



Florida Advisory Council on Military Education
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Message from the President

2011 has been a fairly eventful year. In March we lost a colleague to cancer, Cindy Alderson. Cindy, a retired Navy Commander, founded the Military and Veteran's Resource Center at the University of North Florida. UNF is building a new building for their Veteran Center to move into, scheduled move is for December 2011. Another change to the Post 9/11 GI Bill has caused repercussions many of us are continuing to deal with and more change coming effective October 1, 2011.

FL ACME's conference in May down in Key West proved to be a productive success. We had the most military ESOs in attendance than we have had in the past years. I am certainly grateful they made the trip down and shared their experiences with us. I don't know if we set an overall attendance record, if not we were sure close. I am thankful to have so many to make the sacrifice to journey down to Key West.

FL ACME awarded two scholarships this year to; Akelah Shaw (Specialist / Army National Guard) & Joshua Lewis his wife is active duty in the Coast Guard – congratulations to both recipients!

Unfortunately for FL ACME, Amaya Davis resigned as the Vice President due to personal reasons, a loss for us. Jan Del Signore has accepted the position of Vice President and is stepping up nicely into the job – Thank you Jan. Jan is moving forward with plans for next year's conference scheduled for the latter part of April 2012 in St. Augustine, FL. The specific dates will be posted soon along with the agenda. I look forward to seeing you there.

With kindest personal regards,

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