President’s Letter: A Tribute to Gary Woods for Continuous Contributions to The Council of Colleges and Military Educators.

It is only fitting that I should start this letter to the membership by recognizing the outstanding contributions made by Gary Woods to the entity that we now call Council of College and Military Educators (CCME). Surely the success of the Council is directly proportional to Gary’s unwavering support throughout his many years in military education. Before CCME was formalized it was a collection of state and military members who came together to support the needs of the military and academia. Gary organized consistent support for the Californian Advisory Councils of Military Educators (ACME) chapter and enhanced the strength of all the at the state level ACME. Gary spearheaded the revitalization of the ACMEs throughout the regions and supported the development of a world-wide council that could address and respond to the ongoing needs of military and academic providers. He endorsed the professional link that gave military leaders visibility into the state academic issues and took those efforts forward to develop the first memorandum of agreement between the ACMEs and CCME. His efforts broke down barriers and helped to alleviate the academic silos within each state. As a visionary leader, he saw the criticality of collaboration and advocate for working together in support of our men and women in uniform. Gary carried forward the message of CCME and laid the foundation for what has become one of the strongest not-for-profit organizations supporting the military and academic needs of our Servicemembers and their Families.

The CCME has been fortunate to have the ongoing support and mentorship of Gary who has consistently rallied for the values of teamwork and ingenuity in the arena of military education. Throughout his long career of working and leading military education, Gary stands alone in the history of CCME as one of its greatest forces and most visionary inspirations. In his role as Director of Educational Opportunities in the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel Readiness, Gary championed efforts to bring continued focus and support to Voluntary Education, DANTES and Licensure and Certification with the Department of Labor. He was instrumental in laying the ground work for the initiative to field the Military Spouse Career Advancement Accounts that plowed the path in delivering educational opportunities to Military Spouses. Gary served as CCME President in 1981.

Gary epitomizes this year’s CCME Theme of Embracing Our Heroes; Strengthening Our World as

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In closing, I want to let you know that the CCME Board had an opportunity to meet onsite at the Hawaii Conference Center and the Waikiki Marriott Resort and Spa early this month. We were able to personally see the first-class accommodations for this year's Annual Conference as well as plan and review transportation, food menus and hotel accommodations. We are sure you will enjoy the beautiful setting of this year's conference, but more importantly the important and stimulating discussions brought to you by our outstanding membership in the form of concurrent sessions and invited guest speakers. There is still time to submit a concurrent session proposal and I encourage you to review the nominations that have been submitted for the vacant Board positions. You can find the applications for concurrent sessions and the nominations for vacant CCME Board positions on our website. We look forward to your participation in this year's conference and can't wait to see you in Hawaii!

M. Kathleen Connolly
President

DL Standards Panel Added

You Asked and We Listened! In response to a request from last years’ attendees at CCME, we are introducing DL Standards panel at this year’s CCME annual symposium in Hawaii. The panel titled: “Using Standards to Evaluate the Design Quality of Online Learning Programs” is scheduled for Tuesday during the lunch period, 1130-1300. A follow-up concurrent session discussion on the same topic is scheduled for Wednesday. The panel consists of the following members and will be moderated by: Dr. Lawrence C. Ragan, Director of Faculty Development at Penn State. Members of the panel include: Dr. Alan Davis, President, Empire State College, SUNY; Dr. Vernon Smith, Dean of Instruction, Rio Salado College; Dr. Bill Pepicello, President, The University of Phoenix; and Dr. Frank Mayadas, Program Director, Sloan Foundation. Please prepare to join us for this important discussion on Distance Education and Learning.
CCME Call for Scholarship Nominations

The President of the Council of College and Military Educators (CCME) presents several scholarships during the CCME Annual Symposium Awards Banquet, recognizing outstanding students in the military’s voluntary education program. This year’s Symposium is being held in Honolulu, Hawaii January 26-29, 2009. The CCME Scholarship Committee is now inviting the submission of scholarship nominations. Members of the CCME scholarship committee include Mebane Harrison – Navy College ESO (retired), Dr. Stephanie Robinson Ph.D. – Faculty / Military Spouse, Sam Bagwell – ESO Life Long Learning Center Henderson Hall, USMC and Douglas Barr (chair) – National University. Applications are being accepted in the following two scholarship categories: Active Military and Spouses of Active Military personnel.

Hawaii Must See:

1. LUAU:
   A Luau in Hawaii is a wonderful way to experience the culture of the region. Some good suggestions include Paradise Cove on the Leeward (West) side of the island in the Ko’Olina Resort. There are also longer options available at the Polynesian Cultural Center which offers a more family oriented experience and a much longer show. Information is available from any of the hotel concierge desks.

2. SUNSET AT KO’OLINA RESORT:
   Numerous coves and calm waters help accentuate the beautiful sunsets in Hawaii. One special location is the coves and beaches at the Ko’Olina Resort. There are hammocks available to make the event even more special.

