

# CCME



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## From the President

I WANT TO THANK all of the CCME membership for the opportunity to serve as president this next year. There is no organization that I value more than CCME. Thanks to the quality and commitment of our membership, our organization has become recognized as the annual forum for interaction and discussion of the most current and innovative issues associated with the delivery and services of our most important product, education, to our most important customer, the service member.

CCME's mission of providing and delivering educational opportunities for the service member is certainly daunting with the accelerated transformation to a mobile and agile military, the associated reorganization in Europe and the Pacific, and the recent BRAC announcement. Now, more than ever, we are challenged to think of new ways to provide the service member with expanded educational opportunities, while simultaneously dealing with impending funding concerns, reduction of personnel and the myriad issues associated with military recruiting and retention. During this time of transition and transformation, CCME's role is increasingly more important and will continue to have an even more significant, meaningful and purposeful impact on military voluntary education.

Your CCME Board is committed to providing for the Symposium a contemporary and innovative "best practices" environment in which to interact, discuss and network. Since DoD Worldwide is scheduled for July 2006, we have worked diligently to provide a Symposium location that is conducive to travel budgets. I am pleased to confirm that this year's Symposium will be held in Reno, Nevada, at the Nugget Hotel, January 30-February 2, 2006. The management of the Nugget, a world-class facility, has graciously agreed to accommodate a hotel rate for the CCME Symposium that is especially reasonable. On behalf of the board, I invite all of you to join us in January to continue our tradition of "together we can make a difference."

-RICHARD W. LITTLE



# CCME Symposium Theme

|| MILITARY VOLUNTARY EDUCATION:  
"SURE BET... OR FUTURE GAMBLE?" ||

THE 2005 SYMPOSIUM IN NEW ORLEANS launched the institutional and military breakout sessions as an opportunity for the membership to discuss concerns, issues and topics that are critical and vital to Military Voluntary Education. Many excellent ideas came out of the sessions. As a direct result, the board is very pleased to provide an expanded discussion and dialogue on the topic

of accreditation and transfer of credits in Reno at the 2006 Symposium in January. In addition, you can look forward to expanded concurrent sessions, military representative presentations, service chief panels, VA updates and an ACME President's panel. A complete list of expressed issues and concerns can be found on the CCME Web site at [ccmeonline.org](http://ccmeonline.org).

-CCME EXECUTIVE BOARD

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## Reflections of Our New Orleans Symposium

*"Serving the Service Member - In Search of Excellence" - in New Orleans no less!*

IT MAKES ONE PONDER just how the collective "we, the members of CCME" could have possibly worked so hard, learned so much, brought to the table so much, in the atmosphere of Mardi Gras. The success of the 2005 CCME Symposium will only continue to shine because it is a testament to how serious and dedicated we all are about our responsibilities to the service members and their families—regardless of venue. We all have a mission and a responsibility to insure they get the best opportunity for quality education; and being in New Orleans was no exception. With our showing of over 500 attendees, it speaks for itself.

The overarching issues at the symposium addressed the importance of ACME's, new and ever evolving technology in the delivery of education, updates (albeit sometimes grim) from DoD and institutions, integrity of degrees, quality distance education, new breakout sessions to identify military and institutional issues for future symposia, inspirational addresses, and the oh so necessary networking.

The CCME Board was very pleased to receive the overall positive responses to the surveys and hear so many great ideas for the future.

*"Don't apologize for choosing an interesting location at an interesting time."*

*"A big Thank You! To all who did the hard work to make this happen."*

*"Great job, thanks!"*

*"Fabulous food!"*

(don't we know when we returned with a few extra pounds)

Despite our efforts we are aware that the logistics, in a few cases, posed some problems; and we thank you for your patience. We also want to thank each and every one of you who took the time to fill out surveys. As you know, they are very helpful for the Board in putting together future symposia.

-CRISTINA DEWEY

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Presentations are available on the Web site at: [www.ccmeonline.org](http://www.ccmeonline.org)

## CCME Scholarship Awards

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Each year, CCME identifies deserving military students for award of a scholarship. This year at our 2005 Annual Symposium at New Orleans in February, ten (10) scholarships were awarded. Please join us in congratulating:

PO1 SARAH FOSTER-SNELL	<i>Coast Guard</i>
PO2 OLIVIA TERWILLEGER	<i>Navy</i>
SMSGT KAREN YAN	<i>Air Force</i>
AM1 ERIC YOUNG	<i>Air National Guard</i>
PO3 SHAWN LIVESEY	<i>Navy</i>
LCPL CRAIG SMITH	<i>Marine Corps</i>
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## CCME Annual Awards

On behalf of CCME, President Ed McKenney was pleased to present the following awards during the banquet dinner at the New Orleans Marriott in New Orleans.

