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2018 AMCSUS Annual Conference

Theme: Wellness, Resilience & GRIT!

25-27 Feb 2018
Alexandria Westin, Alexandria VA

Highlights:

Sun
Keynote Speaker: Col Art Athens, USMC (ret); Director Stockdale Center for Ethical Leadership
Welcome Reception: Hosted by AMCSUS' generous sponsors

Mon (0600 stretching/yoga for our Go-Getters!)
Kick-off Speaker: Nancy Roy, Ed.D JED Resilience on Campus
Wellness, Resilience & GRIT Workshop:
DoD Updates: OSD - Cadet Command - USAF - USN/USMC - USCG
Break-Out Sessions: SMCs, MJCs, Prep Schools
"Unconferrence" Meeting
Sleep & Nutrition Study: Andrew Herr
Awards & Scholarship Banquet: Honored Speaker: LTG Ben Freakley

Tue (0600 Zumba for our Go-Getters!)
USA Resilience Program: COL Gregory Stokes
Breakout Sessions: SMCs; MJCs; Prep Heads; Deans; Commandants
Business Lunch: Treasurer's Report, Outgoing President's Comments, New Officers

Contact Ray Rottman at 703-272-8406 or amcsus1@gmail.com for registration forms & information

AMCSUS Welcomes Tarleton State University!

The Association's membership unanimously approved Tarleton State University's request for full membership in AMCSUS. Congratulations to Tarleton's President Dominic Dottavio and Commandant Col Kenny Weldon, USAF (ret). Tarleton's Corps of Cadets includes two ROTC programs (Army on the Stephenville campus and USAF which is a "cross-town" program with Texas Christian University in Fort Worth). Special thanks to Maj Gen Randy Fullhart for leading the November 2017 AMCSUS site survey of Tarleton State University.

VMI Hosts SMC Leaders & Cadets

General Peay and his staff hosted a gathering of over 50 Senior Military College leaders and cadets to VMI's campus 8-10 October 2017. The agenda included discussions on cadet resilience; transgender and religious accommodations; the potential benefits of collective legislation engagement; updates from OSD, U.S. Army Cadet Command and Services; as well as a tour of VMI's campus (to include its new world-class physical training facility) and a Corps of Cadets review parade. SMCs continue to enjoy strong enrollment and commissioning numbers while pursuing ways to enhance their existing programs and expand leadership opportunities. The Citadel will host the 2018 Conference.

2018 Best Practices Due February 1st!

In preparation for our 25-27 Feb 2018 Annual Conference, all member colleges and schools are asked to submit one (or more) Best Practices to amcsus1@gmail.com by 15 Jan 2018. Inputs will be posted on amcsus.org.

Valley Forge Hosts 2017 MJC Conference

Col John Church, Valley Forge Military Academy and College President, hosted a gathering of Military Junior College leaders to his campus 22-24 October. The agenda included a Strength, Weakness, Opportunity, and Threat (SWOT) analysis of MJCs (this being the first meeting since Wentworth's closure); an examination of why Military Colleges and Schools are more relevant today than ever in their history; an update by U.S. Army Cadet Command; an eye-opening presentation on the nation's opioid epidemic and its impact on our cadets, schools, and society. Additionally, each of the four MJCs presented a Best Practice from their school. These included emphasizing their exceptional leadership opportunities, impressive history, and legacy, as well as each school's unique niche. Marion Military Institute is currently assessing their availability to host the next MJC Conference in Oct-Nov 2018.

AMCSUS Challenge Update

Building off of last year's Prep School Drill and Academic Bowl challenges, AMCSUS is currently conducting a fitness challenge with categories for Prep Schools and Colleges. Scores are due to amcsus1@gmail.com by 15 Jan 2018.

Riverside's Raiders
Win 4th Consecutive National Championship!

Three consecutive months of intense training and competition culminated in four grueling days of competition. When the dust settled and the river water dried on their dirty uniforms, the Riverside Raiders were announced as the overall winners of both the National Raider Championships and the All-Service Raider Challenge. **Well Done!**

Personnel Announcements

- **WELCOME:** COL David Reardon, Oak Ridge Military Academy's new President!
- Lt Gen John Rosa will retire as President of the Citadel at the end of the 2017-2018 school year
- RADM Scott Burhoe will retire as President of FUMA at the end of the 2017-2018 school year
- Hobgood and Associates is currently conducting the search for Hargrave's next President
- Michael DePuglio will retire as Saint Thomas Academy's Commandant at the end of 2017-18 school year

- **2018 AMCSUS Annual Conference:** 25-27 Feb at the Westin Alexandria, VA
- **2018 Commandant's Workshop:** 13-15 June 2017 at Army & Navy Academy
- **2018 New Leaders/College Prep Workshop** 23-25 Sept 2018 at Fishburne Military School
- **2018 Senior Military College Conference:** Citadel (Oct date TBD)
- **2018 Military Junior College Meeting:** Marion checking availability to host event

Block Your Calendars!

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