Celebrating a Life Well Lived

28 October 2013 marked the passing of a true national treasure, Representative Ike Skelton. A native of Lexington Missouri and 1951 graduate of Wentworth Military Academy and College, Congressman Skelton served 34 years in the House of Representatives as a champion of our nation’s military and an unwavering advocate of military education.

We can carry on the legacy of Ike Skelton by identifying and welcoming state and national representatives to our schools and colleges and educating them on the military education model and its role in developing leaders of character.

Ike and Patty Skelton were honored guests at the 15 Oct 2013 Military Junior College dinner
Centennial Conference

AMCSUS will officially initiate its Centennial year at its Annual Conference which will be held at the Westin Hotel in Alexandria, VA from Feb 23-25. The conference begins at 2:00 PM on Sun 23 Feb and culminates following the business/awards luncheon at 2:00 PM on Tues 25 Feb.

The Centennial Conference kicks off with a Military Band and Choir concert at 2:00 PM on Sunday 23 Feb. The concert is the culminating event of a 3-day Military Band and Choir Festival hosted by Randolph-Macon Academy. Questions concerning the band/choir festival should be directed to Ed Richards (erichards@rma.edu).

Conference registration packages were emailed to all schools in Dec in the hope of maximizing participation by all Heads of Schools, Chief Academic Officers/Deans, Commandants and Development Officers. Registration packages should be returned as soon as possible, but no later than 24 Jan. Direct all conference questions to Ray Rottman (703) 272-8406.

Hotel registration: https://www.starwoodmeeting.com/StarGroupsWeb/res?id=1307246660&key=EC2B8. If your hotel requirements extend beyond the contracted window (22-26 Feb), simply call Joji Gamble at the Westin to make your reservation (703-253-8626); be sure to mention that you are part of the AMCSUS conference.

If you have not already done so, please designate a Centennial POC for your school and provide their name and contact information to Dr Jack Albert (NWMA) at jalbert@sjnma.org.

Membership Expansion

As part of the AMCSUS membership application process, California Military Institute (CMI) has submitted a package to the Membership Committee which details CMI’s organization, priorities and programs. A team of AMCSUS members (MG Art Bartell, Dr Mark Ryan, BG Rick Geraci and Ray Rottman) will conduct a site visit to CMI on 30-31 Jan to learn about the organization and see the faculty and students in action. The goal of the visit is to ensure that both AMCSUS and CMI would benefit from a formalization of the relationship. The site visit will result in a recommendation from the team to the Executive Committee with regard to CMI becoming a member of the Association. Based upon a favorable recommendation, the Association will vote on CMI’s inclusion in AMCSUS.

Rick Wallis (CMI President) attended AMCSUS WEST gathering in Nov where he provided a very insightful presentation on CMI and their impressive achievements. The Sarasota Military Academy requested we re-engage with them early in 2014 regarding the possibility for membership and no response has been received from Chicago Bronzeville.

Survey Participation

The Marketing Committee provided all AMCSUS schools with electronic surveys for their current students and alumni. Over 20 schools have rereleased the surveys and the response rate for those schools has been very good. The surveys will provide broad feedback on military education which can be used by the association, but even more valuable is the school-specific information which participating schools can use to enhance their programs, marketing and recruiting.

For those schools who have already forwarded the surveys to your students and alumni, thank you! For those who have not released the surveys yet, there is still time to take part in this valuable and cost free venture. Please contact Ray Rottman (703) 272-8406 should you have any questions or concerns.
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SHOUT OUTS:

Army & Navy Academy
AMCSUS bids a fond farewell to BG Steve Bliss and his wife Sally as they transition to their new life in Savannah GA. The Association warmly welcome MG Art Bartell & wife Karen as he assumes duties of President on 16 Jan 2014.

Heavy Lifters
Marketing initiatives such as the student/alumni surveys would not be possible without the exceptional efforts of people like Bill Hargrave (Culver), Maj Rewa Mariger (VA Tech), and Dr Mark Ryan (OMI). Thank you for your gift of time and talent!

Texas A&M’s Football
Aggies inspiring come-from-behind win over Duke in the New Years Eve Chick-fil-A Bowl was absolutely one of the best games of the 2013 season!

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General Willard Scott Scholarship

The General Willard Scott Award was established as a joint venture between AMCSUS and the Scott family to honor the many contributions of General Scott to AMCSUS and the military education of young men and women.

In previous years the Scott family has generously donated a $2,500 stipend to be awarded to a distinguished cadet from one of the AMCSUS schools who personifies the ideals of General Scott: love of God, love of country, and service to others in addition to being a well-rounded cadet who excels in academics, athletics, leadership, and service.

To avoid a comparison of high school and college level students, a decision was made last year to create two scholarships, one for high school ages students and one for college age students. Due to the fact that the Scott family has not yet committed to continuing the scholarship the decision was made to continue the award for one additional year, but at the $500 level. Packages were sent out to all schools in Dec and submissions are due back to the Executive Director by 24 Jan 2014.

Are You Maximizing Your School’s Visibility?

Feedback on the recently refreshed AMCSUS website continues to be very positive. Please ensure your school’s news articles, photos and video links are forwarded regularly to Ray Rottman (amcsus@cox.net) so they can be uploaded immediately to more effectively showcase your school’s programs, students and faculty!

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Mark Your Calendar

- Centennial Events: Feb 2014 - Feb 2015
- Commandants’ Workshop: Norwich will host in Jun 2014
- New Heads’ Workshop: Randolph-Macon will host Sep 2014
- AMCSUS West Meeting: New Mexico Military Institute will host Sep 2014
- Military Junior College Meeting: Valley Forge will host Oct 2014
- Senior Military College Meeting: Texas A&M will host Oct 2014
### Test Your AMCSUS Knowledge

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