



If I am going to publish a Winter 2008/2009 MSC Warrant Officer Newsletter I must have it completed and off to you in the next few days. I am late with this issue due to increased activity in my office in addition to procrastination. So much has happened since the Summer 2008 issue and most of it has been reported to you in a variety of forums. The Silver Caduceus Association Newsletter recently published by Dick Ginn is attached to the end of this newsletter. Please take time to read it; I believe you will be pleased with its theme and content. Dick does an excellent job with this newsletter. Art Irish continues to do an excellent job with the OFN, (Old Farts Network), and of course there is the informal MSC Warrant Officer Network in addition to many official sources reported to you in earlier publications.

Our MSC Warrant Officer Roster accompanies this newsletter. Maintenance of the roster is something each of us must share. I can keep it in proper format and it is easy to distribute, the problems come with keeping it accurate. To do this I must depend upon each of you. Please take time to look it over. First take a look at your contact information then look at your friends. I am interested in corrections and additions. There are many Warrants whose information is missing. As an example an old friend of many of us, Larry Hampton, has been off my radar for a very long time. It is best to e-mail additions and changes to me at ed2rie@cox.net. You will note there is a second roster that lists deceased MSC Warrant Officers. It is important that that roster be maintained as well. I need your help.

Previously I have written about our MSC Warrant Office webpage, www.msccwarrants.com. Take time to visit it from time-to-time. Our old and devoted friend, Joe McClain is solely responsible for this website. He built it and he maintains it. I'm sure he would appreciate hearing your comments regarding it. Joe also built and maintains the Silver Caduceus Association, Inc. website, www.silvercaduceusassociation.com. Take time to visit this site as well. The Silver Caduceus Association is an excellent organization and is open to you for membership. It would be great if you will take a look then join us as a Silver Caduceus Association of Officers and Warrant Officers, Inc. member. You will find a membership application to on page 17.

It is the Silver Caduceus Association of Officers and Warrant Officers, Inc. that sponsors the MSC reunion every two years. The last three reunions have been in San Antonio and the next is scheduled for September 2010 and will be in Colorado Springs, Colorado. Many of us have ties to Fitzsimons Army Medical Center and are very familiar with the "Springs". It would be great to see you at the reunion. We typically have a respectable Warrant Officer turnout and I would like to increase our numbers. One significant occurrence at the last two reunions was the funding of one scholarship by the Warrants present at the reunion. We recently awarded three \$1,000 scholarships to deserving young college students. One of the three this year was awarded to the grandchild of a retired MSC Warrant Officer. I'm sure we will fund another scholarship at the next reunion.

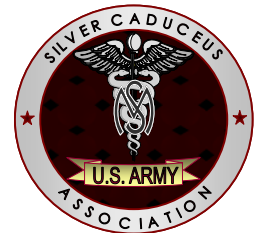
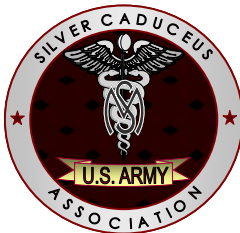
The 2008 reunion was a special reunion for me. In addition to the scheduled activities and the opportunity to visit with old friends, I was elected President of the Silver Caduceus Association of Officers and Warrant Officers, Inc. This is a special honor and noteworthy in that this is the first time we have had a President that was not a Colonel. An old friend of many Warrants, Garrett Barron, was elected to be Secretary; Earl McSwain is Vice President, and Jim Martin in Treasurer. This is an excellent group of Officers who work hard daily to serve the MSC community.

Major General David Rubenstein was an active participant in the reunion. He is a dynamic speaker and delivered a very informative talk to the members. I will attach a copy of the reunion agenda to the mail when I send this newsletter. When you take a look you will realize there was a lot to miss. The 2010 reunion promises to be as good. Recently retired Chuck Adams relocated from San Antonio to Colorado Springs last year and will sponsor the next reunion. Many of you live in or near Colorado; this is an opportunity to join us without significant travel.

