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It is my pleasure to serve as the first CCME President representing the U.S. Army Continuing Education System (ACES) in the history of our long legacy of bringing together the academic and military communities.

Throughout the many years that I have served on the Board, I’ve witnessed the commitment that our college and military representatives have made to CCME, ensuring its continued growth and development and helping to creating a robust membership.

This year, we set sail for Hawaii, to the Island of Oahu—the Military hub of the Pacific and Asia.

So why pick a place like Hawaii, you might ask? It’s simple! Hawaii contains the highest density of Joint Forces and component headquarters for its size in the world.

With an area of responsibility covering over fifty percent of the world’s surface and sixty percent of its population, the PACOM area of responsibility represents one of the nation’s greatest and most diverse challenges to continuing education of Servicemembers and their Families.

The education of today’s military, forces each of us to embrace a changing landscape of adult continuing and lifelong education.

The emergency of technology trends in an era where many are mobilized or deployed presents new challenges for getting the education in the right place at the right time.

The military Family endures as iconic as apple pie and baseball—epitomizing the presence of self sacrifice for the benefit of the many.

We focus this year on the commitment and sacrifices of our military men and women and their Families—our heroes, who force us to think outside of our traditional classrooms to technologic solutions that embrace distance while providing flexible content.

Our heroes bring forth challenges we’ve never faced before as they transform in their resiliency and transition their lives.

Our wounded military men and women in transition face one of their greatest challenges—to adapt to a new way of living and to find the resiliency they need to heal, to grow and to transform.

Our academic and military communities have risen to embrace these heroes and their Families, offering redesigned educational opportunities, mentoring programs, flexible learning solutions and a renewed focus on collaboration and experiential learning.

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Partnerships and best practice models never before imagined are suddenly emerging.

That same stretch of the imagination has demonstrated itself in the delivery of education programs that embrace and support Spouses, Family Members and Dependents.

Never before have the academic and military communities seen the rate of change in educational benefits we’ve witnessed these past few years; from the New GI Bill, to Spouse tuition assistance programs, career advancement accounts and new scholarships that place a renewed focus on post-secondary, vocational and training opportunities for Servicemembers and Families.

We selected this year’s theme for CCME because it draws attention to the academic and military Family that is the lifeblood of this organization.

It’s all about the people, not the content.

CCME is more than an annual symposium, it has become an opportunity for higher education and the military to collaborate and embrace one another.

Like you, we are dedicated to leading CCME to the new frontier that it has been preparing for.

Our membership is at an all time high; symposium planning that once took only a few people a few days, now takes an entire committee many, many months.

The days of individuals single-handedly planning the annual Symposium are long gone and have been replaced with a dedicated Event Planner; a robust registration system; contracts to support the exhibit hall and sponsorships; as well as a dedicated Treasurer backed by an accounting and investment firm.

We are formulating a stronger foundation for CCME so that it remains ready to support our military and academic community by growing in its resiliency and transformation.

Come see what the new CCME has to offer this year in Hawaii! Join us at the Waikiki Beach Marriott Resort and Spa for the 2009 CCME Symposium, 26–29 January 2009.

Make your reservations now by calling toll free at 800.367.5370. Please ask for the CCME room block when you call. See you in Hawaii!

Aloha!
M. Kathleen Connolly
President
Council of College and Military Educators

Award Nominations

The President of the Council of College and Military Educators (CCME) presents several awards during the CCME Annual Symposium Awards Banquet, recognizing outstanding contributions to military education. The CCME Awards Committee is now inviting the submission of award nominations.

Submit your nominations by going to Award Nominations. Award criteria and the nomination application can be found under the “awards/scholarships” section of the website. Questions regarding CCME Awards should be directed to Ginny Newman at Penn State (phone: 814.865.6016 or email: gan1@psu.edu). Nominations are due by September 1, 2008. To view a listing of the 2008 award recipients, visit the CCME website.

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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.
Barry Cobb Government Organization Award – presented to a government entity in recognition of outstanding contributions made to military education.

The CCME Institution Award – presented to a college or university in recognition of its significant contributions to 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 President’s Award – presented to an individual or organization making a significant contribution that advanced the cause of military education.

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**Arts and Culture**

The Island of Oahu is the heart of Hawaii’s cultural and art scene. Oahu celebrates the cultures of Hawaii through music, dance, fine arts, and theater - from outstanding international touring groups and exhibits to inspired homegrown arts - reflecting the island’s multiculturalism and rich history. Oahu’s rich Hawaiian culture and multi-ethnic heritage, coupled with sophistication from being the center of the Pacific - where east meets west though Aloha - truly makes this Hawaiian island a treasure. Discover this hidden gem of the Pacific and be enriched by the people who make Oahu a special place.