*President's Award* : U. S. AIR FORCE

*John Brian Service and Leadership Award*:

JAMES SWEIZER

*Institutional Award* :

UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE

*CCME Special Award* : LEO PRYBYLOWSKI

## Scholarship Awards Nomination

*The Council of College and Military Educators (CCME) is pleased to offer scholarships each year to service members working towards the completion of higher education degrees. All service members working on either their associate's, bachelor's or master's degree are eligible to apply. Each award is in the amount of \$500 and may be used for tuition, fees, books and other expenses encountered by the student pursuing educational goals.*

**ALL APPLICANTS MUST SUBMIT THE CCME SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION** (found at [www.ccmeonline.org](http://www.ccmeonline.org)), and an essay on the following topic: **What has your experience been like, pursuing a degree while serving in the military, and how will the \$500 scholarship be used to enable you to meet your educational goals?** Essays will be judged on written content and writing skills, and should be between two and three pages in length, typed, and double spaced.

**APPLICATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN SEPTEMBER 30, 2005.** Recipients will be announced at the annual CCME Symposium in February 2006 in Reno. All awarded and non-awarded applicants will be notified.

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# Reno, Nevada

2006 CCME ANNUAL SYMPOSIUM

|| JANUARY 30 - FEBRUARY 2, 2006 ||

*Located in the majestic Sierra Nevada Mountains, the breathtaking Reno-Sparks-Lake Tahoe area is not your average destination. From the arts to the cultural splendor to its unprecedented natural surroundings, Reno is a city rich in tradition.*

**M**INUTES FROM FAMOUS LAKE TAHOE, the Reno-Sparks community is surrounded by natural beauty and limitless recreational opportunities. The region has over 18 world-class ski resorts, many just a short 45 minutes from downtown, and 40-plus golf courses. The area boasts the National Bowling Stadium, the National Automobile Museum, Rancho San Rafael Park's Arboretum and Wilbur D. May Great Basin Adventure, the historic boomtown of Virginia City, and fishing, hiking, biking and numerous other outdoor activities.

"This region has a supportive governmental business climate, great location, a thriving arts scene, big-name entertainment, excellent air service, world-class restaurants, and access to the great outdoors, golf, skiing, great schools, available housing, a good transportation network and increasingly better shopping."...a very nice introduction to the host city of our 2006 CCME Annual Symposium!

# Things to do in Reno

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## **TRUCKEE RIVER WALK-**

This walk features native Nevada wildlife sculptures and unique fountains year-round. The River Walk is a perfect place to take a leisure walk and take in the beauty of the surroundings.

## **WILBUR D. MAY**

### **ARBORETUM AND**

### **BOTANICAL GARDENS-**

One of the most beautiful and diverse gardens in Nevada, the arboretum has 12 acres covered with groves of trees, wetland habitats, outdoor courtyards, and secluded gardens.

## **LAKE TAHOE-**

One of the most spectacular lakes and the largest Alpine Lake in North America, Lake Tahoe is a short 45 minute drive from Reno. Surrounded by forest and peaks the lake is measured at 22 miles long and 12 miles wide.

## **TRUCKEE-**

Just beyond the border of Reno, Truckee is steeped in the history of the Donner Party, the railroad, and ice harvesting. The town is also lined with modern shops, galleries, and quaint inns.

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## Restaurants

*The Nugget Hotel itself boasts eight restaurants -*

**RESTAURANTE OROZKO** - Orozko transports diners to a unique Basque setting where they will be able to taste scrumptious American cuisine with a flair of Mediterranean style.

**STEAK HOUSE GRILL** - Since 1956, The Steak House Grill has served over 3.3 million thick, juicy and flavorful cuts of meat. The Steak House Grill also features a fresh selection of seafood favorites.

**NOODLE HUT** - The Noodle Hut features a large variety of Asian noodle dishes and is open for lunch 7 days a week from 11am. Conveniently located just in front of Trader Dick's.

**TRADER DICK'S** - Polynesian and American cuisine and unparalleled island decor have always been the staples of Trader Dick's menu and atmosphere. The focal point of the Trader Dick's bar and restaurant is a 6,000 gallon fish tank that is home to over 100 exotic fish.

**ROTISSERIE BUFFET** - Combining a French country ambiance with excellent food, the Rotisserie Buffet is a favorite among buffet connoisseurs and first-time diners.

**JOHN'S OYSTER BAR** - John's Oyster Bar is famous for offering the best in quality seafood in a fun and friendly atmosphere.

**GABE'S PUB & DELI** - Gabe's Pub & Deli is located near the Race and Sports Book. Serving a wide range of deli and dessert favorites, Gabe's Pub & Deli offers guests the convenience of a fast deli and the high quality food for which the Nugget is known.

**ROSIE'S CAFÉ** - Rosie's Café features the Nugget's most diverse menu for a value-packed American-style meal reminiscent of a family kitchen where loved ones gather to enjoy each other's company, and get away from the hustle and bustle of everyday life. Rosie's Café is open 24 hours a day and features monthly specials.

**FARM HOUSE** - Farm House Coffee Shop serves up old-fashioned home cooking with choices ranging from fresh pancakes to omelets, from fried chicken to premium steaks. Open for breakfast, lunch and dinner 7 days a week.

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