You will want to visit Fitzsimons while in Colorado. I was there last fall and came away feeling very good about the many changes made since the Army turned it back to civilian control. The University of Colorado Medical Center is now located there and the place is growing. The Denver Post reported today that a new 200 bed VA Hospital will be built there as well. The two pictures below are representative of Fitzsimons today. Building 500, once the largest building on post is now

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one of the smaller ones. Buildings 604, 605, 606, etc, (our old school house) are now gone as is my Combined Maintenance shop in building 212. I must admit I did have a few sad moments while there but the good work and beauty of the current facility far outweigh that. I am very happy with the changes and proud that Fitz can now be the home of the University Of Colorado Medical Center. I cannot take credit for taking these pictures. They were sent to me by e-mail and have been around for a few months now.



Salutations. Welcome to **THE SILVER CADUCEUS**, the semi-annual newsletter of the Silver Caduceus Association of Medical Service Corps Officers and Warrant Officers, Inc.

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EDITOR'S DESK

MSC VISION The following is the MSC Vision as approved by MG Rubenstein in September 2008.

**A Cohesive Team of MSC Soldiers,
Integral to the AMEDD Mission
Relevant to the Transforming Army
Excelling in Global Operations**

TEN THOUSAND MSCs: 10,000 – yes, that's the number of MSCs in the Army, and the majority is in the Reserve and National Guard. Currently the Active Component represents 47% of the MSC, while the Reserve Component and National Guard accounts for 53 % of the Corps. Of course, this number does not include retired and former Army MSCs.

FOUR MSC Generals: A year ago we mentioned that for the first time there were four MSC general officers in the Army: **MG David A. Rubenstein, BG Sheila Baxter, and BG Keith Gallagher** in the active Component, and **BG David L. Smalley** in the Reserve Component. BG Baxter retired last summer and is now a seminary student at the Interdenominational Theological center in Atlanta, Georgia. However, the count is still four generals, with the selection in October 2008 of **COL(P) John J. Donnelly, III, USAR**, for brigadier general. At the time of his selection, COL (P) Donnelly was serving as the Deputy Commander for Operations of the 807th Medical Deployable Support Command, Seagoville, Texas. Prior to this position, he was commander of the Western Area Medical Readiness Support Group, a headquarters for all USAR AMEDD TDA units in seven western states.

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COL(P) Connelly, an immunologist, was commissioned in the MSC in 1984. His assignments have included command of the 379th Medical Detachment (Blood Bank), Folsom, Pennsylvania, that deployed for Operation Desert Storm in 1989; S2/3 of the 338th Medical Group also in Folsom, Pennsylvania; S2 of the 424th Medical Logistics Battalion, Pedricktown, New Jersey; XO of the 338th Medical Group; and G3 of the 2d Medical Brigade. In 2004 he deployed to Iraq as the 2d Medical Brigade's Chief of Staff. His military education includes the AMEDD basic and advanced officer courses, the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College, and the Army War College.

COL(P) Connelly holds a bachelor's degree in biology and a Ph.D. in immunology from the University of Pennsylvania. His specialty is vaccine research and development, and he is the Senior Director, Department of Immunology and Infectious Diseases, Chiron Vaccines, Chiron Corporation (a subsidiary of Novartis International).

REUNION

Our Reunion last September was spectacular. Hats off to Mike McGinley and his terrific committee. Start planning now to attend our next reunion in September 2010

IN THIS ISSUE are a couple of special things:

- Bob Bories' memorial address at the Reunion in September was quite moving. We've included it in Bob's "Chaplain's Corner."
- The Wounded Warrior Program at Fort Sam Houston, headed by Judith Markelz is special. Ed Hollingsworth has forwarded an AP article on this presentation and it is included in this newsletter.

OUR OFFICERS

Board of Directors: George Adams, Melinda Deffer, George Hammond, Wendy Martinson, Carroll Ockert, Ernie Sylvester, and George Waters.

