



2010 ESO SYMPOSIUM

The 2010 ESO Symposium will be 23-26 August at the Embassy Suites in Norman, Oklahoma (just outside of Oklahoma City and home to the University of Oklahoma). For those of you who have not been to a Coast Guard ESO Symposium before, it is an opportunity for ESOs and CDAs to learn more about the education and training policies and processes, to meet with representatives from colleges to learn about their specific programs, and to network with other ESOs and CDAs.

The symposium planning team is still finalizing the agenda. However, the intent is to have concurrent sessions that appeal to both the full time ESO and are helpful to the collateral duty ESO. Monday the 23rd is intended to be primarily for the full time ESOs. Collateral duty ESOs, CDAs, and others are encouraged to attend starting on Tuesday the 24th.

All of the sessions offered in the Institute's ESO Orientation course for new ESOs will be offered during the symposium. I would encourage any ESO or CDA who has not attended one of the orientation courses to take advantage of that tract at the symposium. For other ESOs with more experience, there will be presentations and panels on topics such as for profit schools, the new Maritime Law Enforcement rate, rate related degree plans, rating advancement testing, Troops to Teachers, USMAPs, as well as others that are still in the process of being finalized. Additionally, there will be training available on the Navy College Management Information System for those full time civilian ESOs that are interested in receiving access to the system.

It is the intent to announce the Education Services Officer of the Year and the Vander Putten Inspirational Student of the Year on Thursday 26 August.

The theme for this year's symposium is: Inspire A Passion for Learning

Barry Switzer will be a keynote speaker on Tuesday 24 August. Barry Switzer is the former football coach of the Oklahoma Sooners and Dallas Cowboys. During sixteen years (1973-1989) at the University of Oklahoma, Coach Switzer amassed twelve Big Eight conference championships and three NCAA Division I national championships. His overall record of 157-29-4 is fourth behind Knute Rockne, Frank Lahey, and George Woodruff in career college football winning percentage. In 1994, he was named Head Coach of the Dallas Cowboys. In 1995, the Cowboys were Super Bowl Champions. Coach Switzer is one of only two coaches who have won national championships in both the NCAA and NFL.



He is also a best-selling author, successful businessman, generous philanthropist, and Army veteran. He is the founding organizer of the Swing for Sight Golf Tournaments, which have raised hundreds of thousands of dollars for the Society for the Prevention of Blindness. For the past thirty years, coach Switzer has given his name, time and participation as Honorary Head Coach of the Oklahoma Special Olympics. Seventeen years ago he funded a private foundation at The University of Oklahoma, which provides non-athletic scholarships for minority students. In 2001, he was inducted into the National College Football Hall of Fame.

Coach Switzer holds military members in the highest regard and this past January he traveled to Iraq to coach a flag football team composed of former professional football players and active duty Army soldiers. His father in law served four years on active duty with the Coast Guard during World War II.

To register, go to the [2010 ESO Symposium website](#).

2ND ANNUAL CG INSTITUTE INVITATIONAL CHESS TOURNAMENT

The Coast Guard Institute will coordinate the Second Annual Coast Guard Institute Invitational Chess Tournament. Tournament games will be played online through Chess.com (on the member's own time and computer of course). If you are interested in being a part of this tournament you must email IT2 Casey Speerschneider by 16 July. The tournament is open to any Coast Guard employee. The final match will be played Wednesday 25 August at the ESO Symposium.

EDUCATION ADVISORY COUNCIL

The Coast Guard Institute is establishing an Education Advisory Council. There are thousands of schools out there. Each school has hundreds of programs. Each state has different laws affecting tuition rates. There are differences on testing issues, degree plans, and career tracts. The sheer numbers of schools and customers often create interesting policy and practice dilemmas. The EAC will serve as a body that will help influence policy and process decisions to ensure fairness and efficiency of services. If you would like to be considered, please email CWO Devale Collier by 16 July with a brief summary that addresses your experience and the skills you



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believe you would bring to the team. You should also include a command endorsement on personal ability and time availability.

The intent would be for this group to meet at least once a year in person in conjunction with the ESO symposium or DoD World Wide. Other meetings throughout the year would be conducted electronically.