3. BEACHES:
   The beaches throughout Hawaii are beautiful, but some local favorites include the Kailua/Lani Kai Beaches. These two beaches are next to one another on the Windward side of the island and are considered some of the most beautiful with white, soft sand. A recommendation for those driving is that no valuables be left in the vehicles as it is common for them to be broken into.

4. NORTH SHORE:
   The North Shore will be completely different from the Waikiki/Downtown Honolulu area and is definitely something to see. It’s very rural up there and is a big surfing area. There are a lot of different beaches, including “Turtle Beach” which is infamous for seeing turtles swimming right up to the shore. Waimea Bay is another popular beach that is worth going to. Dole Plantation is another place to stop while you’re there. Make time for the Pineapple Dole Whip, which is fantastic!

5. HANAU MA BAY:
   This is a nature preserve where tourists can snorkel and see all kinds of fish. It is fun and is highly recommended for every guest who visits the islands. Most Waikiki hotels may have a shuttle that goes there.

6. DIAMOND HEAD HIKE:
   This “hike” is basically an inclined paved path, which offers beautiful views. Hikers are in the sun throughout their trip, so going early may be a good idea. The climb through the big crater is about a mile and a half.

Concurrent Call for Proposals

Help us spread the word about how academe, corporations and federal organizations are embracing our heroes and their families through innovative educational programs and service partnerships. Share “Best Practices” that will engage conversation and promote community interests for all attendees.

The theme for the 2009 CCME Annual Symposium is Embracing Our Heroes Shaping Our World; Educating Servicemembers, Spouses and Families

Proposals can be submitted on line at CCME Concurrent Session Proposals from August 11 - October 18, 2008.

The demands placed today upon our military members and their families are unprecedented. According to the APA Presidential Task Force on Military Deployment Services for Youth, Families and Service Members dated February 2007, over 1.5 million troops have been deployed since September 11, 2001; 500,000 of them served at least two tours in a combat zone, 70,000 have been deployed three times and 20,000 have been deployed at least five times, leaving over 700,000 children in America with at least one parent deployed. As of August 2, 2008, 34,000 military have been physically wounded in action. The widespread psychological effects of this war will not be known for years to come. Undoubtedly, the military community needs our support.

We want to hear your perspectives on ways this population is being served and encourage you to actively participate in the 2009 Symposium by submitting a proposal for a concurrent session.
Some suggestions for this year's concurrent sessions are:

1. Achieving quality, equity and efficiency in higher education;
2. Innovative program outreach and delivery methods;
3. How to meet student aspirations and enhance motivation;
4. Introduction of new tools and technologies;
5. Federal, state and corporate programs for students and families with special needs.

The deadline for proposal submissions is Saturday, October 18, 2008. All presenters are expected to pay the CCME conference registration fee if attending the entire conference. Everyone who submits a proposal by the deadline will be eligible to win one free registration for the 2010 CCME conference. The winner will be determined in a random drawing. Proposals will be evaluated and selected based on the following criteria:

- Description and quality of content
- Adherence to conference theme and category
- Application of content to practice
- Engagement of the audience

Electronic submissions are required on the CCME conference website under the Concurrent Sessions drop down.

If you have any questions, please contact Linda Richardson, Concurrent Sessions Chair, linda.richardson2@mcguire.af.mil, Phone (609) 754-5343.

For problems or questions about this website contact us.

Sponsorship and Exhibit Opportunities

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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. Record attendance was set at the CCME 2008 Annual Symposium and Exhibition in San Francisco—nearly 1,000 registrants! The government paid over a billion dollars in tuition assistance in Fiscal Year (FY) 08 and will likely pay even more in FY 09! Vendors will continue to access this vital market at the CCME annual event!

Sponsorships range from Platinum ($5000) to Bronze ($500). There are several other promotional advertising opportunities available also. Currently available are sponsorships for the padfolios which will be included in every attendee’s registration bag; as well as key card sponsorship and bus sponsorship.

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.

Many exhibitors that participated in the CCME 2008 Annual Symposium have already reserved exhibit space for the CCME 2009 event. Renew important sales contacts, meet new prospects, plus retain your fair share of a vast marketplace. Early reservations have the advantage of preferred floor location.

Included with your space rental fee are several ancillary benefits:

- A link to your website on the CCME webpage
- Exhibitors will have access to over 700 professionals / key decision makers
- A comprehensive database of Symposium registrants will be made available exclusively to 2009 exhibitors
- Free full symposium registration included – one per booth (a $450 value)
- Earn valuable exhibit space preference points for future CCME exhibitions
- Optional lead retrieval service

An offer of an exhibit space assignment will be made based upon a neutral priority point system that takes into account: Number of years exhibiting, number of booths reserved each year, and sponsorship level, with the date an application is received by CCME show management serving as a tiebreaker.

For more information, please see the Exhibitor Application and the Sponsorship Form on the 2009 Symposium page on the CCME website.

Nominations Posted

Nominations for the open CCME Board positions have been received and are posted to the CCME website. Please take a moment to review the nominations for this year’s Board.
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Service Members quantity: _____@ $35.00 $__________
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