Elected Officers:

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| Vice President, Earl McSwain | emcswain@satx.rr.com |
| Secretary, Garrett Barron | ed2rie@cox.net |
| Treasurer, Jim Martin | Ma7422@sbcglobal.net |

Appointed Officers:

Audit, Ken Lingle and Jim Van Straten; Chaplain, Bob Bories; Newsletter Editor and Historian, Dick Ginn; Membership, Jim Whitmire; Reunion 2009, Chuck Adams; Silver Caduceus Scholarship, George Hammond, Ernie Sylvester and Jim Hayes; Webmaster, Joe McClain

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Dear SCA Member:

If you missed our 2008 reunion in San Antonio, you missed more than the opportunity to meet old friends, swap a few “War Stories”, and enjoy excellent food and drink. You missed hearing several dynamic speakers. Each was outstanding and provided current insights into a variety of topics of concern to each of us. Our reunion committee did an outstanding job building an agenda and bringing us these leaders in today’s US Army. We will remember those few days and their words for years to come.

Speakers included:

- Lieutenant General (Ret.) Ricardo Sanchez who spoke on the Iraq war and lessons learned.
- Major General David Rubenstein who spoke on the status of the Medical Service Corps.
- Major General George Weightman who discussed leadership challenges in Today’s AMEDD.
- Colonel (Ret.) Dick Ginn who addressed the launching of a new MSC history project.
- Colonels Casper Jones and Jeff Haun who discussed the challenges of providing medical support for two wars, Iraq and Afghanistan, their similarities and differences.
- Ms. Judith Markelz who delivered a moving talk about the Wounded Warrior program at Fort Sam Houston and chaired a panel of Wounded Warriors. I’ve included for this newsletter an AP article on the program.

Each speaker was outstanding and left us much better informed. We are indebted to them for taking time to be with us and to share this valuable information.

There are hard-working MSC officers who deserve our recognition and appreciation for the effort and leadership they have contributed the past two years. Among these are:

The Board of Directors

George Krueger, President

Earl and Betty McSwain, Vice President

Jim Martin, Treasurer

Ken Lingle and Jim Van Straten, Audit

Bob Bories, Chaplain

Dick Ginn, Editor/Historian

Jim Whitmire, Membership

Jim Van Straten, Nominating

George Hammond, Ernie Sylvester, and Jim Hayes Scholarship

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George Waters, Articles and Bylaw Review

Joe McClain, Webmaster and Mary Svetlik, Assistant Webmaster

And it is not possible to say too much about the outstanding job Mike McGinley and the Reunion Committee did with the 2008 reunion. I would like to extend a special **Thank You** to each of you. Your work and efforts are appreciated.

Our membership stands at approximately 300 members, 76 of whom are Lifetime Members. If an organization such as ours is to survive, it must grow. Maintaining the status quo is the fast lane to failure. We must grow to survive. I am requesting that each of you take a few minutes to speak with an old friend who has not joined our organization. Many times the knowledge that so many respected and admired officers are members can make the difference. When speaking to your friends, sell our Silver Caduceus Association. Don't forget to discuss our scholarship program, reunions, newsletters, and the opportunity to renew old friendships.

The evening of the reunion banquet, ten officers donated \$100 each to our scholarship fund. This was an easy and painless way for our Association to award one more \$1,000 scholarship to a deserving student. Receipt of one of our scholarships can make a significant difference to a young scholar. The monetary advantage is apparent, but there is also the knowledge that the student is deemed worthy of the award by an unbiased committee. Such knowledge can be a major contributor to the student's confidence and eventual academic success. The 2008 holiday season has passed and we have welcomed a new year. Why not start things off with a contribution to the scholarship fund? The good feeling you gain from the donation will equal the good feeling the recipient will experience.

We have selected Colorado Springs as the location for the 2010 reunion. Colonel Chuck Adams has volunteered to sponsor the reunion. We are fortunate that Chuck and his wife, Wendy, are willing to contribute so much energy and time to the reunion. Wendy has extensive experience with event planning, so I'm sure this will be another reunion we will remember for years to come. If you live in Colorado and are willing to help, contact either Chuck or me, and we will put you to work.

