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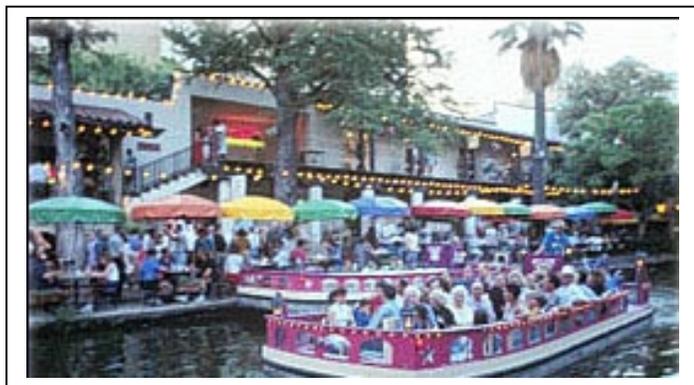
Council of College and Military Educators

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CCME SYMPOSIUM – RIGHT AROUND THE CORNER

Ed McKenney, Secretary

The Council of College and Military Educators (CCME) will be hosting its 2003 annual Symposium February 3rd - 6th in San Antonio, Texas. The site of the conference will be the historic Menger Hotel located downtown close to the Alamo and the famous and popular "River walk". The theme for this year is "Military Education: It's Bigger than Texas – Managing Growth". Although somewhat farcical in title, the theme itself is suggestive of serious issues confronting the world of military education. Budget driven reductions in manpower both at military educational facilities and the colleges that provide educational programs to the military are a reality, resulting in cutbacks to resources required to maintain a focused commitment to education of our military. The problem is compounded by the concomitant and dramatic increase we all see in Service sponsored contracts involving distance education, especially online. For military education officials, this imposes an additional workload of establishing relationships with distance providers not represented locally. For colleges, it imposes incentives to broaden their means of program delivery, perhaps sometimes too hurriedly to ensure high quality. New programs involving certification and licensure are springing up all over the landscape. Differences in accreditation status with inevitable questions of credit transferability beg for reason and direction from those in authority. The resulting complexities are almost overwhelming and certainly create hurdles we must try to overcome as well as challenges we must meet head on.

We will be addressing these and other issues next month in San Antonio. The military education leadership from all the Services, both active and reserve, will present us with their Service's VoEd highlights and their perspectives on managing growth. Similarly, academic and collegiate leadership will give us their views.

This year's Symposium will be hosting a record number of exhibitors representing colleges and universities along with governmental, academic and commercial associations and firms involved with military education.

We feel the Symposium will provide a healthy combination of professional growth opportunity, networking with old friends and colleagues and meeting new ones, and enjoying the warm hospitality of San Antonio in February.

Army Pushing For In-State Tuition Rates

By Mike Larose

Community College Times

December 10, 2002

The recent Army Education Summit identified in-state tuition rates for military families as a top priority and the Army is beginning a campaign to encourage all states to provide the lower rates at any state-supported colleges and universities.

The Army's model policy provides for in-state tuition rates for military personnel, their spouses and children. The policy's three guidelines would ensure that soldiers would get the lower rates both in their state of legal residence and in any state where they are assigned to active duty. It would also provide "continuity" of the in-state rate once it is established, which would ensure that a child of a soldier would continue to receive the rate even if the soldier was reassigned to another state.

"When the kids are graduating [from high school], they're having trouble establishing residency for in-state rates at colleges," said Mike Tevnan, a program manager in the Army's education division. "Because of the mobility of the military family, they have a hard time establishing all the criteria necessary for residency."

Only 14 states now meet the three guidelines of the Army's model policy. In its initiative, the Army is first targeting five states that have the largest Army populations: Georgia, Kentucky, North Carolina, Texas and Virginia. Together, these states account for 55 percent of Army personnel, said Tevnan.

An Army representative will eventually approach all states, or in some cases a representative from the Army National Guard will, he said. The policy would apply to all military personnel, including those in the Air Force, Navy and Marines.

The average savings on in-state tuition compared with an out-of-state rate can be about \$3,000 to \$5,000, and sometimes as much as \$15,000 per year, Tevnan said.

Leaders of higher-education groups, including George R. Boggs, president of the American Association of Community Colleges (AACC) and incoming chair of Servicemembers Opportunities Colleges (SOC), have voiced support for the Army's initiative.

