated Symposium agenda and scheduled auxiliary meetings, check the CCME Website at: http://guest.cvent.com/EVENTS/Info/Agenda.aspx?e=096b4068-2c8c-46e7-a08b-c67ef0208707

**EXHIBITION**

**Sign-up now!**

**CCME is in the process of assigning exhibitor spaces.**

It’s Not Too Late!
You can still sign-up to exhibit

Call: 609-754-5343

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**ATTENTION:**

**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.CCMEONLINE.ORG

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Pre-conference State ACME meetings will take place on Sunday, February 17 and Monday, February 18, 2008. A reception and ACME meeting for ACME Board Members and Education Services Officers will be held immediately following the last session of the CCME Symposium on Tuesday, February 19, 2008 from 4:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

**To reserve a meeting space**
For your State ACME meeting on Sunday, Feb 17 or Monday, Feb 18
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Top 10 things to do in San Francisco:
This list includes the most popular attractions and activities in San Francisco. It is based on a survey done by the Convention and Visitors Bureau; they are all within either walking distance or a short taxi ride from the hotel.

1. Fisherman’s Wharf:
   On Jefferson St. between Powell and Hyde

2. Pier 39:
   San Francisco waterfront off The Embarcadero between Grant and Stockton

3. Ghirardelli Square:
   West end of Fisherman’s Wharf

4. Golden Gate Bridge:
   West side of San Francisco on US 101

5. Alcatraz:
   in the San Francisco bay, boats leave from Pier 33

6. Union Square:
   Bounded by Geary, Powell, Post and Stockton

7. Chinatown:
   8 blocks along Grant and Stockton (Chinese Cultural Center at 555 Montgomery Street, 16th Floor, Suite 1650, San Francisco, CA 94111)

8. Lombard St:
   A few blocks uphill from Ghirardelli Square, crooked part between Hyde and Leavenworth St.

9. Coit Tower:
   1 Telegraph Hill Blvd
   San Francisco, CA

10. San Francisco Museum of Modern Art
    151 Third Street
    (between Mission and Howard Streets)

For information about maps, public transportation and restaurants around the Marriott, please visit the Concierge desk in the Marriott lobby or call the Marriott at 415-896-1600 and ask for the Concierge desk. For more information about the arts, theater, restaurants, music, shopping and other events in San Francisco, visit San Francisco’s City Guide at www.sfstation.com.