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MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

The 2007 CCME Symposium will be held
in beautiful Monterey, California
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Reflections of the Reno, Nevada Symposium

Military Voluntary Education: A Sure Bet...or a Future Gamble?

It is clear once again that no matter what the venue for our annual symposium, CCME, its board and membership, work in concert to provide an exciting agenda that covers current and important issues in military voluntary education. We had just about the same number of attendees as last year, which says a lot in view of the fact it's a DoD Worldwide year.

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Change is inevitable. Accept it. Embrace it. Great things often come from change. I told you at the 2005 CCME Awards Banquet that I express this philosophy often to my staff because I believe in it. I have truly learned over the years not to fear change.

Otto Thomas talked about change and transformation at the CCME Symposium in Santa Barbara. He said, "Change is difficult, but necessary." He told the story of how it took a catastrophe (earthquake of 1925) for Santa Barbara to be transformed from an ugly city to one of beauty.

The changes coming down the line for CCME are definitely not to be feared. In fact, with your participation and involvement, they are going to be exciting and will lead this organization down the road to increased relevancy in the world of military voluntary education.

This is a year of transformation for CCME. I am honored and humbled to find myself in a leadership position with the opportunity to help shape the future of CCME. We have some exciting plans for the coming year and I'd like to take this opportunity to share them with you.

CCME has been growing at an approximate rate of 15% per year for the past three years. We, your executive board, met during the 2006 Symposium and discussed the fact that it is time to bring our by-laws and our executive board in line with this growth.

First, we took a look at the composition of the board. We strive to keep a balance on the board between military educators and college educators. It is a challenge at times due to fluctuations in military budgets and their ability to fund board members. A board member is asked to attend three on-site meetings a year, usually in the Spring, in the Fall, and the weekend prior to the Symposium. And, of course, it is a necessity that board members attend the annual Symposium.

Keeping that in mind, I have appointed two military educators to the board this year – Marcy Shapiro with SOCGuard and Belinda Jones with the Marine Corps. They both bring with them the experience of having served on the DoD Worldwide Planning Committee and will be great assets for CCME.

We also took a look at the committees called for in the by-laws. The executive board is currently comprised of the officers (elected), chairmen of standing

committees (5), and up to three, one-year appointees by the current president. The by-laws also state that the president has "broad discretionary power to enhance the effectiveness and continuity of the executive board and standing committees."

The standing committees are finance, legislative, membership, program, and public relations. The Treasurer (Barbara Bockman) will serve as the Chairman of the Finance Committee. The Vice-President for Military (Kathleen Connolly) and the Vice-President for Institutions (Jim Sweizer) will co-chair the Legislative Committee. I have re-appointed Bonnie Orvick as Membership Committee Chairman. Marcy Shapiro is coming on board to chair our Program Committee and John (JJ) Jones has agreed to return to the board as Chairman of the Public Relations Committee.

The Public Relations Committee will serve as the liaison between CCME and State ACMEs – a major change in our focus. We have been working with Carolyn Baker and Gary Woods to forge this relationship between CCME and ACMEs. We plan to meet at DoD Worldwide to further discuss the collaboration.

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CCME Reminders

BOARD OFFICER POSITIONS OPEN

We have three Board positions that will become open this year. They are: President Elect, Vice President Military and Secretary. We encourage you to run and/or nominate someone for these positions. Full details along with the nomination form are available at www.ccmeonline.org. If you have any questions, please contact Linda Frank at Linda.frank@esc.edu or phone her at 518.587.2100 ext. 2360.



CALL FOR SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS FOR CCME 2007

Scholarship Award Nominations - CCME awards scholarships on an annual basis and we look to you to help identify and nominate service members who are interested in submitting an essay. Detailed information on applying for a scholarship award is posted on the CCME Web site at www.ccmeonline.org. Applications should be submitted through the CCME Web site and any questions directed to Doug Barr at dbarr@nu.edu or phoned to 619.563.7481. The deadline for applications is September 30, 2006 so please, encourage your service members to write in soon!

CCME ANNUAL AWARDS

*On behalf of CCME,
President Richard Little
was pleased to present
the following awards
during the banquet
dinner at
John Ascuaga's
Nugget Hotel in
Reno, Nevada.*

President's Award:

Mebane Harrison
Navy College Office NAB Coronado
Thurman White
University of Oklahoma

Institutional Award:

Excelsior College
Sergeants Major Academy
Fort Bliss

William Kennedy Award:

Inez Williams
Central Texas College
Camp Pendelton

WELCOME TO MONTEREY!

