From the President

The CCME Board will soon hold its second on-site planning meeting for the 2015 Professional Development Symposium to be held January 26-29 in Anaheim, California. Based upon feedback from last year’s event, the Board is finalizing an aggressive value focused agenda for our members. The theme for the 2015 symposium is “Innovative Pathways to Military Student Success.” In addition to the usual timely and topical sessions related to military and veteran education we will focus on innovation that enhances student success and the technology that facilitates that innovation.

This year the board has hit a home run with an amazing combination of keynote and general session speakers, to include Stedman Graham, an American educator, author, businessman, speaker, and partner of media mogul Oprah Winfrey and Mr. Guy D. Gruters, Captain, USAF, Captain, Eastern Air Lines, a POW in North Vietnam. We will continue to hold round table sessions that address “burning issues” in our industry as well as concurrent sessions and panel presentations.

Registration for this exceptional event will open near the beginning of September. The entire event will be held at the Anaheim Marriott. There are a limited number of rooms available at the conference hotel so be sure to reserve your room early. Don’t forget to take advantage of early bird registration pricing which will be available until December 31.

As you make your plans for attending this year’s event, please consider actively participating in the event as a sponsor or exhibitor; recruit new members or exhibitors; complete nominations for the board or for one of the many awards available; or submit your proposal to present a concurrent session. Deadlines are quickly approaching; don’t miss this opportunity!
Membership

April 1 marked the beginning of the new membership year for CCME. If you have already renewed your membership, we thank you! If not, the Council of College and Military Educators invites you to become a member of our organization. Our membership includes military and civilian educators, post-secondary educational institutions, suppliers of quality education products and services, service members and veterans, and the government organizations that support military and veteran education. The CCME Professional Development Symposium is the largest annual forum of its kind with an attendance of about 1000 participants. The Symposium facilitates the networking and interaction of the key leadership across these organizations in an environment that is focused on enhancing and optimizing voluntary education opportunities for service members, veterans and their families.

CCME members enjoy the following benefits:

- Join in networking opportunities with military education leadership
- Take advantage of discounted Annual Symposium registration fee ($100 savings per Member full symposium registration)
- Receive CCME newsletters like this one throughout the year
- Get discounted Symposium Exhibitors fee for Organization Members ($300 savings)
- Allow your institution's students to become eligible to receive annual CCME scholarships (application open 1 July - 1 October)
- Benefit from a CCME website link to your Institution/Corporate Member websites
- Receive updates on military policy changes that affect education
- Participate in discussions on relevant military education issues
- Influence military education policy and practices

The CCME membership year runs from April 1-March 31. Should you require a receipt or purchase order, please contact ccmergistration@rhq.com with your request and the institution name or names of the individual members. Annual membership categories and rates are as follows:

- Individual $50
- Organization (membership for 15 individuals) $500 - Accredited colleges & universities, business, and government organizations

Membership dues also support the CCME Scholarship Endowment fund which provides financial support through a competitive scholarship process for qualified active duty service members, drilling reservists, National Guard members, veterans and their spouses. We encourage you to join the largest international organization dedicated to promoting, encouraging, and delivering quality education to service members and their families in all branches of the United States Armed Forces...CCME! If you wish to reap the year-round benefits of a CCME membership, please visit the membership page of our website by going to http://www.ccmeonline.org/membership.

Newcomer’s Breakfast

Are you new to CCME? First time attending? Be sure to attend the "Newcomers Breakfast" from 7-8am Tuesday 27 January. The cost of the breakfast is included in your CCME registration and it will be a great chance for you to learn about CCME before the conference begins. During the breakfast we will have members of the CCME Board discuss the organization as well as giving you an overview of the DoD Voluntary Education program. It will also be an opportunity for you to network and perhaps get some of your questions answered. Be sure to attend.

Exhibitors and Sponsors

Exhibitors and Sponsors play an integral role in the success of our annual Professional Development Symposium - without them, we would not be able to continue annual events. We offer reduced Exhibition fees for our Organization Members and for early bird applications. Additionally, Exhibitors receive one full complimentary symposium registration; Sponsors can receive up to two complimentary symposium registrations! Please consider showcasing your organization with an exhibition booth and/or one of our many value-added sponsor opportunities. For more information and the application form, please visit www.ccmeonline.org/annualsymposium.
CCME 2015 Annual Symposium Call for Proposals

CCME 2015 Professional Development Symposium
“Innovative Pathways to Military Student Success”

Early Submission Deadline – September 12, 2014
Late Submission (if space is available) – October 3, 2014

Share your “Best Practices,” engage conversation and promote community interests for all attendees. This year’s CCME theme is “Innovative Pathways to Military Student Success” and will take place in Anaheim, CA from January 26-29.

Actively participate in the 2015 Professional Development Symposium by submitting your proposal for this year’s sessions at http://www.ccmeonline.org.

Submitted Proposal Requirements:
- Title of Presentation
- Short Bio of Presenter(s)
- Abstract of Presentation: Note: This is what CCME will publish.
- Description of the Presentation
- Specific Learning Outcomes of the Presentation: The focus here is on what the learner will gain, not what you want to tell them.