Many of you served at Fort Carson or Fitzsimons Army Medical Center. This is an excellent opportunity to revisit the places that provide so many of your military memories. I encourage you to attend the 2010 reunion and to take time to visit Fitz. You will be amazed and pleased with the many changes since the property was returned to civilian control. Often we feel sad that a military installation is lost from the inventory. I believe this may be the exception. The University of Colorado has made so many good changes, and more are coming. I visited there recently and was amazed and pleased at the changes.

Sincerely,
Ed Hollingsworth
President, SCA
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WOUNDED WARRIOR PROGRAM AT FORT SAM HOUSTON

At the reunion, Judith Markelz gave a highly enthusiastic presentation on the Warrior and Family Support Center, located across the street from Brooke Army Medical Center. The following article describes this wonderful facility.

\$5M Oasis for War Wounded to Open at Texas Base

By **MICHELLE ROBERTS** - Associated Press | Thursday, November 27, 2008

SAN ANTONIO relied on volunteers for years to help the war wounded and their families. They've brought meals, DVDs, event tickets and an endless supply of cookies to help comfort those whose lives were upended suddenly by a bomb or a bullet.

So when new volunteer Les Huffman arrived in January 2007 at the chaotic 1,000-square-foot room used for the Warrior and Family Support Center and asked what Markelz needed, the program manager said a new video game system.

But Huffman, the president of a small commercial development firm, wanted to do more. When Markelz conceded she could use a little more room, that's what she got: a \$5 million building funded by private donations and designed like a house, with a therapeutic garden, classroom, video game room and kitchen.

"I asked for an Xbox 360 and I got a 12,500 square-foot building," she said with a laugh. "Nice trade-off."

Markelz gets the keys to the place at Fort Sam Houston on Monday. It will be the first center of its kind built on an Army post.

The original support center opened five years ago and was expected to offer a couple of activities a month and provide a place for the wounded so they wouldn't stay in their cramped barracks all the time.

But as the fighting in Iraq and Afghanistan dragged on, the number of severely wounded service members grew. Brooke Army Medical Center at Fort Sam has the Army's only burn unit and a large amputee rehabilitation program, meaning many of the wounded are there for the long haul.

Their family members ---- usually wives or mothers ---- often drop everything when they get the call that their spouse or child is wounded and arrive in San

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Antonio overwhelmed. They forget diapers for their infants, don't have more than a couple changes of clothes and don't have a way of getting around the city.

"I had a lady get off the plane with two left shoes," Markelz said. "When you get that phone call, rational is not what you are."

After the immediate panic, the families have other needs. Sometimes, spouses need education or job skills, and they often need the diversion of crafts, meals and outings, Markelz said.

The 59-year-old retired teacher and her three-member staff work with volunteers to provide all that in the overflowing conference room of a Fort Sam hotel. They've logged 264,000 visits from service members and their relatives in the last five years.

The new building will let the staff and families do things the cramped room didn't allow.

Families will be able to cook in the large kitchen. A barbecue pavilion sits near a garden built for relaxation and therapy. A classroom will offer graduation equivalency diploma classes and other skills. A high-end game room designed by some of the wounded servicemen will have video game tournaments and movie nights.

A soaring 18-foot metal sculpture of butterflies ---- a symbol of hope that a group of the burn center mothers adopted ---- swirls over the fireplace; it was designed by one of the wounded soldiers.

"It doesn't look like anything the Army has ever built," Markelz said.

Cash donations to the Returning Heroes Home, the nonprofit that Huffman Developments set up for the project, were supplemented by subcontractors eager to give their time and by suppliers willing to give materials for free or at steep discounts.

"Whenever we've needed anything, things have just come together," said Beverly Lamoureux, the Huffman Developments executive vice president who helped oversee the design and building of the new center.

Huffman, a local developer with 10 employees, mostly builds medical and dental offices. It had never built for the Army before and wanted the center to feel like a lodge, with a limestone facade and rustic Lone Star-themed fixtures.

But the support center also had to comply with Army building codes, so blast resistant windows were installed, energy efficiency rules were followed and

reclaimed beams from a Naval base were used, Lamoureux said.

"It's just our way to say thank you," she said. "I don't think there will be a project I'll ever be involved in that will mean as much to me."

