**SMC Conference**

Huge thanks to UNG for hosting an exceptional conference filled with great programs, networking and more!

**Department of Education**

Office of Non-Public Education (ONPE) hosted an informative conference for educators on 17 Sept.

**MJC Conference**

Georgia Military College hosted MJC leaders. The event highlighted GMC’s exceptional programs and cadets!

**New Heads & College Prep Conferences**

MMA will host a dual event on Oct 25-28 Oct. Please register NLT 7 Oct.

**Parent Survey**

Now’s a great time to quarry parents of your new students to learn what is working and what needs work!

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**UNG Hosts Senior Military College Conference**

Over 50 Senior Military College (SMC) members, presenters and guests gathered in the beautiful North Georgia mountains for three days to discuss a variety of important issues. The conference included updates from USA Cadet Command, AFROTC, and NROTC as well as a separate cadet program. Additionally, there were very informative presentations on internationalization programs, the 1st Amendment, Freedom of/from Religion, Title IX and some promising cyber opportunities. Guests included COL (ret) Brad Harvey and Col (ret) Kenny Weldon who are standing up new Corps at the University of Akron and Tarleton State University respectively…great to see growth in the world of character and leadership development! Our sincere thanks to Dr Bonita Jacobs, COL Tom Palmer, MAJ Richard Neikirk & the entire UNG staff for providing such and interesting and valuable program.

**Well Done UNG!**
Department of Education
Office of Non-Public Education Annual Conference

The Department of Education’s Office of Non-Public Education (ONPE) held its annual conference on 17 September. The program included a welcome by Nadya Dabby, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Education; a presentation on improvements in private education by Gerald Robinson from the American Enterprise Institute, a panel discussion on Equitable Services, National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) data on public schools; and some interesting discussion of Title I, II and III programs.

- **Military Charter Schools** with low-income students can assess a variety of funding and programs through Title I, II, & III.
- **Private College Prep Schools** can gain Title II funding (e.g. professional development services) without governmental string attached. Schools can even combine funding with other local area schools to facilitate joint PD seminars, etc. Access to funding is only provided if you request it through your area’s Local Education Agency.
- **NAEP data** makes a very compelling case for the benefits of private school education; 8th Grade private school students significantly out performed their public school counterparts in Civics (+10%), Geography (+6%), US History (+5%), and Mathematics (+4%). For more information visit: [http://nces.ed.gov/nationsreportcard/naepdata](http://nces.ed.gov/nationsreportcard/naepdata).
- **Emergency Preparedness** is an important element of our education programs and you are highly encouraged to participate in the many Dept of Education’s emergency preparedness activities (e.g. America’s PrepareAthon [www.ready.gov/prepare]). Next event is the [Great Shakeout (www.shakeout.org)](http://www.shakeout.org) on 15 Oct 2016.

Military Junior College Conference

Representatives from AMCSUS’ five **Military Junior Colleges** (MJC), Cadet Command & AMCSUS President & Exec Director gathered at Georgia Military Academy’s (GMC) beautiful Milledgeville campus 27-29 Sept. Many thanks to LTG Caldwell & COL Beers!

The gathering included a tour of facilities; insights into GMC’s current operations (>12K students across 7 campuses) & vision for 2029; presentation on the unique aspects of “digital native” students; lunch with GMC cadets; update from Cadet Command; thought-provoking presentation on the need for MJC's to have a Grand Strategy; and candid discussion on outsourcing, the benefits of synchronizing leadership across all school functions, and the dynamics of international recruiting.

Well Done GMC!
Now’s the Ideal Time to Survey Parents

With the school year underway, now is a great time to gain insights from the parents of your new students on those aspects of their engagement with your staff which proved most helpful in their decision to send their child to your school. Information gained from their responses could help you focus finite recruiting resources. Survey takes just 10 minutes and is available at no cost!

SAMPLE FINDINGS (your responses will be specific to your school’s programs)

Top 4 Factors for choosing Military College/School
- Responsibility/Accountability/Character
- Quality Academics
- Self-knowledge/Confidence
- Respect/Discipline

Top 3 Factors influencing enrollment decision
- Campus interactions
- Campus tours
- Campus meetings

Top 3 Most Helpful Referrals
- Alumni
- Current student’s parent
- Teacher

Top 3 Areas where they would have liked more information
- Leadership opportunities
- Residential Life
- Academics

- 950+ surveys already complete/returned; responses are quite insightful & include actionable information
- 10 AMCSUS schools are currently participating…are you one of them, if not, why?
- Parent survey can be accessed at: https://virginiatech.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_2bZyLof1P1ADbut
- Contact Exec Dir (amcsus@cox.net) if you’d like the draft introduction letter which sets the stage for the survey

Enhancing Emergency Preparedness

The ALICE training program supplements current "Lock-down" or "Secure-in-Place" procedures used by many of our schools. Tragic active-shooter events dictate the need for enhanced response options to reduce the risks and impact of an event on your campus. Missouri Military Academy invites AMCSUS members to join them for a two-day training program on 8-9 February, 2016.


Register at: http://www.alicetraining.com/

Have questions? Contact MMA’s Rik Thornton 573-581-1776 richard.thornton@missourimilitaryacademy.com
**ROTC Celebrates 100 Years!**

USA Cadet Command is planning events between now and June 2016 to mark the 100th Anniversary of ROTC.

One of those events will be hosted by Norwich University. Please mark your calendar for Norwich’s Future of ROTC Conference scheduled for 21-23 April 2016. The event will examine the future and possibilities for ROTC and education. RADM Schneider is seeking “futurist” presenters as he builds the agenda…any recommendations? POC is President Schneider’s Executive Assistant Laura Amell (lamell@norwich.edu) (802) 485-2065.

**Did you know…** Norwich was founded in 1819, 95 years before the first meeting of AMCSUS in 1914.

**Did you also know…** AMCSUS played a significant role in the formulation by Congress of the National Defense Act of 1916 and the ultimate creation of ROTC.

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**GOT TWEET?**

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**Mark Your Calendar**

- **2015 New Heads’ Workshop**: 25-26 Oct 2015 at Missouri Military Academy
- **2015 College Prep School Conference**: 26-28 Oct 2015 at Missouri Military
- **2016 AMCSUS Annual Conference**: 21-23 Feb 2016 at Alexandria Westin
- **2016 Commandants’ Workshop**: 15-17 Jun 2016 at Culver
- **2016 Senior Military College Conference**: 18-21 Sep 2016 at VA Tech
- **2016 Military Junior College Meeting**: at New Mexico Military Institute (Date TBD)

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