**What can I do on Oahu?**

- Take a surfing lesson on Waikiki Beach
- Watch world-class surfers charge the big waves on the North Shore
- Pay your respects at the USS Arizona Memorial at Pearl Harbor
- Marvel at the American Florentine architecture of Iolani Palace
- Dress up and experience downtown nightlife and art galleries

Today, Waikiki is a vibrant gathering place for visitors from around the world. Along the main strip of Kalakaua Avenue you’ll find world-class shopping, dining, entertainment, and hospitality.

At legendary Waikiki Beach, a statue of Hawaiian hero Duke Kahanamoku welcomes you with open arms. Regarded as the “Father of modern surfing,” Duke grew up and surfed in Waikiki during the turn of the century. Discovered as a swimming sensation, the prodigious Duke won Olympic gold medals in the 100-meter freestyle in 1912 and 1920. The amiable Duke later went on to act in Hollywood and used his fame to spread the popularity of surfing and the spirit of aloha around the world.

From Hawaiian royalty to Hawaiian Regional Cuisine, Waikiki continues to be an evolving expression of the ancient spirit of aloha. On these famous shores, the past and the future are uniting in fresh and surprising ways.

**LUAU**

A luau is a traditional Hawaiian feast and no first trip to Hawaii is complete without attending one. Most luaus in Hawaii are catered towards visitors, so expect a grand celebration of food, entertainment, and learning about Hawaiian and Polynesian culture.

Bring your appetite since you'll be feasting on a magnificent Hawaiian spread of kalua pig (pork cooked in a traditional pit oven), lau lau (beef, pork, chicken, or fish steamed in ti leaves), and poi (Polynesian staple starch made of taro).

Listen to traditional and contemporary Hawaiian music and chants. Watch hula dancers tell beautiful stories of Hawaiana with their elegant and graceful movements. Many luaus also highlight greater Polynesia by featuring Samoan fire dancers and mesmerizing Tahitian dancers. If you’ve got the courage, you may even get the chance to dance the hula in front of your entire luau.

**Exhibit And Sponsorship Opportunities**

Planning is underway for the 2009 CCME Symposium. Previous year's sponsors and exhibitors will be contacted soon regarding the opportunity for exhibits and sponsorships at the 2009 Symposium.

Exhibitors and sponsors reach many decision makers that they would not usually see on a day-to-day basis. They increase their visibility and name recognition.

Sponsorships range from Platinum ($5000) to Bronze ($500). There are several other promotional advertising opportunities available also. 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 see the Exhibitor Application and the Sponsorship Form on the CCME webpage on the 2009 Symposium page.
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Board Office Open Positions

The nominations deadline is November 15, 2008

CCME is accepting nominations for officers to serve on our executive board for the next two years. You may nominate yourself or someone else. We are looking for enthusiastic and dedicated individuals with a variety of skills who are able to commit two years to help plan up-coming symposia and to tackle issues involving military education. The offices with their duties and requirements are below:

PRESIDENT-ELECT

- Must have served a minimum of two years as either an elected or appointed member of the board.
- Must be available to assume CCME leadership in the absence of the President.
- Must be willing to assume responsibility of preparing the program for the up-coming 2010 symposium.
- Must be available to serve as President the year after serving as President-Elect, conducting all board meetings and the general symposium for 2011.
- Serves in any other capacity requested by the President.

VICE-PRESIDENT (Military):

- Must have attended at least two CCME symposia within the past three years.
- Must currently work in military voluntary education.
- Serves as the liaison between CCME and the service chiefs for voluntary education issues on behalf of CCME
- Performs duties of the President-Elect in the absence of the President-Elect when the office is held by a military representative
- Performs the duties of planning and coordination of CCME Conference Agenda Planning with the VP of Institutions to prepare a draft outline of conference agenda items
- Acts as liaison to ACE, SOC, and DANTES with the VP for Institutions as it relates to current military educational issues.

SECRETARY-ELECT:

- Takes minutes of the Board meetings.
- Prepares and sends them to the Board members.
- Assumes Secretarial duties the second year, publicizing quarterly newsletters
- Serves in any other capacity requested by the President

We encourage you to run and/or nominate someone for these positions. If you self-nominate, please include a picture and a brief bio with your nomination. If you are nominated by someone else, you will be notified and asked if you wish to accept the nomination. If you accept, you will need to provide a picture and a brief bio for the symposium program.

If you have any questions about the positions please contact mebaneharrison@san.rr.com or telephone 619 435 7037. Pictures may also be sent to Mebane Harrison, 333 D Avenue#5, Coronado, CA 92118. You can access the nomination forms on the CCME site: http://www.ccmeonline.org. Click on Symposium news, Honolulu ’09, Board Elections.