FROM THE VISITOR'S BUREAU



Since the 1880s, visitors have been enjoying the spectacular beauty of California's Central Coast.

Located between Los Angeles and San Francisco, Monterey County's dramatic ocean scenery, pristine pine forests, and historic communities continue to beckon adventure-seekers, seafarers, artists, writers and vacationers. And no other California county can boast 99 miles of breathtaking Pacific coastline.

Things to do in Monterey.....

CANNERY ROW

This historic waterfront district was once the heart of a thriving sardine-packing industry, a time immortalized



in John Steinbeck's novel, *Cannery Row*. Now a tourist's shopping paradise, you can still see signs of the former bustling industry in the various warehouses that now shelter shops selling Monterey souvenirs, restaurants and galleries. Cannery Row is also home to the world-famous Monterey Bay Aquarium, itself housed in the former Hovden Cannery. Visit A Taste of Monterey and sample local wines or brush up



on the art of cooking by taking a class at the Culinary Center of Monterey. Interesting art galleries, a factory outlet center, and views of Monterey Bay round out the Cannery Row experience.

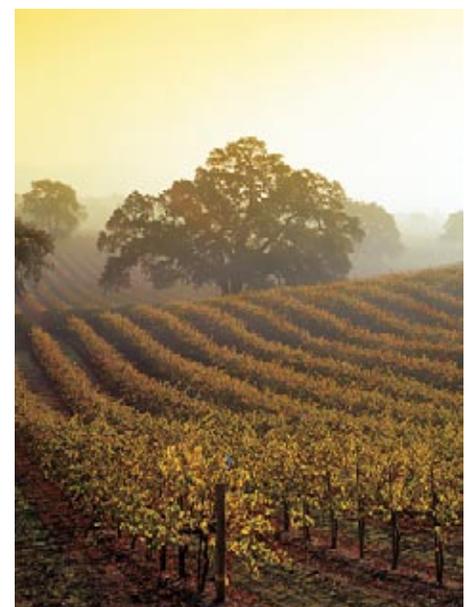
WINE TASTING

Come taste the wines of more than 60 local wineries in two comfortable and convenient locations. Both feature winery maps and information, gifts and souvenirs with a Monterey or Wine Country theme, and of course, fine Monterey County wines for tasting and purchase. The Monterey location (open daily 11 am-6pm) has a stunning view over the Bay; the Salinas center (open daily 11 am-5pm) is opposite the National Steinbeck Center.

Carmel Mission



The Carmel Mission Basilica has some of the most significant religious artifacts in California. Founded by Father Junipero Serra, the mission was built in 1770 and is still home to a thriving Catholic community. Today, visitors can get a taste of mission life as it was back then. An on-site museum houses California's first library, as well as a collection of tools, equipment and appliances used by the Spaniards and Native Americans in their day-to-day life at the mission. The Spartan cell where Serra lived is also recreated in detail. The \$2 adult and \$1 child museum entrance donation is to restore the mission. The grounds and mission are free. Open Mon-Sat, 9:30 am-4:15 pm.



RESTAURANTS.....

From its five-star restaurants to its award-winning wines, Monterey County is a gourmet food lover's paradise. With the seafood bounty of the Monterey Bay, a cornucopia of fresh fruits and vegetables from the Salinas Valley, and the fine wines produced throughout the region, local chefs can create a meal you won't soon forget.

RIO GRILL

Rio Grill has been the place to meet friends, experience exciting food & wine and enjoy great dining on the Monterey Peninsula. This high energy restaurant, located at the mouth of Carmel Valley on Rio Road, has won numerous reader's choice awards and



inspired food critics from the San Francisco Examiner, San Jose Mercury News and all of the local press to sing its praises. Awards include: "Best Restaurant in Monterey County," "Best Restaurant to Meet People," "Best American Restaurant," and "Best Wines by the Glass." Menu highlights include entrees from the wood-burning grill and oak wood smoker, as well as the chef's daily creations featuring fresh fish and pasta. Creative American dishes such as fire-roasted artichoke with balsamic vinaigrette, house-smoked chicken with chile butter and the ever popular ice cream sandwich, are combined with impeccable service to form the cornerstones of Rio Grill's continuing

success. The comfortable lounge and full bar serving our famous "Rio Rita," is lined with colorful caricatures of local faces and celebrities. Bar patrons can also order from the full menu while sitting by the fireplace or at the bar. Rio Grill's award-winning wine list features more than 160 labels including an extensive selection available by the glass. Rio Grill is truly the place for people of all ages who enjoy great food, a dynamic environment and outstanding service.

