

# Winter 2013 NEWSLETTER

Council of College and Military Educators

## CCME

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EDUCATION FOR THE MILITARY COMMUNITY”



**2013 CCME Symposium**  
**February 25-28, 2013**  
**Hilton San Diego Bayfront**  
**1 Park Boulevard**  
**San Diego, California 92101**  
**619.564.3333**  
[www.hiltonsandiegobayfront.com](http://www.hiltonsandiegobayfront.com)

**Register today!**

### **2013 CCME Symposium Fees**

- Member: \$450 (regular) // \$175 (1-day) // \$350 (2-day)
- Nonmember: \$500 (regular) // \$200 (1-day) // \$400 (2-day)
- Banquet Guest: \$100 // \$25 for ages 5-12 // under age 5 free

### **Updated Symposium** **Agenda**

### **Exhibitor Space Information**

Exhibitor prospectus located at:  
[www.ccmeonline.org](http://www.ccmeonline.org) or [www.epponline.org](http://www.epponline.org)



### **Message from the President**

## **Joycelyn Groot**

**President, CCME 2012/2013**

Associate Vice Chancellor,  
Military Education and Strategic Partnerships  
Brandman University, Chapman University System

CCME is just around the corner and we are looking forward to seeing you in San Diego! Here's a recap and some updates.

The **Wounded Warrior Golf Tournament** at the beautiful Balboa Municipal Golf Course in San Diego is gaining a lot of momentum. The cost per golfer is \$70 and sponsorships are still available. Thank you to our sponsors to date! Visit [www.ccmeonline.org](http://www.ccmeonline.org) or contact George Vukovich at [gvukovich@apus.edu](mailto:gvukovich@apus.edu) for more information.

As most of you know, attendance from the **Voluntary Education Community** will be low due to DoD funding constraints. This is very unfortunate for ESO's worldwide who have not only participated in the CCME Symposium annually since our first symposium in 1973, but who have also been our partners in supporting the higher education needs of our military. I think we all understand, however, that this unfortunate circumstance does not reflect a lack of support from the Services or DoD.

As a way to show our support to our colleagues from DoD and the Services, all local/regional ESO's and VolEd staff are invited to attend CCME on Wednesday, or on a day relevant to their position, at no cost with proof of government employment status. It's unfortunate funding is a barrier to full participation for so many this year, but we hope this provides a viable option during these challenging times. We have also done extensive outreach to Veterans Organizations encouraging participation in CCME. This has not been a past practice, but is an area of focus necessary and relevant to the mission of CCME.

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### AWARDS BANQUET GOES RETRO!

This year's Awards Banquet will be held on Wednesday night onboard the Inspiration Hornblower. The night will begin in honor of this year's honorees and student scholarship recipients.

And, in celebration of our 40th Anniversary, we encourage everyone to come attired in their favorite 70's look and be ready to "Boogie Oogie Oogie." (CCME President, Joycelyn Groot has banned the band from playing "YMCA" but all other requests are welcome.)

Join us for a memorable night to celebrate our colleagues and enjoy a wonderful dinner, dancing and a cruise on the beautiful San Diego Mission Bay.

### *PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE CONTINUED...*

Please communicate to **military, veterans and family members** about the opportunity to join us at CCME on Wednesday at no cost. The doors open at 0700 with access to the exhibit hall, refreshments, a Veteran artists coffee house and entertainment, concurrent sessions, and general session speakers who are certain to inspire and deliver relevant information of value to all CCME attendees and military/veterans guests alike. The day's activities end at 1500.

I am excited to report that our **general session agenda** is confirmed and the speakers are highly motivated, experienced, and knowledgeable about higher and military education. The program agenda is maintained on our website and reflects the most recent plans. I think you will agree – attendees this year will be afforded an excellent opportunity to hear updates from the Services, be inspired to serve our military community, and gain pertinent knowledge about military and veteran education and transition.

I would like to thank all those who have submitted concurrent sessions. Visit the website for a current **Concurrent Session Guide**. This year's choices are diverse and relevant to our field in higher education. There have been some changes to the schedule and sessions due to some of the funding issues, and the website will provide you with the updates.

The **President's Reception** on Monday night will be memorable and offers a great opportunity to meet CCME leaders of the past. With both CCME and SOC celebrating 40 years of excellence, you never know who might jump out of the cake. Okay, probably no one, but it is certain to be very tasty.

**Transportation** – the hotel does not provide transportation to and from the airport, so book a shuttle service, grab a cab, or call a local friend. Parking at the hotel is \$28 per day (self parking) or \$40 per day (valet) for those driving personal cars. Parking will be validated for visiting military/student guests. The hotel is located on the boardwalk with many restaurants and shopping within walking distance. The Gas Lamp District is also within walking distance.

