San Diego Symposium Agenda
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The Council of College and Military Educators (CCME) will host its annual symposium on March 26-29, 2018, at the Marriott Marquis Marina, in San Diego, CA.

Each year, the symposium allows colleges and universities, DOD and the military a platform for professional development and training across all sectors. This year’s theme is “Navigating Change: Transforming Challenges into Opportunities in Military & Veteran Education.” The symposium will also introduce several dynamic keynote speakers that will share their experience and commitment as military leaders.

The Symposium agenda will begin on Monday, March 26, with an array of meetings, including several state ACME meetings and a golf tournament hosted by AMU at Balboa Park Municipal Course (8:30 a.m. tee time).

New this year will be the Newcomer’s Orientation. If this is your first time attending CCME, join us for this special event on Monday. We will provide lunch and some information about the CCME organization and what to expect throughout the symposium that week.

Back by popular demand, we are continuing the Step Challenge, as we count our way to next year’s destination. Sign up now and bring your walking shoes! We will kick off the challenge Monday evening at the Symposium’s Social Hour and Grand Opening of the Exhibit Hall.

Tuesday, our President, Lane Huber, will welcome everyone as we begin a day filled with inspiration, knowledge and networking.

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Here is a brief glance at our agenda for the day:
• OSD Updates – Mr. Fred Drummond and Ms. Dawn Bilodeau
• CCME/ACME/Step Challenge updates – Ms. Kelly Wilmeth, Mr. Michael Midura and Ms. Joycelyn Groot
• Opening Keynote Speaker – Mr. Jason Tuschen, Command Master Chief (ret)/Navy Seal
• Scholarships and Awards Presentation
• Veterans Panel
• Concurrent Sessions #1 and #2

Wednesday, we will Step It Up, as we continue to enjoy the Symposium with:
• General Session Speaker – Command Master Chief Jason Torey, Navy Seal (Exe Leader)
• A full day of Concurrent Sessions (#3 – #7)
• Networking Reception

Thursday will conclude the Symposium, but not before a wealth of knowledge and training is delivered.
• Keynote Speaker – Mr. Remi Adeleke, Former U.S. Navy Seal
• CCME Updates – Step Challenge Awards
• Corporate Hiring Panel
• VA Updates
• Service Chief Updates
• Closing Remarks

Participants will also have multiple opportunities to choose from more than 70 different engaging topics during the Concurrent Session portion of the symposium. These small group forums are designed to facilitate the exchange of information on educational programs, strategies and innovation that assist service members and veterans to achieve academic and career success.

In support of this year’s CCME conference theme, the Concurrent Sessions will once again provide five professional development tracks for participants to earn a certificate. Tracks will include:
• Career Pathways for Transitioning Service Members
• Military/Veteran Student Services
• Newcomers to Voluntary Education
• Best Practices
• Allied Health

Participants wishing to earn a professional development certificate must attend a minimum of four sessions within one track. Certificates will be emailed to participants approximately one month after the symposium ends on March 30.

Be sure to download the CCME Conference App on Guidebook well in advance of the conference in order to determine which sessions you wish to attend. We look forward to another year of engaging dialogue and active participation at the CCME San Diego Symposium, as we step our way into next year’s CCME conference held in Austin, Texas.
Call for Board Nominations

The CCME board is seeking nominations for three open CCME executive board officer positions. These positions will be filled through an election by the general membership at the 2018 CCME Symposium in San Diego.

- Secretary-Elect
- Vice President-Elect
- President-Elect

Secretary-Elect is a two-year commitment (automatically moves into the Secretary position after one year). Duties include:
1. Records and distributes minutes for all CCME Board meetings
2. Maintains standing operating procedures (SOPs)
3. Oversees CCME nominations and elections, to include communicating vacancies to membership, preparing ballots and distributing them at the symposium business meeting
4. Maintains an annual timeline to include deadlines and activities related to the annual symposium
5. Keeps board members periodically updated on action items

Vice President-Elect is a two-year commitment (automatically moves into the Vice President position after one year). Duties include:
1. Co-Chairs the Symposium Agenda Planning Committee with the Armed Services Liaison and documents action items and decisions
2. Maintains a spreadsheet in coordination with President and Speaker Coordinator (if one is appointed) to track speaker activity throughout the year
3. Acts as primary liaison to educational institutions on current military and education issues
4. Monitors the CCME membership chat room and facilitates online discussions

President-Elect is a three-year commitment (automatically moves into the President position after one year, then Past President for the final year). President-Elect nominees must have a minimum of two years' previous experience on the CCME Board in either an elected or appointed position. The President-Elect shall perform the duties of the President in the absence of the President, and/or assume the office of the President if the office of the President becomes vacant.