CHART HOUSE

The Monterey Chart House building used to be a working cannery in Steinbeck's days, however in 1983 it became home to the Chart House restaurant. Today, its rustic-retro décor creates a dining atmosphere that is lively and romantic. It is ideally located on historic Cannery Row with panoramic views of Monterey Bay and the city lights beyond. While relaxing by a waterside table, enjoy the bay's abundant sea life, including otters and sea lions. Menus include such imaginative seafood items as Sesame-Crusted Salmon, Bronzed Swordfish, Macadamia-Crusted Mahi-Mahi, and Coconut Shrimp. Land lovers will rave about the ever famous slow-roasted prime rib and succulent steaks. Their specialty not to be missed is the infamous Chocolate Lava Cake, cooked to order and served warm.



They have full bar/lounge facilities and complimentary parking located just east of the restaurant.

IL FORNAIO

The concept is simple - stay true to authentic Italian recipes. Emphasis is placed on fresh ingredients and Italian cooking methods. The rotisserie is used for a variety of preparations. Pizzas are fired in a wood-burning oven. Fresh pastas are made in-house daily, and dried pastas are imported from Italy. All meals are complemented by a selection of hand-made breads baked according to



traditional methods. The core lunch and dinner menus include a selection of antipasti, soups and salads, wood-fired pizzas, house made pastas, grilled and rotisserie roasted meats, and a wide variety of desserts. In addition to the core menu, two daily menus are prepared showcasing the dishes the Chef would like to highlight for that week - one each at lunch and dinner - featuring local specialties and seasonal produce.

Having DoD, service, institutional and ACME meetings prior to the start of the actual symposium has provided additional time for groups to get together and discuss issues germane to their charter. With budget cutbacks across the board, we hope that the pre-meeting trend will continue in the interest of saving travel funds. Little has to be missed by those (read all of us) plagued with funding issues.

In response to the surveys we received from the membership, we provided more concurrent sessions that allowed many more important topics to be

presented. Each year we look forward to receiving your input and as you can see, the surveys are very important in setting our program. Here are some of the general comments we received from this year's symposium.

"This is the best CCME I have ever attended. Topics and presentations right on target, speakers excellent and interesting."

"More bottled water for morning and afternoon sessions."

"...great vendor presentation."

"Not many sessions were very valuable to me. The networking was tremendous, however. CCME always has something valuable. I'm a big fan."

"CCME continues to be an active organization dedicated to serving the active duty, and family members in higher education. I continue to learn more each year – keep up the good work!"

We would like to thank you, the membership, for all your support and contributions to another successful symposium.

-Cristina Dewey

Message from the President (cont. from page 2)

The other committee chairmen appointments I have made for this year are Ed McKenney (Awards), Ida Cobb (Exhibits/Sponsors), Doug Barr (Scholarships), and Belinda Jones (Concurrent Sessions).

We are also inviting SOC, DANTEs, and ACE to appoint ex-officio non-voting board members to attend our board meetings. We believe it will benefit all of us to have their input as we develop the agenda for the annual symposium.

This group of people, along with returning veteran board members, Richard Little, Louis Martini, Cristina Dewey, Mebane Harrison, and Val Vera, and newly elected Linda Frank are working hard to continue making the CCME Symposium the premier voluntary education forum. And not to leave anyone out, we have

outstanding audio visual support from Larry Dempsey, who also maintains the CCME Web site.

The by-laws also need some serious updating. They were last updated in 2001 and as I said earlier, we are growing and taking on new missions. The by-laws need to be updated to better reflect the responsibilities of the executive board members. The board is working to incorporate the changes we feel are necessary and will be sending the proposed changes to you for approval.

To summarize, we are making changes in the composition of the executive board, updating the by-laws, increasing our interaction with ACMEs, and taking steps to strengthen our relationship with DANTEs, SOC, and ACE. All towards one purpose – to strengthen the organization in order to provide the best forum for addressing

issues and seeking opportunities to better serve our service members.

We welcome your input. We are taking a look at your suggestions and comments from the 2006 Symposium and plan to incorporate as many of your ideas as possible.

Mark your calendars for January 22-25, 2007. The CCME Symposium will be at the lovely Portola Plaza Hotel located right on Fisherman's Wharf in beautiful Monterey, California. I look forward to seeing you there!

-Sherri Sims

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