If you have more questions as we near the event, please email any of the [Board Members](#) or me directly at [jgroot@brandman.edu](mailto:jgroot@brandman.edu).

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## Proposed changes to the CCME Bylaws

1. The CCME Board recommends re-instating the President-Elect position to the CCME Executive Board. The change will occur in two phases over the next two years.

**Phase 1:** (proposed as a bylaws change for the current 2012-2013 year)

The Vice President-Elect position will be reduced from a four-year commitment to a two-year commitment beginning with the 2013 elections at the annual symposium in San Diego. The Vice President-Elect will serve a one-year term and then automatically become Vice President for another one-year term.

**Phase 2:** (will be proposed as a bylaws change during the 2013-2014 year)

The President-Elect position will be added to the ballot for the 2014 annual symposium. The President-Elect will serve a one-year term and then automatically become President for another one-year term, followed by one year as Immediate Past-President. Eligibility for President-Elect will include two years of prior service on the CCME Board in an elected or appointed position.

2. Symposium Event Manager position has been added to appropriate sections. The position was inadvertently omitted from some of the sections previously.

3. The Servicemembers Opportunity Colleges (SOC) Liaison has been added.

A vote of the membership will be taken at the 2013 CCME symposium in San Diego. Any comments regarding the proposed changes can be directed to Linda Frank, Immediate Past President at [Linda.Frank@esc.edu](mailto:Linda.Frank@esc.edu).

## CCME Selects 2013 Scholarship Winners

CCME is pleased to offer 15 \$1000 scholarships each year to United States Service members, spouses of Service members, and Veterans who are working towards the completion of higher education degrees at a CCME member institution. The scholarships are funded by CCME membership dues and then are awarded to selected CCME member students. The competition was intense this year as we added a new scholarship for Veterans.

CCME has invited one of our winners to accept their scholarship at the 2013 CCME Symposium that will be held in beautiful San Diego, CA February 25 – 28, 2013 at the Hilton San Diego Bayfront.

Ms. Carly Holloway is one of our first time Veteran scholarship recipients. She is pursuing a MBA from the University of Phoenix. Carly states, **“The scholarship awarded to me from CCME gets me one step closer to becoming a leader in my profession. In that role, I will encourage and support others in reaching their goals as so many have done for me.”**

Join us in saluting all of our recipients in February!



Ms. Carly Holloway  
2013 CCME Veteran Scholarship Winner

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### Veteran Artist Program at CCME

Veteran Artist Program (VAP) will be back at CCME this year. VAP is a non-profit organization that promotes collaboration in all genres of art, bringing veterans and artistic communities together through networking, mentorship and special projects. Veteran artists will provide light entertainment during the President's reception on Monday evening, and throughout the week, VAP's Vets on Sets (VOS) crew will be doing casual video interviews with attendees who are willing to share their thoughts about CCME. During the day on Tuesday and Wednesday, VAP will host a Coffee House outside the exhibit hall where attendees can enjoy a complimentary cup of coffee from the espresso bar, relax with friends, and appreciate the variety of artwork that will be on display. So be sure to stop by the Coffee House to chat with old friends, make new friends, and say hello to the VAP team.

### DANTES Releases Details on the Joint Services Transcript (JST)

The Army American Council on Education Registry Transcript System (AARTS), the Sailor Marine Corps American Council on Education Registry Transcript (SMART), along with the Coast Guard Institute (CGI), have aligned to implement one collaborative transcript program, offering a more strategic opportunity for service members and veterans to have one officially recognized military transcript.

Under contract with the Defense Activity for Non-Traditional Education Support (DANTES), the American Council on Education (ACE) conducts and facilitates the rigorous academic review of military courses and occupations. These credit recommendations form the academic basis for colleges and universities to consider toward degree requirements. The JST is an official transcript tool that validates and documents the recommended college credits for professional military education, training courses and occupational experience of service members and veterans. This unified and standardized document will make it easier for institutions to review and articulate these credits as appropriate.

Each JST document will contain the following information:

- Military branch-specific seal (Army, Navy, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard) Note: The Air Force utilizes the Community College of the Air Force for their transcripts.
- Service member data
- Course completions
- Occupational affiliations
- Credentialing (certifications and or licenses)
- Military experience
- Summary page
- Academic course page (Coast Guard, Marine Corps and Navy only)
- College Degrees (Coast Guard, Marine Corps and Navy only)

This one recognized, official transcript system is a huge development in the military higher education arena and will most certainly brighten the future of all service members and veterans as they pursue their college education.

The JST is scheduled for official rollout at the CCME (Council of College and Military Educators) conference later this month along with web site <https://jst.doded.mil> (available February 24, 2013).

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