



COUNCIL OF COLLEGE AND MILITARY EDUCATORS

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CCME HISTORY

The Council of College and Military Educators (CCME) had its beginning in California. A group of Education Services Officers (ESO's) gathered in the early 1970's to exchange ideas on how to best serve the needs of military personnel who desired a college education. From this early beginning it was decided that they would meet annually in February. They further decided that educational institutions providing education for the military, both on and off base, should be invited to send a representative to the symposiums. It was in 1973 when the first annual symposium of the California Community Colleges and Military Educators Association (CCCMEA) met with John Harmes as the group's chairman. At the annual symposium in San Francisco in 1994, the organization was renamed Council of College and Military Educators (CCME) to more accurately reflect the membership and its role in military education. The CCME has now become world-wide in scope.

The first symposium held outside California was in Las Vegas, Nevada, and the second in Seattle, Washington. It was evident that military educators from across the nation, as well as educational institutions, were benefiting from membership with CCME. Representatives from the Department of Defense, Servicemembers Opportunity College (SOC), American Council on Education (ACE) and DANTES participate in annual symposiums, along with service education chiefs and accrediting agencies.

CCME continues to demonstrate its ability to address the ever-changing landscape in the well-established partnership between the services, colleges and universities. Each annual symposium provides a forum for discussions concerning the rising cost of education within constrained military budgets, the increasing reliance on outsourcing and contracting in the education services community, and the resulting serious implications on the services and institutions, and, ultimately, on the military student.

The theme for the Annual Symposium in Austin January 21-24 is Expanding Pathways: Influencing Relevant Outcomes. We will continue to build on our organization's rich history to provide you with information and contacts to help you better serve our military and veteran community.

2019 CCME Professional Development Symposium Information

Information coming soon at:
www.ccmeonline.org

2019 Professional Development Exhibitor and Sponsorship Package Available!

ccmeonline.org/annualsymposium





Are you dynamic, creative, have a good sense of humor? We want to hear from you...

By Melinda N. Gainer, President, VA-ACME

Eastern Regional Coordinator, SIU Extended Campus, Southern Illinois University Carbondale

An ACME is an Advisory Council on Military Education and there are several active chapters under CCME serving about 20 states. Like the Virginia ACME, many of these chapters are doing great things for our military students and member institutions, such as awarding scholarships and offering opportunities for professional development.

The **Virginia Advisory Council on Military Education (VA-ACME)** covers the most military concentrated region in the world; it is the organization's mission to continue to provide progressive and innovative support for an ever-changing academic environment. **VA-ACME** is committed to addressing military education issues within the Commonwealth of Virginia.

This year, VA-ACME hosted its 12th Annual Professional Development Symposium in the brand-new Hilton Norfolk, The Main in Downtown Norfolk, Virginia, April 16-19, 2018 with the theme, ***The MAIN Focus: Evolving Military and Veteran Education through Modernization.*** Over 180 members attended the symposium and the culminating Career and Education Expo. Members and guests had a wonderful time networking and enjoying the beautiful venue and its offerings.

We had a dynamic group of speakers and workshops including special sessions with: The Secretary of Veterans and Defense Affairs for the Commonwealth of Virginia, Carlos Hopkins; Captain Rich McDaniel, Commanding Officer, Naval Station Norfolk; Norfolk City Councilman Martin A. Thomas, Jr.; Delegate Jerrauld Jones, Jr., 89th District of Virginia; plus, updates from Department of Defense Voluntary Education, DANTES, American Council on Education (ACE), Service Members Opportunity College (SOC), and the Virginia Community College System. Breakout sessions ranged from topics on Customer Service to how to navigate the Millennial population; one group session, discussed the controversial topic of Race Relations and Social Media, this workshop was developed after the incidents in Charlottesville, Virginia in 2017.

One unique addition to our program was the hosting of a Government Delegation from the Ukraine; they were our guest in partnership with **Norfolk Sister Cities**. This was the first visit to America for many of the members and they came to learn how military and veteran services are provided at a state level. After visiting Washington, D.C., they arrived in Norfolk, Virginia where they participated in the general sessions with the symposium participants and were later provided a custom workshop facilitated by the Assistant Secretary of Veterans and Defense Affairs for the Commonwealth of Virginia, Leslie Frazier, and a Russian interpreter.

This year, we worked to procure corporate sponsors, this was our first attempt and we are proud **Dominion Energy** and **Langley Federal Credit Union** came on board as corporate donors. Our **school sponsorships totaled over \$30,000.00** with several schools becoming Titanium and Platinum sponsors this year.