***Please note there is a time and expense commitment that board members are expected to make. There are two (2) on-site board meetings that are approximately three (3) days long at the Symposium site prior to the Symposium in the April/May and September/October timeframe. Board members are expected to be in attendance at the Symposium from the Saturday/Sunday before the Symposium begins through Friday afternoon after the Symposium concludes. Board members will also need to participate in a monthly conference call for approximately one hour.

Please visit the CCME website to complete the nomination form at www.ccmeonline.org/2018_board_nominations. Send nominations to Shad Satterthwaite at shad@ou.edu or contact him if you have any questions.
Join us for CCME 101: A Pre-Conference Workshop for First-Time Attendees

Did you ever want to know more about CCME and how to navigate our Annual Symposium? Do you want to become more involved with CCME? Then join us for our first ever Pre-Conference Workshop focused entirely on the Symposium: CCME 101 as part of CCME 2018.

This workshop will be interactive, exciting and fun! You will learn about our mission, how to design your schedule to get the most out of the symposium and CCME’s history. We will make time for networking and building collaborative relationships. You will meet our diverse members ranging from Department of Defense employees to college and university representatives, and others. We’ll review important new legislation.

All of us share a vision of serving military members, veterans and their families, and we want to help make this experience meaningful, value-added and enjoyable. This workshop is for newcomers and anyone else who would like to engage more with CCME. Everyone is welcome.

You can register for our CCME 101: A Pre-Conference Workshop at:

https://secure3.rhq.com/ccme/ccme18/attreg/index.cgi
2nd Annual Step Forward with CCME: Take the Challenge

It’s time to register for the 2nd Annual Step Forward with CCME: Take the Challenge. Join your colleagues as we walk, counting each step, from San Diego to future CCME conference locations. Last year’s Challenge was tremendous fun, and we believe we can beat last year’s step count with your participation.

Registration is quick and simple. All you need to do is complete the registration form and submit it following the instructions on the form. The registration fee is $20 per participant and all proceeds benefit the CCME Scholarship Fund.

There will be individual and team competitions. The Top Individuals will be determined by combining their “actual” steps and all Bonus Steps earned. This year, Bonus Steps will be awarded with unique words. No word will be used twice or accepted twice. The Top Team (not to exceed 15 individuals) will be determined by the total number of “actual” steps taken divided by the number of team members. The Top Team is then determined by the highest average number of steps taken. Remember, Bonus Steps do NOT count in the Team category. The CCME Board of Directors will have their own competition and individual awards will go to 1st and 2nd place individuals.

Challenge Starts - Monday, March 26th at 1800 (Opening Reception)
Challenge Ends - Thursday, March 29th at 0600 (Before Breakfast)

Register Today and Mail Your Payment Tomorrow!
Payment is due on or before Monday, March 26, and payment can be made onsite at the Symposium. However, advanced payment by check would be greatly appreciated. If you have questions, please email the Step Challenge Logistics Coordinator, Lynn Dahnke, at LDahnke@Coastline.edu.
Volunteers

CCME relies extensively on volunteers throughout the year and especially in the planning and execution of the annual professional development symposium. Join our community by becoming a volunteer at ccmeonline.org/volunteers, where you can make a difference in the CCME experience. Being a CCME Volunteer is not just volunteering your time, it is your commitment and partnership to embrace networking, enhance professional development and expand professional prosperity to make a greater influence within our military education community.

Volunteer Activities Categories:
- Agenda Conference Planning
- Awards
- Concurrent Sessions
- Entertainment/Conference Activities
- Evaluations
- Legislative
- Membership
- Newcomers/Attendees Orientation
- Outreach/Public Affairs
- Reception
- Registration
- Scholarships

CCME and Social Media

Connect with us! Never miss an update from CCME by connecting with us on Facebook and Twitter. We’ll see you online!

SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS

Winners will be announced during the symposium in San Diego. Join us to see who the winners will be.

We look forward to seeing you at the
2018 CCME Annual Symposium
San Diego Marriott Marquis
333 West Harbor Drive
San Diego, CA 92101
Council of College and Military Educators

CCME is an active proponent for the professional development of those serving in the military education community by providing a forum for the exchange of information on educational programs, strategies and innovation among its members and associated partners.

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