Huffman and the Returning Heroes Home just got permission from the Army to do more. Seven acres off the back of the garden will be developed into a park, with an amphitheater and barbecue areas. It'll also include trails that therapists can use to work with new prosthetic wearers and other wounded service members.

Markelz wants to move into the new building before the holidays. A Jewish group will provide a big Christmas dinner, as it does every year for the wounded and their families who can't go elsewhere. The staff and volunteers will make sure the wounded service members, especially the ones here without family, get gifts and a sense of family.

"I can guarantee: Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus," Markelz said, borrowing a line from the famous 1897 New York Sun editorial. "That much I have learned."

FROM THE VICE PRESIDENT

Several years back in the infancy of the MSC Network, Betty and I had assumed the duties of Secretary and Membership. Things were going well and we thought that setting a goal of 500 members would be reasonable. Today we have close to 300 members of which approximately eighty are Lifetime members. There are untold numbers of retired or former MSCs who should be encouraged to join us. Once we reach a membership of 500 we can consider advertising our SCA as the NATIONAL MSC ORGANIZATION.

We welcome any suggestions you would have regarding increasing our membership. We have a very viable website that provides information regarding our association and any interested person is welcome to view information therein.

As you know we are incorporated as the Silver Caduceus Association of MSC Officers and Warrant Officers, Inc. We are a 501 (c)(19) organization and the IRS identifies us as a "Post or Organization of Past or Present Members of the Armed Forces", and as such, donations made to our Scholarship Program are tax exempt. This program has received good participation in awarding a total of eight \$1,000 scholarships to deserving relatives of SCA members.

Jim Whitmire, Chairman of the Membership Committee, needs your help. He plans on asking SCA members in certain parts of the country to act as extended members of the committee. Any suggestions should be sent to Jim at jmcwhit@earthlink.net

We have just completed a most successful reunion chaired by Mike McGinley. The next reunion is scheduled for 2010 will be chaired by Chuck Adams in Colorado Springs, Colorado; Plan now for a great reunion and a great place to visit.

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The Scholarship Program has been a worthy endeavor for our members, but it may be time to consider more programs of this type. Send in your ideas.

In conclusion, here are some things to keep in mind:

RECRUIT A NEW MEMBER

PAY YOUR DUES FOR 2 YEARS – SAVES VOLUNTEER TIME

SEND NEWS ITEMS TO DICK GINN OUR EDITOR AND HISTORIAN

CHECK THE WEBSITE FREQUENTLY: www.silvercaduceusassociation.com

Betty and I hope that all of you have a joyous, happy, and healthy 2009.

Earl C. McSwain
VP, SCA

TREASURER'S REPORT

Financial Report as of 31 December 2008

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| Checking Account: | \$23,314.95 |
| Checking Account, CD: | 10,000.00 |
| Scholarship Fund: | 6,371.93 |
| Scholarship Fund, CD: | 5,000.00 |
| Petty Cash: | <u>20.00</u> |
| Grand Total: | \$44,706.88 |

During 2008, Membership income was \$8064.50. The 2008 Reunion income was \$20,972.45. The Reunion expenses were \$19,373.97. The overall income from the 2008 Reunion was \$1,598,48. The Association sponsored the opening Reception on 25 September 2008 at a cost of \$3,850.60.

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JOE ON THE WEB

A report from the www.silvercaduceusassociation.com Webmaster

Hello folks, and welcome to the first edition of “Joe on the Web”. During the 2008 reunion I had the opportunity to meet many of you and I must say that I feel that it is a privilege to serve as your webmaster. As you may know the purpose of the Silver Caduceus Association is to promote the history and traditions of the Medical Service Corps, to enhance continuing education and to support social and recreational activities to its members. The purpose of the web site is to act as a conduit between you the members and the directors of the organization so that we may fulfill that purpose and simultaneously keep you informed.