Presentations will be 60 minute sessions, two sessions each day of the symposium. We will evaluate and select proposals as they are submitted. Please be advised, if your proposal is selected you will need to be available to do the presentation on any of the dates.

PLEASE NOTE: all presenters are expected to pay the CCME conference registration fee if attending the entire conference.

If you have any questions, please contact Jim Cronin, Concurrent Sessions Chair, James.Cronin@umuc.edu. Phone (240) 684-2311.

DoD Updates

On July 7, 2014, the Department of Defense (DoD) issued Change 3, DoD Instruction 1322.25, "Voluntary Education Programs," increasing protections to service members and their families through an enhanced memorandum of understanding (MOU). The latest revision incorporates the remaining Principles of Excellence in support of the President’s Executive Order 13607 "Establishing Principles of Excellence for Educational Institutions Serving Service Members, Veterans, Spouses, and Other Family Members", April 27, 2012, to include additional provisions surrounding unfair, deceptive, and abusive recruiting practices, as well as procedures for accessing DoD installations.

All educational institutions are required to sign the revision by September 5, 2014, to continue participating in the DoD TA program. The memorandum and a list of educational institutions that have signed can be found at: http://www.dodmou.com. Information to include latest news, a sample MOU, application procedures, and frequently asked questions can also be found at http://www.dodmou.com.

Did you know…?

Our 2015 Professional Development Symposium will be held in beautiful Anaheim, CA

Golf Tournament

Tee Off for Veterans on Monday, January 26.

Enjoy a great morning of golf and an opportunity or network with colleagues and local military and veterans at the Black Gold Golf Club in Yorba Linda.

This year’s golf tournament will benefit Volunteers of America of Los Angeles/Supportive Services for Veteran Families (SSVF). The SSVF program is a Rapid-Rehousing/Homeless Prevention program that works towards securing permanent housing for Veteran/Veteran Families who are homeless or at “imminent” risk of becoming homeless. All proceeds raised will go to Volunteers of America of Los Angeles/Supportive Services for Veteran Families.

The tournament kicks off at 8 a.m. with a shotgun start. Registration is offered for individuals and foursomes. There are premier golf and sponsorship packages also available. Rental clubs will be available at a minimal cost and transportation will be provided from the Anaheim Marriott. To learn more about the golf tournament and sponsorship opportunities, please visit ccmeonline.org or email tournament chair Joycelyn Groot at events@ccmeonline.org.
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Announcement of SOC Program Changes

In early August, 2014, the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense notified SOC Consortium and Degree Network System member institutions that changes were coming to Service-members Opportunity Colleges (SOC) programs and services under the long-standing Department of Defense (DoD) contract with AASCU. Many member institutions expressed concern about the impact the SOC contract modifications might have on how they will provide ongoing educational support to service-members.

The SOC contract continues to be funded and supported by DoD for FY 2015, but notable elements of the work statement have been modified to meet changing programmatic needs and oversight demands of voluntary education sponsored by the military Services and DoD. SOC will reshape and expand the Degree Network System (DNS), placing greater emphasis and focus on creating educational partnerships and programs that will maximize the amount of transfer and non-traditional credit applied toward degree requirements. Educational quality of selected degree programs as well as accelerated degree options (awarding non-traditional credit, two- to four-year degree articulations) will minimize the time-to-degree-completion so that service-members can transition smoothly following military service into the civilian work force. The SOC DNS will be consolidated across the participating military Services into a “joint services” program without separate degree networks for the Army (SOCAD), Navy (SOCNAV), Marine Corps (SOCMAR), and Coast Guard (SOCCOAST).

Additionally, within the next six months, SOC will focus on the establishment of a Career and Technical Education group of schools that offer certificates, diplomas, and associate degrees to provide service-members with career preparation for successful transition to the civilian work force. Details of how this grouping of Career and Technical program offerings will be selected or publicized has not yet been determined.

From SOC’s vantage point, the most significant change is the dissolution of the SOC Consortium, a voluntary membership confederation of colleges and universities across the country who collectively agreed to implement the SOC Principles and Criteria into performance and action on their campuses in support of degree completion for service-members. Through the Consortium construct, SOC leadership helped shape institutional policies and practices that provide service-members recognition for non-traditional learning acquired through their military training courses and military occupational specialty acquired skills and knowledge. In December of this year, the SOC Consortium, with 1750 colleges and universities that voluntarily commit to institutional support and engagement of military students, will cease to operate.

Kathy Snead, SOC Director

Volunteers:

CCME relies extensively on volunteers throughout the year and especially in the planning and execution of the annual professional development symposium. For more information about volunteer opportunities, please visit http://www.ccmeonline.org/volunteers or email: volunteer@ccmeonline.org

Board Nominations are due 10/1/14 please visit: http://www.ccmeonline.org

Awards/Scholarships

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION DEADLINE IS OCTOBER 1, 2014.

All completed scholarships applications must be received by midnight, October 1, 2014. Applications and supporting documents must be submitted through the CCME Scholarship web portal at: ccmefine.org/scholarships.

AWARDS NOMINATIONS DEADLINE IS OCTOBER 1, 2014 application can be found through the CCME Award web portal at: http://www.ccmeonline.org/awards

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