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The Fess Parker Doubletree Resort, Santa Barbara, California; site of the CCME Symposium, 3-6 February 2004

From the President

Thank you again for the opportunity to serve as president of CCME for the coming year. CCME is a special organization in that it has a large and diverse membership of professionals, but it also maintains a family atmosphere resulting from so many friendships over so many years. I am proud to be a member of the executive board and look forward to another exciting year in the world of military voluntary education. Several of the Services have just completed organizational changes impacting education, distance education is quickly becoming the format of choice for service members, and the voluntary education landscape includes dozens, if not hundreds, of institutions and organizations that are relatively new to this arena. Plus, as past president Val Vera mentions in this newsletter, many of the military education professionals we've relied on for so long are moving on to new challenges. Clearly, a challenging time for this community, and we're sure to have many important issues to discuss at next year's symposium.

We've begun planning for the symposium, and already look forward to the warmth and beauty of Santa Barbara next February. The dates are February 3-6, 2004 and the schedule will be similar to the San Antonio event with a welcome reception on Monday and the concluding banquet Thursday evening. We are very excited about the location, the Fess Parker Doubletree Resort, which is on the beach and a wonderful facility. We expect a full house, so we have planned for overflow at the Radisson, just a short beach walk from the Doubletree. We'll have more information on Santa Barbara and the 2004 symposium in later newsletters, but you'll want to block your schedule now for California next winter!

Again, thank you for the opportunity to serve on the executive board and I look forward to a great year for CCME.

John "JJ" Jones

Reflections of our San Antonio Symposium

Cristina Dewey

The CCME Annual Symposium, entitled *Military Education: It's Bigger than Texas (Managing Growth)*, was held in San Antonio this past February. The many comments we received indicated the symposium provided a very valuable forum for professional development and discussion of important topics and issues that affect military educators, service members, and schools alike. We also received kudos for having longer breaks and lunches that allowed for more networking time throughout the conference.

Presentations from military education policy makers at DOD as well as the individual Services provided their updates and insight on existing issues and trends.

The college presidents' panel was hailed for its focus on the importance of quality education and service to military students.

Representation at the Symposium

There were approximately 250 attendees:

138	colleges and universities
82	military organizations
30	affiliated service agencies and business

CCME Annual Awards

President Val Vera presented the following awards at the banquet dinner at the 2003 Annual Symposium.

President's Award

Dr. Ed Peterson,
Chief of Voluntary Education
HQ Pacific Air Forces
(Awarded Posthumously)

John Brian Award

Jan Vanderwall
Education Services Officer
Fairchild AFB

William Kennedy Award

Dr. Steve Kime
President
Servicemembers Opportunity College

CCME Institution Award

University of Maryland University College

CCME Scholarship Awards

Louis Martini

Each year CCME awards scholarships to deserving military students. This year, at our 2003 Annual Symposium in February, ten scholarships of \$500 were awarded to members of the armed services.

Scholarships

Kevin Amick, US Navy, Thomas Edison State College

Harry James Adams, US Navy, Coastline Community College

Jeffrey Hertz, US Navy, Mountain State University

William W. Jones, III, US Air Force, University of Maryland University College

Stephen A. Elkins, US Navy, Florida County Community College at Jacksonville

Holly James, US Marine Corp., Bluefield College

John Acosta, US Air Force, University of Oklahoma

Christopher Rice, US Marine Corp., Northern Virginia Community College

Paul B. Kaldy, US Navy, Embry Riddle Aeronautical University

Edward Nicholas Walters, US Navy, Chapman University

Start thinking about some of your students that are deserving of a CCME Scholarship as we will ask for nominations in the *summer* newsletter.



IDEAS, IDEAS, IDEAS! Breakout Sessions

We are once again planning on having concurrent breakout sessions in our efforts to continue providing varied topics of interest. Please contact one of the CCME Board members listed in this newsletter if anyone would like to present at our Symposium next February in Santa Barbara.



Santa Barbara Attractions

Site of the CCME Annual Symposium
February 3-6, 2004

Santa Barbara is a beautiful beach resort town that has many attractions – the obvious ones and of course, its hidden treasures primarily frequented by the locals. Each newsletter prior to the Symposium will include a selection of restaurants and places of interest in the immediate area as well as those surrounding Santa Barbara. We will be providing hotel contact and rate information in the Summer edition of the CCME Newsletter.

Things to do.....

Beachfront Art Show is held every Sunday beginning at 9am. Arts and crafts by local artists provide unique souvenirs and gifts. The art show is located across the street from the hotel along the beach.

Bird Refuge provides a scenic jogging and walking path that includes the peaceful pond and the Pacific Ocean.

...more to come!

Restaurants.....

Brophy Brothers is a seafood stop at the breakwater and while popular with the tourists, is full of local character – Jonathan Winters once accidentally knocked me out of my chair on the deck while eating oysters and overlooking the harbor and mountains!

Downey's is a small restaurant on State Street (the main street through Santa Barbara) where you will have a quiet dining experience of nouvelle cuisine and it's healthy too!

...more to come!



Symposium Results

By Val Vera

CCME Immediate Past President

The CCME Symposium in San Antonio was absolutely fantastic! I heard that spoken by many CCME members at the Symposium and after I returned to work at Edwards AFB in California, I received many Emails expressing this.

As I said to many of you, it was a combined effort on the part of the entire CCME Board, colleges and universities who sponsored us, and members who made many excellent recommendations for improvement at previous gatherings.

We took to heart what you said you wanted to see and hear – the result was the San Antonio Symposium!

Now, your Board has started planning for the next symposium to be held at Santa Barbara in 2004. We will gather there in early May to begin the process once again.

This is my last year on the CCME Board. I have been a member of CCME since about 1988 and a board member now for six years. It's time to make way for other CCME members who may wish to contribute their time and energy to a most worthwhile cause -- a truly valuable and professional organization – CCME!

It has been a real pleasure to serve the membership in whatever way I was called upon. My years with this organization have added to my personal and professional growth as nothing else could.

Many of my close personal friends in the Education Services field have begun to retire and move on to other opportunities. I will miss them dearly. And, I will be joining them in the not too distant future!

I could not have asked for a better group of people to work with than those involved with Education Services at all levels, in all the Services and around the world. I look forward to my last four years of service with renewed faith and hope that our Service personnel will be well taken care of by the young, enthusiastic educators coming up the ladder.

I would ask your support of these young people who will replace us all, in due time. Also, I thank you for becoming and remaining members of CCME! Until we meet again, remember: whatever your minds can conceive and truly believe, you can achieve!

Blessings to all!

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