NMMI serves up a taste of the old West

New Mexico Military Institute hosted the 2014 AMCSUS West Conference 7-9 Sep. Participants explored the unique aspects of the military learning model, were inspired by a candid discussion with NMMI’s Regimental staff, discussed critically important accreditation challenges and opportunities, shared best practices and were treated to a wonderfully authentic Chuck-Wagon Cowboy Cookout! Sidebar discussions included giving consideration to transitioning AMCSUS West from its current geographic context (largely schools in Western and Midwestern states) to a gathering focused on the unique elements of College Prep schools. This change would provide the Association’s College Prep schools a venue similar to the SMC & MJC annual gatherings. Please contact the Executive Director with your thoughts.
Operation Centennial Colors

At the Feb 2014 AMCSUS conference, the Association’s Commandants drafted the plan for Operation Centennial Colors. The operation commemorates the Association’s Centennial by having each school’s corps use a single ceremonial U.S flag at an event of their choosing. At the completion of the event, the colors are forwarded to the next participant. With the completion of Operation Centennial Colors the flag will be designated as the Association’s ceremonial flag and used at all annual conferences during the Association’s second century.

West Point History of Warfare E-Books Available Soon

The *West Point History of the Civil War* represents the first in a series of interactive e-books titled *The West Point History of Warfare*, will be available to the public Oct 29th at [www.westpointhistoryofwarfare.com](http://www.westpointhistoryofwarfare.com). Army and Navy Academy is the first AMC-SUS member to adopt chapters from the series. For information on any of the 71 chapters from Ancient Greece to Iraq and Afghanistan email rucker@westpointhistoryofwarfare.com.
2015 Annual Conference Highlights
22-24 Feb 2015
Westin Hotel in Alexandria VA
Keynote Speaker: ADM Thad Allen, USCG (Retired)
Showcasing of Centennial Colors
Sunday Evening Sponsor Reception
Workshop: Admissions/Marketing Officers
Identifying Tomorrow’s Military School Audience
Date Safe Project Presentation
Role, Responsibilities, and Impact of the TAC
Character lab “GRIT”
Monday Evening Awards Dinner
INPUTS REQUESTED: Please provide topic, presentations & ideas to amcsus@cox.net!
Expect further agenda updates & registration details in Nov

Other Stuff
- U.S. Airway’s Nov 2014 magazine will once again showcase our military schools
- AMCSUS will conduct a site visit of North Valley Military Institute as part of the school’s request for membership; Head of School Dr Mark Ryan previously provided an overview of the school’s programs at the AMCSUS WEST conference in Sept
- Send news/photos to amcsus@cox.net for uploading to Association’s website
- Visit amcsus.org to ensure your organization’s information is up-to-date
- Seeking ideas and recommendations on what AMCSUS can do to better support you

Mark Your Calendar
- Senior Military College Meeting: 19-21 Oct 2014 at Texas A&M
- Military Junior College Meeting: 26-28 Oct 2014 at Valley Forge
- AMCSUS Annual Conference: 22-24 Feb 2015 at Alexandria Westin
- Commandants’ Workshop: 17-19 Jun 2015 at Riverside Military Academy
- New Heads’ Workshop: Sept 2015 at New Mexico Military Institute
Randolph-Macon Academy was host to the Sept 2014 New Heads Workshop. The program was well received by both new & experienced school leaders. Presentations included: Roles & Responsibilities (John Buxton); Legal Concerns (Eric Boland); Priorities for Success (Mack Hobgood & Dr Pia Crandell; Hobgood & Associates); Culture & Relationships (Scott Burhoe); Governance/Board Relationships (John Buxton); Military School Learning (Doug Murray).

While there were numerous take aways, the gathering’s return-on-investment came in the form of the sharing of ideas, best practices and collegial exchange and dialog. The two-day gathering underscored the reality that while we represent a diverse group of military schools, we share a common passion for cadet education, leadership and character.

One example of the best practices shared was Oak Ridge Military Academy’s partnering with nearby colleges. Dan Nobles enhanced his Admission’s office by contracting with a local PhD candidate with extensive knowledge and insights in marketing. Some out-of-the-box thinking and the desire for a win-win scenario has significantly enhanced Oak Ridge’s Admissions office while providing a PhD candidate with some very valuable real-world experience.

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