Within the past 12 years, **VA-ACME has awarded nearly \$100,000.00 in scholarships** to students within Virginia or those attending colleges and universities that are approved to operate within the State. This year, during its Awards and Scholarship luncheon, VA-ACME awarded \$10,000.00. The luncheon guest speaker was the Honorable Jerrauld C. Jones, Chief Judge for Norfolk Circuit Court, 4th Judicial Circuit of Virginia. To begin the effort of raising scholarship dollars for the 2019 year, members and guests enjoyed a Spirit night at the Norfolk Waterside, where proceeds were earmarked for the 2019 scholarship awards.

VA-ACME is doing exciting things as it is planning for the new year. We are looking for dynamic, creative individuals with a good sense of humor and a lot of dedication to join our leadership team. We have committee leadership positions open and the office of President and Vice President will be open for election at the 2019 Symposium. We are genuinely looking to broaden our reach within the Commonwealth of Virginia. We need you to join us. Visit our website to connect with us: www.vaacme.org/membership.

Virginia ACME is one of many ACME's under the CCME umbrella. Many ACME's produce an annual conference and award scholarships. Each state chapter is unique and would certainly welcome your volunteerism. To find an ACME near you, visit: www.ccmeonline.org/acme.



CCME 2019 Call for Proposals

September 16 submission deadline is approaching!

By: Kelly Wilmeth, Concurrent Sessions Chair

The Council of College and Military Educators is seeking submissions for its 2019 Professional Development Symposium in Austin, Texas January 21 - 24. We invite anyone wishing to provide an informational session related to the conference theme and concurrent session tracks to submit a proposal.

CCME values sessions that present current and best practices, new ways to ensure successful transition, innovative ways of using technology, college initiatives, and any topics pertaining to military/veteran-student services. **Please note: the proposal application cycle closes at midnight on September 16, 2018.** Once the closing date has passed, we will be unable to accept any new proposals. Time is required for all proposals to be evaluated by the Concurrent Sessions Committee.

All proposals must be submitted via a conference platform called Proposal Space, details of which are posted on the CCME website at ccmeonline.org. No proposals will be accepted via any other venue or format. The proposal template will be posted within the Proposal Space program and will include the following.

Proposal Requirements:

- **Title of Presentation:** Accurately reflect the learning focus of your session (15-word max). Create a title that makes the reader want to learn more about your session.
- **List of Presenter(s)**
- **Presenter Bios:** For each presenter, describe the relevance of her/his expertise to the presentation topic plus presenting experience (150-word maximum).
- **Abstract of Presentation:** Concisely describe your presentation and what attendees will learn (75-word maximum). *Note: This is what CCME will publish.*
- **Description of the Presentation:** 2-3 pages
- **Specific Learning Outcomes of the Presentation:** Please include two (2) to four (4) learning outcomes. **The focus here is on what the learner will gain, not what you want to tell them.**

Presentation Length: There will be eight blocks of 60-minute sessions spread over two days of the symposium.

Concurrent Sessions Tracks: in addition to the conference theme, we developed several different conference tracks to assist participants in organizing their schedule and selecting topics that are best suited to their interests and experience level working with military and veteran students.

Conference Theme – Expanding Pathways: Influencing Relevant Outcomes

Track Titles

- Military Student Services
 - Beginner
 - Intermediate
 - Advanced
- Veteran Student Services
 - Beginner
 - Intermediate
 - Advanced
- Nursing/Allied Health
- Data/Compliance/Outcomes
- Developing Partnerships

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New This Year: Pre-Conference Workshop Proposal

This year we invite those who would like to present a workshop format on Monday, January 21, to submit a proposal for a 2-hour interactive session. The focus may be on any of the Concurrent Session topics, or of a subject that would be highly valued by symposium attendees. Criteria for selection remain the same as for concurrent sessions, however, the timeframe allows for a deeper investigation of the featured topic. The closing deadline is the same for all workshop submissions.

Proposal Evaluation Criteria: All proposals will be evaluated based on the items noted below.

- Description and quality of content
- Adherence to conference theme and category
- Broadness in scope
- Clear purpose and content
- Intent of the proposal to engage the audience

Once the Concurrent Sessions Committee has vetted all proposal submissions, then those that have been selected will be submitted to the CCME Executive Board for their review and final approval at the CCME Board Meeting in October. All selected presenters will be notified in late October of their selection. In December, presenters will be notified of the time and date of their presentation at the CCME conference.