If you have not visited our web site located at www.silvercaduceusassociation.com please do so as often as possible as this is the best method to stay up to date with many of the exciting things that are going on. One of the latest editions that we have added to our site

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is the link to the Chief Medical Service Corps Blog which allows you the opportunity to see some of the things that are going on with our active duty MSCs. With the help of our historian COL (Ret) Dick Ginn the MSC book has been placed on the Office of Medical History website and we are working feverishly to have it available on our web site as well or at the very least a link to the Medical History website for your convenience. You may notice that the Silver Caduceus Association Bylaws link is presently under construction on the web and we hope to have that up to date and on line before the publication of the next newsletter. One area that I could use the help of members is to up to date deceased listing on our web site. In the past we only listed those deaths that occurred between reunions. What we would like to do is list all of our fallen MSC's with the leading section as current deaths. This is a challenge that is not without obstacles and may never be complete but we would like to attempt to make it as complete as humanly possible. Look at the web site and send to me any deaths that you know of and when it occurred if possible. Please do not speculations but only deaths that you know are factual based on evidence.

Now is the time to start planning for our next big occasion, which will be our 2010 reunion in Colorado Springs. I will be working closely with the reunion planning committee in keeping you informed as the two years narrow down to the actual time of the event. Two thousand ten will be here before we know it.

Joe McCain, Webmaster

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FROM THE HISTORIAN

Remember Our History, Preserve Our History

Dustoff in Iraq Commissioned Army aeromedical evacuation officers are MSCs, and a book on aeromedical evacuation in Iraq is now available on the internet.

In Their Own Words, the 498th Air Ambulance Company in Iraq, 2003, is a collection of interviews conducted by COL (Ret) Richard V.N. Ginn with members of the 498th Medical Company (Air Ambulance) upon their return from Iraq in 2003, where they were attached to the 1st Marine Expeditionary Force from the commencement of hostilities to the fall of Baghdad. The manuscript includes an introduction, unit history, timeline, detailed listing of acronyms and technical words, and accounts of the advance on Baghdad as told by the leaders of the Company's forward support medical teams.

The manuscript length is 222 pages, The book is posted in PDF format on the internet website of the Office of Medical History of the Army Surgeon General at <http://history.amedd.army.mil/>

It is located under Books and Documents; Operation Iraqi Freedom. Publication in a print version is pending.

The History of the U.S. Army Medical Service Corps The ordering information is Ginn, Richard V.N., *The History of the U.S. Army Medical Service Corps*, Washington D.C., Office of the Surgeon General and Center of Military History, U.S.

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Army, 1997, 536 pages, tables, charts, illustrations, appendices, bibliographical note, and index. ISBN 0-16-045353-4

The book has just been posted in PDF format on the internet website of the Office of Medical History of the Army Surgeon General at <http://history.amedd.army.mil/> It is located under Books and Documents; Histories of the AMEDD Corps.

Sale to the Public: The book is available for public sale by the Government Printing Office, Superintendent of Documents. Price: \$36 (softbound) GPO Stock Number 008-029-00308

Internet: <HTTP://bookstore.gpo.gov>

Phone: (toll free) 866-512-1800 (D.C. area) 202-512-1800

Mail: Superintendent of Documents, P.O. Box 371954, Pittsburgh, PA 15250-7954

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MSC History Program: Your Role in Preserving MSC History

MSC active, retired, and former officers, and friends of the MSC can support our history program by contributing:

- Documents
- Interviews
- Photos
- Artifacts
- Written and Audiovisual Products

For details go to the MSC homepage <http://medicalservicecorps.amedd.army.mil/> which will link you to Army Knowledge Online (AKO). You will be required to register with AKO to use that service.

Or, just contact me:

Dick Ginn, Historian

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MEMBERSHIP AND DUES

Membership: Encourage fellow MSCs to join the Silver Caduceus Association. Ask them to contact Jim Whitmire, Membership Chair, at jimcwhit@earthlink.net

Dues: First year dues for new members is \$25. Renewal fee is \$15 per year. Lifetime is \$200. Please send your dues to the Silver Caduceus Association, P.O. Box 39514, San Antonio, TX 78218.

2010 REUNION

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The next MSC Reunion is scheduled for 16 - 18 September 2010 in Colorado Springs, Colorado. COL(R) Chuck Adams and Wendy Adams are presently exploring hotel options and will start looking at the program in the very near future, and they welcome any program input the Association members may have.

