



The International Society for Military Ethics

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Dear Conference Participant,

I look forward to seeing you in Colorado Springs at this year's ISME Conference! Thank you in advance for your presence, your presentations, your willingness to engage in candid dialog, and your dedication to the study and advancement of military ethics.

Ethical development and application of military force has always been important. Today, the global impact of contemporary conflicts and advancing technologies makes our conference theme, "Ethics Education: Discerning and Developing a Military Ethos for the 21st Century," especially relevant and urgent. I am hopeful our discussions will illuminate just how ethos within military organizations—of which formal and informal ethical constructs are an essential part—shapes the trust between societies and militaries, affects the kinds of weapons developed and employed, and powerfully influences the success or failure of forces in combat and thus the outcome of conflicts of all kinds. It is also the case that military ethos, while consequential, is neither formulaic nor particularly responsive to directed change especially in organizations with long histories and powerful traditions. Thus, inculcating an ethically sound ethos is itself a challenge worth serious examination.

ISME's conference organizers, Drs. Jenn Kling and Kate Toms, have put together a rich agenda and the University of Colorado at Colorado Springs is again providing a superb venue for what should be a stimulating discussion for all. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to either of them; see attached for schedule for contact information.

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