If you have any questions, please contact Kelly Wilmeth at Kelly.Wilmeth@umuc.edu or Bethany Taylor at Bethany.Taylor@umuc.edu.



Call for 2019 Award Nominations

Hello CCME members,

Nominations for the 2019 CCME Awards are due October 1, 2018. The CCME president presents several awards during the CCME annual symposium luncheon, recognizing outstanding contributions and accomplishments of those supporting education among the military community. The CCME Executive Board is extending an invitation to award nominees to attend the CCME 2019 awards luncheon.

The individual that nominated the award recipient in each category will receive a one year free individual membership or \$50.00 credit toward a corporate membership for the next fiscal year.

Deadline for nominations is October 1, 2018

- Applications are located on our website at www.ccmeonline.org/awards
- Complete and send applications to awardapplications@ccmeonline.org

Awards and Criteria:

John Brian Service and Leadership Award

John Brian was the Education Director at Norton AFB for many years. He was a member of CCMEA (California Colleges and Military Educators Association) when it was an organization only for military and civilian educators serving the military in California. John was instrumental in getting the organization to broaden its scope and change its name. He served as President 1977-1978. The John Brian Service and Leadership Award is provided to a nominee meeting the following criteria:

- The nominee must be an employee of any branch of the United States Armed Services and must be directly involved in the delivery of voluntary off-duty education programs on a military installation.
- The Awards Committee, at its discretion, may seek a written recommendation from the nominee's commanding officer or department head.
- The nominee must have worked at least two years at the office level as an education services officer, education specialist, education counselor, or education technician.
- The Awards Committee shall ascertain that the nominee's accomplishments are deserving of the award, and that these accomplishments demonstrate the nominee's dedication and leadership in providing quality voluntary off-duty education programs at his/her military installation.
- If a nominee has been the recipient of any CCME Award in the past 5 years they are deemed an ineligible nominee.

William E. Kennedy Award

William Kennedy was Vice President and Head of Chapman College's (now Chapman University), regional education centers. Bill was one of the early pioneers in developing and implementing college degree programs at extension campus sites. Bill was a national advocate and avid supporter of the voluntary education program and was instrumental in founding the CCMEA (California Colleges and Military Educators Association) which later became CCME and served as the first elected President of the association. Sometime after Bill's death in 1985 the William Kennedy Award was established in his honor. The William E. Kennedy Award is given to a nominee meeting the following criteria:

- The nominee must be an employee of an institution offering a program of instruction at one or more military installations.
- The program of instruction offered by the employing institution must be governed by the provisions of voluntary off-duty education programs.
- In addition, at their discretion, the Awards Committee may seek a written recommendation from the President, Vice-President, or Dean from the nominee's educational institution.
- The nominee has been employed directly in the promotion and delivery of voluntary off-duty education programs for a period of at least three years.
- The Awards Committee shall ascertain that the nominee's accomplishments are deserving of the award, and that these accomplishments demonstrate the nominee's dedication and leadership in the delivery of quality programs to military installations.
- If a nominee has been the recipient of any CCME Award in the past 5 years they are deemed an ineligible nominee.



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CCME Corporate Award

The CCME Corporate Award is presented to an organization in recognition of its significant contributions to the cause of military education. The recipient should be a corporation (profit or not-for-profit) that supplies quality education products or services to the armed services. The Corporate Award is provided to a nominee meeting the following criteria:

- The nominee must be an organization directly involved in the support of voluntary off-duty education to the armed forces.
- The Awards Committee, at its discretion, may seek a written recommendation from the nominee's institutional leader (president, CEO, etc.).
- The Awards Committee shall ascertain that the nominee's organizational accomplishments are deserving of the award, and that these accomplishments demonstrate the nominee's dedication and leadership in supporting quality voluntary off-duty education to the armed services.
- If a nominee has been the recipient of any CCME Award in the past 5 years they are deemed an ineligible nominee.

CCME Institution Award

The CCME Institution Award is presented to a higher education institution in recognition of its significant contributions to the cause of military education. The recipient will be a college or university that supplies quality education programs to the armed services. The Institution Award is provided to a nominee meeting the following criteria:

- The nominee must be an institution directly involved in the support of voluntary off-duty education to the armed forces.
- The Awards Committee, at its discretion, may seek a written recommendation from the nominee's institutional leader (president, provost, dean, etc.).
- The Awards Committee shall ascertain that the nominee's organizational accomplishments are deserving of the award, and that these accomplishments demonstrate the nominee's dedication and leadership in supporting quality voluntary off-duty education to the armed services.
- If a nominee has been the recipient of any CCME Award in the past 5 years they are deemed an ineligible nominee.

