Norwich University
Honors Former U.S. Senator Robert Dole

Norwich University President Richard W. Schneider and General Gordon R. Sullivan (NU Class of 1959) presented U.S. Senator Robert Dole with an Honorary Degree during a ceremony on 25 June 2015 at the WWII Memorial in Washington D.C. General Sullivan highlighted Senator Dole's exceptional career of service and praised the example Senator Dole set for all Americans. Senator Dole's heartfelt and witty comments were well received by the audience which included Senator Elizabeth Dole, Norwich students and alumni as well as other distinguished guests.
Plan + Communicate + Exercise = Successful Emergency Response

What’s Your Plan?

The Department of Education’s Office of Non-Public Education hosted a Telecom on 1 June 2015 to address Emergency Preparedness for Non-Public Schools.

The Readiness and Emergency Management for Schools (REMS) Technical Assistance Center has many resources (unfortunately not dollars) which are available to AMCSUS member schools.

These free resources include virtual training and/or site visits from REMS experts who can review and assess your existing emergency management plan or help you build one from scratch. All that is needed is that you contact them to let them know your needs and to schedule a visit (site visits require 45-day notification).

Commandants Workshop

22 AMCSUS Commandants & spouses gathered at Riverside Military Academy to discuss a variety of issues. Highlights included Character Development, New Cadet Orientation, Leveraging Parents, Best Practices, Medical Assessments, Addressing Hazing, Impact of Social Media, and Program Turn-Arounds. The group bid a fond farewell to BG Rick Geraci who departs New Mexico Military Institute after 10 years for his new position with the Leavenworth Regional Catholic Schools. Please join us in welcoming NMMI’s new Commandant, LTC Jon Graff and we look forward to working with him in the near future. The 2016 Commandants’ Workshop will be hosted by Culver.

- Commandants in the GA sunshine
- Cmdts & spouses touring Riverside
- Group enjoying an evening outdoors & some Hawaiian language training from Riverside’s Maj James Corbin
In addition to our student and alumni surveys, the Marketing Committee recently developed a survey to allow schools the opportunity to better understand the various elements influencing a parent’s decision to enroll their child in a military school. The survey takes approximately 10 minutes to complete. The questions are designed to help schools focus their finite marketing/admissions resources on areas most important to the parents of our current and prospective students.

- Over 500 surveys already completed & returned; responses have proven insightful and include actionable info
- All schools are encouraged to invite parents of new/current students to consider completing the brief survey
- The parent survey can be accessed at: https://virginiatech.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_2bZyLof1PIADbut
- Contact Exec Dir (amcsus@cox.net) if you’ld like a copy of the draft intro letter which sets the stage for the survey

STRATEGIC PLAN
Association of Military Colleges and Schools of the United States (AMCSUS)
(as reviewed & updated by Executive Committee on 6 April 2015)

MISSION:
AMCSUS provides a forum for the senior military colleges, military junior colleges, and military college preparatory schools to develop the competencies and strategies that will educate and develop young leaders of character in a modern military model.

PRINCIPLES:
— Advocate and facilitate the development and maintenance of education within a military-structured environment: discipline, leadership, and virtue in an environment combining academic rigor, physical conditioning, and ethical development.
— Facilitate collaboration, collegiality, and the sharing of valuable information among its member schools in ways that foster institutional excellence.
— Promote national awareness for the value that a military education and each school, provides to students, the Services, the nation and the world.

STRATEGIC GOALS:
I. Support member schools by serving as a forum for information sharing, professional development, and the dissemination of best practices and lessons learned.
— Continue the annual meeting of all schools and colleges, providing an opportunity for “principals” to form strong personal networks, and also include other valued staff/administrators in a focused/targeted manner.
— Rotate meetings with academic, student affairs, enrollment management, development, and business leadership.
— Explore opportunities to include trustee participation for strengthened governance to include the creation of a “trustee medal” and annual designation of an Association Trustee of the Year”.
— Support other independent forums that meet the needs of member schools: annual meetings of SMCs, MJCs and Commandants; regional meetings of Military College Prep Schools; periodic workshops for new heads; etc.
— Develop ways to capture the creative innovations that work at member schools and promote the timeless attributes that should remain in place.
— Distribute this learning and encourage data sharing so that it can be examined in the aggregate for improved decision-making.

II. Enhance the role of AMCSUS and its member schools by ensuring the Association remains as relevant in the future as it has in its rich and storied past.
— Consider a name change to highlight the Association's interest in representing only the best military schools, all of which must meet membership criteria.
— Review the AMCSUS Constitution and Bi-Laws, specifically the article(s) relating to membership criteria to develop a description of the principles of ethics and code of conduct required of member schools.
— Explore the possibility of having regional accrediting associations partner with AMCSUS by including team members from AMCSUS schools in their accreditation visits.
— Examine expanding the membership to include charter military high schools and the Service and Maritime Academies to build strength of membership.

III. Serve as a strong and proactive advocate for its membership and become a national voice espousing the enduring value that education within a military-structured environment provides to individual graduates, the armed forces and society.
— Explore an increased presence on social media, in current and newly created journals, and newsletters.
— Examine ways to interact with print, radio, and television media, other educational experts, and military associations.
— Continue to work closely with the DoD, the individual branches of the Armed Forces, and the Department of Education.
— Develop tools for parents and prospective students to assist in discerning the finest military schools from those who may not meet the highest standards of character and leadership development.
— Demonstrate and promote the Association's expertise in developing young leaders of character.
Senior Military College Conference
20-22 Sep 2015
- Heads of School, Cmdts, Cadets (x2), OSD, Cadet Cmd, Services
- University of North Georgia; Dahlonega, GA
- International Initiatives - First Amendment/Free Speech/Religion
- UNG POC: Maj Richard Neikirk, richard.neikirk@ung.edu, (706) 864-1792
- AMCSUS: Ray Rottman, amcsus@cox.net, 334-414-0078

Military Junior College Conference
27-29 Sep 2015
- Heads of School, Deans, Commandants, Cadet Command
- Georgia Military College; Milledgeville, GA
- International Initiatives - First Amendment/Free Speech/Religion
- GMC POC: COL Patrick Beer, pbeer@gmc.edu, 478-387-4783
- AMCSUS: Ray Rottman, amcsus@cox.net, 334-414-0078

GOT TWEET? AMCSUS is now tweeting at:
Military Schools #CharacterIsKey

Mark Your Calendar
- Senior Military College Conference: 19-21 Sep 2015 at University of North Georgia
- Military Junior College Meeting: 27-29 Sep (new date) Georgia Military College
- New Heads’ Workshop: 25-26 Oct 2015 at Missouri Military Academy
- College Prep School Conference: 26-28 Oct 2015 at Missouri Military Academy
- AMCSUS Annual Conference: 21-23 Feb 2016 at Alexandria Westin
- Commandants’ Workshop: Jun 2016 at Culver

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