I hope everyone enjoyed a great summer and has settled into a successful fall semester. I met with the CCME Board earlier this month at the beautiful Hilton San Diego Bayfront (venue for the 2013 symposium) to discuss and finalize plans for our upcoming symposium to be held the last week of February.

I'm excited to share a dynamic agenda that is posted and will be regularly updated. The week will be filled with speakers, professional development sessions, and activities certain to expand your knowledge, excite your minds, and offer networking opportunities sure to generate ideas, initiatives and action plans that promote education and transition services for Service Members, Veterans, and their families.

The theme "Building Bridges to Success through Education for the Military Community" has generated a broader interest in CCME and the symposium. Historically, our members and attendees have primarily come from DoD and higher education institutions. This year, interest has expanded to veteran organizations and associations, employers and corporations, and transition resource organizations making for a robust event providing value to all attendees and our military/veteran guests.

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2013 CCME Symposium Fees
- Member: $400 (early bird) // $450 (regular) // $175 (1-day) // $350 (2-day)
- Nonmember: $450 (early bird) // $500 (regular) // $200 (1-day) // $400 (2-day)
- Banquet Guest: $100 // $25 for ages 5-12 // under age 5 free
- Early Bird pricing through 15 Jan 13

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**President’s Message Continued…**

We are hosting a Golf Tournament on Monday to raise funds for wounded warriors. Information about location, time and sponsorship opportunities will be available soon.

Concurrent sessions have been selected and are being scheduled on Wednesday and Thursday.

Some schedule changes from prior symposiums include the Awards Banquet being held on Wednesday night rather than Thursday, and the exhibit hall hours extended to 3 pm on Wednesday to provide local military students ample opportunity to visit. Every day provides professional speakers and panelists who are military focused and leaders in their fields.

Our symposium officially opens Monday night with the President’s reception, and this year is special. Not only are we celebrating 40 years of CCME dedication, but also 40 years of Servicemembers Opportunity Colleges. The evening will honor CCME Past Presidents and the Association of Adult Schools and Universities, with entertainment provided by Veteran Artists.

Register today! Early registration rates end January 15, 2013. Plan to stay from start to end. If you desire to be the best you can be in serving the needs of our military and Veterans, then San Diego is the place to be from February 25-28, 2013.

Peruse the website for registration, hotel reservations, Award nominations, and more. And keep coming back.

I look forward to seeing you.

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**Advisory Councils on Military Education**

CCME is a national outgrowth of the California College and Military Educators Association which was founded in 1972 to promote, encourage, and deliver quality education to all branches of the armed services. In addition to CCME’s national focus, there are several State Advisory Councils on Military Education (ACMEs) committed to addressing military education issues within their respective states.

**Upcoming Conferences**

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**Nominations for Awards**

Deadline Extended to November 9th!

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Proposed changes to the CCME Bylaws

1. The CCME Board recommends re-instating the President-Elect position to the CCME Executive Board. The change will occur in two phases over the next two years.

   **Phase 1:** (proposed as a bylaws change for the current 2012-2013 year)

   The Vice President-Elect position will be reduced from a four-year commitment to a two-year commitment beginning with the 2013 elections at the annual symposium in San Diego. The Vice President-Elect will serve a one-year term and then automatically become Vice President for another one-year term.

   **Phase 2:** (will be proposed as a bylaws change during the 2013-2014 year)

   The President-Elect position will be added to the ballot for the 2014 annual symposium. The President-Elect will serve a one-year term and then automatically become President for another one-year term, followed by one year as Immediate Past-President. Eligibility for President-Elect will include two years of prior service on the CCME Board in an elected or appointed position.

2. Symposium Event Manager position has been added to appropriate sections. The position was inadvertently omitted from some of the sections previously.

3. The Servicemembers Opportunity Colleges (SOC) Liaison has been added.

A vote of the membership will be taken at the 2013 CCME symposium in San Diego. Any comments regarding the proposed changes can be directed to Linda Frank, Immediate Past President at Linda.Frank@esc.edu.

2013 Vacant Board Positions

Two open CCME executive board officer positions will be filled through an election by the general membership at the 2013 CCME Symposium in San Diego.

- Vice President-Elect
- Secretary-Elect

**Vice President-Elect Duties:** (Pending final review and approval, the Vice President-Elect position will require a two-year commitment; one year as Vice President-Elect followed by one year as Vice President.)

- Co-Chairs the Agenda Planning Committee with the Armed Services liaison. Prepares a draft outline of conference agenda items to include theme, general sessions and related topics for submission to CCME Board for review and approval. Oversees coordination of general session speakers and panels.
- Acts as primary liaison to educational institutions on current military and education issues.
- Monitors the CCME membership chat room and facilitates online discussions.

**Secretary-Elect Duties:**

- Records and distributes minutes for all CCME Board meetings
- Assists Secretary with collection of bios and photos for all general session speakers
- Maintains standard operating procedures (SOP’s)
- Oversees CCME nominations and elections
- Maintains an annual Communication Plan to include activities related to the annual symposium.

**Note:** Government employees are not eligible to be elected unless doing so on their personal time. This is based on a legal restriction that prohibits government employees from being voting members of a non-governmental agency.

Nominations will be accepted through December 1, 2012 at http://www.ccmeonline.org/2013_board_nominations. If you have any questions, please contact Margaret Reed, Acting Secretary-Elect, mreed@webster.edu or by phone at 719-590-7340.

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EXHIBITOR SPACE INFORMATION

CCME 2013 Annual Symposium and Exhibition Update…

Planning is underway to ensure that CCME builds upon a legacy of offering an exemplary venue for industry to interact with a quality audience representing multiple veteran and military components including the leadership from all of the service branches worldwide.

The exhibit hall hours have been extended to 3 p.m. on Wednesday as the CCME Board is planning to host a keynote, activities and sessions of value to the local military community, and is outreaching to the local installations and veteran organizations encouraging their participation.

Enhancements to the CCME 2013 exhibit format also include scheduling multiple hosted food functions IN the exhibit hall, exclusive / segmented show hours to insure optimal floor traffic plus a key element… the exhibit hall is immediately adjacent to the plenary business sessions!


For details about a rapidly diminishing inventory of exhibit space plus unique high profile sponsorship opportunities, contact:

CCME Exhibit Management, c/o EXHIBIT PROMOTIONS PLUS, INC. ccme@epponline.com 410/997-0763, 301/596-3028, fax 410/997-0764