This year, the Department of Defense will be hosting their Worldwide Education Symposium and Expo 2012 (WW12) in Las Vegas, Nevada, July 23-27. WW12 will enhance and help formulate a strong agenda for the Council of College and Military Educators (CCME) 2013 Annual Symposium. With so many changes in higher education, new federal and state regulations affecting military and veteran education, and budget constraints impacting everyone, the timing of next year’s CCME symposium couldn’t be better.

Slated for February 25-28, 2013 at the Hilton San Diego Bayfront, the 2013 symposium represents CCME’s 40th anniversary and the theme is “Building Bridges to Success through Education for the Military Community.”

The CCME Board selected the “bridges” theme specifically with the objective of bridging together funding sources, programs, and services that support military education and transition. As such, we are looking to bring together experts, knowledge, information, and best practices related to military education. Some areas of interest include initiatives implemented by the Departments of Veterans Affairs (GI Bill, VRAP), Labor (gainful employment), Education (state authorization, standardized reporting, accreditation), Defense (MOU, 3rd Party Assessment), and very recently, the signing of Executive Order 13607, establishing principles of excellence for educational institutions serving service

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members, veterans, spouses and other family members.

In addition to new, revised, and re-examined guidelines and policies, there have also been federal and private resources dedicated to supporting the educational, employment and transitional needs of the military community.

I have heard it mentioned in various conversations and meetings that there aren’t enough resources being dedicated to helping our military with transition to civilian life. I would challenge that notion. There have been significant dollars invested in programs and services to serve our military and veterans, and many wonderful and exciting programs and services have been developed. However, keeping informed of these programs and resources has become challenging, not only for those of us in the business of educating and serving the military community, but more importantly, for the service members, veterans and their families.

We plan to generate a symposium agenda that creates, enhances, or redirects pathways to streamline knowledge and increase awareness. The more knowledge we have to share with our military-students at the point in time when they are seeking our guidance, the more effective we can be in helping them choose a path, reach their goals, and help them prepare for a more successful transition into employment. We must do a better job of providing clearer pathways to resources, careers, and employers.

Come join us in San Diego for CCME’s 2013 Annual Symposium. The agenda is already taking shape. In celebration of 40 years, we will be honoring all CCME past presidents, rocking a 70’s theme at the banquet, hosting Veteran artists and performances, offering qualified and motivational keynote and general session speakers, engaging expert panelists in areas of higher education and transition, and most importantly, providing a venue that is sure to challenge you, enlighten you, and help you and your institution or organization “be better” at serving the military community.

Let’s build and strengthen those bridges, together.

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Call for Concurrent Session Proposals

Help us spread the word about how academe, corporations and federal organizations are building bridges to success through innovative educational programs and service partnerships. Share your “Best Practices” that will engage conversation and promote community interests for all attendees.

The theme for the 2013 CCME Annual Symposium is "Building Bridges to Success through Education for the Military Community".

Proposals can be submitted online through September 21, 2012 at www.ccmeonline.org.

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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.)

a. 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.
b. Acts as primary liaison to educational institutions on current military and education issues.
c. Monitors the CCME membership chat room and facilitates online discussions.

**Secretary-Elect Duties:**

a. Records and distributes minutes for all CCME Board meetings
b. Assists Secretary with collection of bios and photos for all general session speakers
c. Maintains standard operating procedures (SOP’s)
d. Oversees CCME nominations and elections
e. Maintains an annual Communication Plan to include deadlines and 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 **November 30, 2012.** If you have any questions, please contact Megan Garland Tyler, Secretary-Elect, mgarland@ou.edu or by phone at (405) 325-4523.

Call for CCME Award Nominations

Nominations for the following awards are being accepted through October 1, 2012.

**John Brian Service and Leadership Award** - The nominee must be an employee of any branch of the United States Armed Services and must be directly involved in the delivery of voluntary off-duty education programs on a military installation.

**William E. Kennedy Award** - The nominee must be an employee of an institution offering a program of instruction at one or more military installations.

**CCME Corporate Award** - The nominee must be an organization directly involved in the support of voluntary off-duty education to the armed forces.

**CCME Institution Award** - The nominee must be an institution directly involved in the support of voluntary off-duty education to the armed forces.

**Barry Cobb Government Organization Award** - The nominee must be a government organization directly involved in the delivery of voluntary off-duty education programs to the military.

A list of past award recipients can be found at [http://www.ccmeonline.org/awards](http://www.ccmeonline.org/awards).

Call for CCME Scholarship Nominations

CCME is pleased to offer $1000 scholarships each year to United States Service members, spouses of Service members and Veterans who are working towards the completion of higher education degrees at CCME member institutions. Applications are available online and are being accepted through October 1, 2012. For the eligibility requirements see: [www.ccmeonline.org/scholarships](http://www.ccmeonline.org/scholarships). The application will be available when the application period opens. For questions about the CCME Scholarships, please email ccmescholarship@ccmeonline.org.
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

Over 100 exhibitors were on hand in Orlando last year.

Reserve your space today!

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- Sea World
- Legoland
- San Diego Zoo
- Stroll along the beach
- Take the harbor cruise
- Coronado Island
- Balboa Park
- Tour the USS Midway
- Relax in La Jolla
- Explore the Gaslamp Quarter
- Most importantly, check out the many keynote and concurrent sessions at the 2013 CCME Symposium!

San Diego’s famous Gaslamp Quarter is just steps away from the conference hotel.

CCME 2013: “BUILDING BRIDGES TO SUCCESS THROUGH EDUCATION FOR THE MILITARY COMMUNITY”