

International Society for Military Ethics

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Conference Announcement and Call for Papers

ISME Military Virtues and Contemporary Challenges

The **International Society for Military Ethics** is pleased to announce plans for next year's annual conference: "*Military Virtues and Contemporary Challenges*." Keynote speaker: **Alasdair MacIntyre**.

This three day conference will take place **Sunday to Wednesday, October 13-16** at the **University of Notre Dame** in South Bend, Indiana.

A focus on character and virtues in the military is well established, both in terms of philosophy and practice. Given the developments and technologies emergent since the 1990's and 9/11 (humanitarian interventions, counter-terrorism, counter-insurgency, increased use of Non-Lethal Weapons, and remote warfare), it is an appropriate time to reassess this approach to ethics and think about future directions for ethics and ethics education in the military.

Questions to consider might include:

- To what extent have some or all of the developments listed above altered the landscape of war in ways that require rethinking approaches to the ethics of character in the military?
- What are the appropriate character traits and virtues required in war? Does this change as the nature of war changes? (Does the nature of war change with technological and political changes?)
- What are ways which PME or other ethical education aspects in the military need to change or be updated to deal with new contexts?

Submissions should be sent to richard.schoonhoven@usma.edu no later than 30 June, 2013. Abstracts are acceptable, although full papers are preferred; but please limit submissions to no more than 7,000 words. As always, we accept high quality submissions in any area of military ethics.