George "Chuck" Adams, Chairman, 2010 MSC Reunion Committee
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SILVER CADUCEUS SCHOLARSHIP FUND

2008 Scholarship Winners As we announced at the Reunion, the Silver Caduceus Association awarded three \$1,000 scholarships to the following individuals:

Robert A Klotz Sophomore at Auburn University, majoring in education. Nominated by: Robert H. Willis, LTC, MSC, Ret (Grandfather)

Elliott T. Scherer University of Oregon, majoring in international business. Nominated by: Frank A. Audino, LTC, MSC, Ret (Grandfather)

Tyler B. Hammond University of South Florida, majoring in pre-med – pharmacy. Nominated by: George Hammond, Col , MSC, Ret (Great-Uncle)

Donations: Our cause is worthy, and it's fully tax deductible. Send your donation to: Silver Caduceus Association, P.O. Box 39514, San Antonio, TX 78218

2009 Scholarships: George reports that the Committee has received three applications for 2009, and they will be announcing the winners on the SCA Website when a decision has been reached.

George Hammond, Chairman, Scholarship Committee
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CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

"A Celebration of Life"

Silver Caduceus Association Memorial Service Address

by COL(Ret) Robert F. Bories, Jr.

27 September 2008

A memorial service can easily become a very sad and depressing event if the total focus is on the fact that those being memorialized are no longer with us. Certainly that's one approach. But I suspect that if these Medical Service Corps officers we honor today could speak to us now, they would tell us to reflect on who they were, what they did and what they left behind. In other words, rather than mourning their deaths, we should celebrate their lives. Wherever we go and whatever we do, we always leave something behind. Some would call it a legacy. Others may use the metaphor of footprints. Certainly, we all leave footprints behind.

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As I was thinking about this, my thoughts went back to my teen years when my family vacationed on the Outer Banks of North Carolina, that stretch of land which includes Kitty Hawk, Kill Devil Hills, and Nags Head. When it was time for my father to retire from the CIA, my parents purchased a home there, 800 feet from the ocean. It was a great place to visit and enjoy the beach.

I remember being there and, as we have all done, looking back at my footprints in the sand. Now this was not in the soft sand away from the water and it was not in the surf but rather it was on that packed area that's damp but firm. If you've ever done this, don't you tend to compare the footprints you see? Indeed, it's a podiatrist's dream! Of course, there are many types of footprints and many degrees of arches. Some of them are so high that it almost looks like the foot is comprised of two parts. Unfortunately, that's not the case with me. I've always had flat feet and my footprints look more like handprints! Anyway, I then started thinking about footprints in an abstract sense. Eventually, my thoughts focused on the metaphor of what footprints can imply to us as we celebrate the lives of these MSC officers.

What is a footprint? It's an impression. It can be fleeting, like those at the beach which are washed away by the next wave. It can be permanent; for example, think about the footprints and handprints placed in concrete by the movie stars at Grauman's Chinese Restaurant in Hollywood. Or think about the "footprints" these lives have left on our minds and in our hearts.

I'm reminded of a phrase that is a cliché, but nonetheless a truism. "You never get a second chance to make a first impression." So often, the first impression may be the one that lasts. I'm going to pause now; I encourage you to take a moment and look at the names of those we are memorializing today. Think back to the time you met one of these officers for the first time. Remember that impression, that footprint on your mind.

Now, the other side of the coin is a contradictory cliché. "You can't judge a book by its cover." There's a lot of truth there, too. The fact is, first impressions can be changed. Haven't we all met someone whom we didn't particularly like or seemed particularly intimidating at first but then we changed our minds once we got to know him or her? Sure. Now think again about that officer and your first impression. Was your first impression the lasting impression you have of them or did it change over time? Regardless of which it is, these impressions or footprints are all about what they have left behind – the memories of their lives we celebrate today. It's about their legacy – what they contributed to God, to family, to country. Now, one more time, think back to whom you pictured a few moments ago and what some of their contributions were – those things that made them who they were. This is what we celebrate today.