Barry Cobb Government Organization Award

This award recognizes the outstanding contributions that government entities make to military education in honor of Dr. Barry Cobb who retired after serving as Director of Defense Activity for Non-Traditional Education Support (DANTES) from 1981-2005. Dr. Cobb reflected on his government career saying, "We should all feel a strong sense of accomplishment for our efforts to provide educational opportunities to the men and women who serve in our Armed Forces. I know our work has changed lives and provided so many individuals a chance to grow personally and professionally." The Barry Cobb Government Organization Award is provided to a nominee meeting the following criteria:

- The nominee must be a government organization directly involved in the delivery of voluntary off-duty education programs to the military.
- The Awards Committee, at its discretion, may seek a written recommendation from the nominee's government agency (director, president, etc.).
- The Awards Committee shall ascertain that the nominee's accomplishments are deserving of the award, and that these accomplishments demonstrate the nominee's dedication and leadership in providing quality voluntary off-duty education programs or services.
- If a nominee has been the recipient of any CCME Award in the past 5 years they are deemed an ineligible nominee.

The Gary A. Woods Advisory Council on Military Education (ACME) Award

The Gary A. Woods Advisory Council on Military Education (ACME) Award is presented to an ACME in recognition of its significant contributions to the cause of military and/or veteran education. ACMEs strive to promote, support, and deliver the highest quality education in their respective states/regions within all branches of the Armed Services by encouraging educational institutions to be innovative and flexible in meeting the needs of their Military & Veteran students. The CCME ACME Award is provided to a nominee meeting the following criteria:

- The nominee should be a state or regional ACME officially formed and operating at the time of nomination.
- The Awards Committee and CCME ACME Liaison shall ascertain that the ACME's accomplishments and service are deserving of the award, and that these accomplishments demonstrate the nominee's dedication and leadership in promoting, supporting, and/or delivering quality education programs and services for our Armed Services members, Veterans, and their families.
- If a nominee has been the recipient of any CCME Award in the past 5 years they are deemed an ineligible nominee.

We look forward to receiving your nominations. Questions regarding the application process can be directed to Ms. Desiree Butts, CCME Awards Chair, at 571.419.4922 or dbutts@nu.edu.



CCME 2019 Award Nomination Form

Deadline is October 1, 2018

Complete and send to awardapplications@ccmeonline.org

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- Provide award justification in 600 words or less
- To be eligible, nominees must not have been an recipient of any CCME award in the past 5 years
- Questions regarding the application process can be directed to Desiree Butts at 571.419.4922 or dbutts@nu.edu

Nominee Information

First name: _____ Last Name: _____

Title: _____

Organization: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State/Province: _____ Zip/Postal Code: _____

Country: _____

Work Phone: _____ Email: _____

Award Category (Select One)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> CCME Corporate Award | <input type="checkbox"/> CCME Institution Award |
| <input type="checkbox"/> John Brian Service and Leadership Award | <input type="checkbox"/> William E Kennedy Award |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Barry Cobb Government Organization Award | <input type="checkbox"/> CCME Lifetime Achievement Award |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Gary A. Woods ACME Award | |

Nominator information

Name: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Organization/Business name and location: _____

Relationship to Nominee: _____

Award Justification (600 words or less on next page):



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Award Justification (600 words or less):



CCME 2019 Things to do in Austin, TX

Bob Bullock State Museum

1 mile N from hotel

Lake Travis

12 miles W from hotel

LBJ Library and Museum

2.1 miles NE from hotel

Sixth Street (Bars and Restaurants)

0.5 miles N from hotel

State Capitol Building

1.2 miles N from hotel

Paramount Theatre

0.4 miles N from hotel

2nd Street District

0.2 miles W from hotel

South Congress Ave Shopping

1.2 miles S from hotel

Austin Zoo

14.5 miles SW from hotel

Blanton Museum of Art

1.5 miles N from hotel

CCME and Social Media

Connect with us! Never miss an update from CCME by connecting with us on Facebook and Twitter. We'll see you online!



SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS

Winners will be announced during the symposium in Austin. Join us to see who the winners will be.

***We look forward
to seeing you at the***

**2019 CCME Annual Symposium
January 21-24, 2019, Austin, TX**

Council of College and
Military Educators

CCME is an active proponent for the professional development of those serving in the military education community by providing a forum for the exchange of information on educational programs, strategies and innovation among its members and associated partners.

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