



## EDUCATION ADVISORY COUNCIL

I would like to thank all of the units that submitted EAC applications. There were many qualified applicants. I know we have a pool to select a very talented advisory council that will assist the effort to build a better overall voluntary education program and improve services from the Coast Guard Institute and at the field ESO level for our shipmates who are seeking to accomplish personal education and professional training goals.

## VANDER PUTTEN INSPIRATIONAL STUDENT OF THE YEAR

There was a good amount of feedback regarding the requirement to have used the Vander Putten Education Grant in order to be eligible. This is a new award and I am open to tweaking the qualification process to meet the overall objective, therefore if your student used the Foundation Education Grant monies in pursuit of a degree, than that student will be eligible to be nominated.

## ALCOAST 378/10 - YN2

ALCOAST 378/10 regarding the new YN2 online rate training course was prematurely released and should be disregarded. A new ALCOAST will be released in the coming weeks. Until then, the old procedures and policies regarding the YN2 course and test will remain in effect.

## 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 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. The concurrent sessions will be on Wednesday the 24th.



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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.



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To register, go to the [2010 ESO Symposium website](#). There is an option to be billed later regarding the conference fee. Being billed later will avoid a scenario where your travel card bill will come due before your travel claim is filed.