"Our colleges are all about access and opportunity. Charging in-state tuition to people who are serving our country so that they and their dependents can continue their education is consistent with community college values," Boggs said.

The American Association of State Colleges and Universities has adopted a policy of supporting in-state tuition rates for military personnel and their dependents.

But the decision will ultimately be made by individual states.

Army Pushing - cont.

In a November memo, Army General Eric K. Shinseki said, "The Army is tackling this issue in earnest. However, since it is largely a state issue, it will need to be addressed on a state-by-state basis."

CCME Board Nominations

Mebane Harrison, Membership Chairman

It's time again to nominate yourself or someone else for an office in CCME! We rely on good people to volunteer for office. The initial selection is for one year as President Elect, and two years for all other offices. Your tenure involves at least two physical board meetings and several conference calls per year. For the year 2003, the following offices are up for election:

- President-Elect (Position requires two years as a previous CCME Board member.) One year appointment followed by one year as President.
- Vice President for Military (Nominee must be a military educator.) Two-year appointment.
- Secretary, Two-year appointment

Fill in nomination application on page 3 of this Newsletter and submit it via e-mail by 24 January 2003 to:

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A "Phoenix" Arises Within the Army National Guard

Ed McKenney,
Secretary

On 18 November 2002, the NGB introduced the Army National Guard (ARNG) Education Support Center (ESC) to its ranks. The ARNG ESC, formerly called the Army National Guard Institute (ARNGI), opened at the Professional Education Center, Lexington Hall, North Little Rock, AR. KEIPearson was awarded the contract to operate the program for the National Guard.

Ms. Sherry Sims, former Arkansas ARNG State Education Officer, is the new Director. She and a staff

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**COUNCIL OF COLLEGE AND MILITARY EDUCATORS
NOMINATIONS FOR OFFICE
2003-2004**

The CCME is accepting nominations for officers to serve on our executive board for the next two years. You may nominate yourself or someone else. We are looking for enthusiastic and dedicated individuals with a variety of skills who are able to commit two years to help plan up-coming conferences and to tackle issues involving military education. The offices with their duties and requirements, open for 2003 through 2004 are:

PRESIDENT ELECT:

- 1) Must have served a minimum of two years as either an elected or appointed member of the board
- 2) Must be available to assume CCME leadership in the absence of the president
- 3) Must be willing to assume responsibility for preparing the program for the up-coming 2004 conference/symposium
- 4) Must be available to serve as president through Feb 2005

VICE-PRESIDENT (military educator):

- 1) Makes hotel arrangements for the up-coming conference/symposium
- 2) Makes catering arrangements for the up-coming conference/symposium

SECRETARY:

- 1) Prepares quarterly newsletters and sends them by e-mail to the membership
- 2) Takes minutes of the Board meetings and sends them to the Board members

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E-mail to mebane.harrison@cnet.navy.mil, or fax to 619 437-0708.

Council of College and Military Educators Scholarship Application

Name: _____

Rank: _____

Address: _____

Telephone #: _____ **DSN#:** _____

College/University currently attending: _____

Degree you are seeking: _____ **GPA:** _____

Approximate # of credits left to take: _____

Degree already received (if applicable): _____

Signature of ESO/College Representative

Current Unit/Command: _____

Command Address: _____

Command Telephone #: _____ **DSN#:** _____

Commanding Officer: _____

Commanding Officer Telephone #: _____ **DSN#:** _____

Justification/Reason for Scholarship Application (attach a separate one page, double-spaced typewritten essay explaining why you should be chosen to receive a scholarship.)

MAIL TO: Louis Martini
Director of Military Education
Thomas Edison State College
101 West State Street
Trenton, NJ 08608-1176

FAX TO (609) 777-2956

Deadline: The deadline for application has been extended to January 24th, 2003

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of 11 will provide ARNG soldiers, their spouses and ARNG civilian employees with direct support in the accomplishment of personal academic development goals. Primarily, ESC will perform automated degree planning; military credit evaluations/assessments, and guidance and advising to assist with degree completions. ESC will also serve as an information clearinghouse of educational services support to ARNG members, spouses, and ARNG civilian employees. These services are FREE to those members of the ARNG community. The Education Support Center's toll free number is 1-866-628-5999.

Colleges and universities that had established a Memorandum of Understanding and partnership with the former ARNG Institute have been informed this relationship remains fully effective with the new Education Support Center.



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