I think that as we celebrate the lives of those who have gone before us, there is also a lesson for us, as well, and that is that we should be conscious of the impressions or footprints we leave behind.

Now, when you're conscious of the impressions you make, you can take positive steps to ensure they're good ones. Consider the case of New York Yankee legend Joe DiMaggio. He was in the twilight of his career and his place in baseball immortality and the Hall of Fame had been assured. Yet, he ran out every routine ground ball and pop up. When a

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rookie asked the legend why he bothered, Joe replied, “Somewhere up in those stands, there’s a kid who is seeing me play for the first time. I don’t want him to remember me as a player who dogged it.”

I think it’s safe to say, as we look back at the footprints of and celebrate the lives of these officers today, these were men who served honorably and who never dogged it.

In keeping with the theme of celebrating life, let me close with a poem by an anonymous author. Its title is “Do Not Weep for Me.”

Do not weep for me, for I have lived.
I have joined my hand with my fellows’ hands,
To leave the planet better than I found it.
Do not weep for me, for I have loved and been loved by
my family, by those I loved who loved me back.
For I never knew a stranger, only friends.
Do not weep for me.
When you feel the ocean spray upon your face,
I am there.
When your heart beats faster at the dolphin’s leaping grace,
I am there.
When you reach out to touch another’s heart,
as now I touch God’s face,
I am there.
Do not weep for me. I am not gone.

IN MEMORIAM

We have received notification of the deaths of the following MSCs since our last newsletter. We offer our condolences to their families and friends.

LTC John Casasanta
COL Paul A. Cevey
LTC Arthur J. Criswell
LTC Alfred Eigenberg
COL Ben Fisher
MAJ William H. Herrick
COL Robert I. Jetland
MAJ Joe Langer
COL Fred Leven
CPT Glen A. Melton
COL Gayland Miles
COL Jesse N. Nason
LTC Phil Pemberton
MAJ Walter Peppers
COL Albert L Schiavone

Please notify our Chaplain, Bob Bories, of the death of any active, retired or former MSCs. You can contact Bob by email at rbories@aol.com or by letter to COL Bob Bories, 50 Vienna, San Antonio, Texas 78252.

SILVER CADUCEUS ASSOCIATION LEADERS

In each issue we highlight the background of our SCA leaders. This time we turn the spotlight on

Our president, Ed Hollingsworth.

Chief Warrant Officer (Ret) Ed Hollingsworth was born and raised in Southern West Virginia, the son of a coal miner. He went to Fayetteville High School and entered military service in January, 1959. Ed served as an enlisted medic with the US Army Air Defense Command with duty stations in Connecticut, Greenland, and New Jersey. After completion of Medical Equipment Repair schools, he served at Yuma Proving Ground, Yuma, Arizona; Sierra Ordnance Depot, Herlong, California; Walter Reed Army Medical Center, Washington, DC; and SEATO Medical Research Laboratory, an overseas activity of the Walter Reed Army Institute of Research, located in Bangkok, Thailand.

He was promoted to warrant officer in the specialty of Health Services Maintenance Technician, while serving with the 71st Evacuation Hospital, Pleiku, Vietnam. In other assignments CWO Hollingsworth served as an Instructor Supervisor and Chief, X-Ray Training Branch at the US Army Medical Equipment and Optical School at Fitzsimons Army Medical Center, Denver, Colorado; Maintenance Officer at the Armed Forces Radiobiological Research Institute, Bethesda, Maryland; Medical Maintenance Officer, Walter Reed Army Medical Center, and the US Army Hospital, Bangkok, Thailand. He retired from active duty in 1980 as Chief, Maintenance Division, Fitzsimons Army Medical Center, Denver, Colorado.

After military service Ed was Training Manager and then Western Region Service Manager for Philips Medical System. He was then appointed District Manager, Southern California, for Picker International. He retired from Carl Zeiss Surgical, Inc. in December, 2004 as Western Region Manager. Since retiring from Carl Zeiss, he has worked as a medical equipment maintenance consultant working internationally, and has received several management awards from private industry

Ed and his wife, Linda, reside in Oceanside, California. He has two children and three grandchildren. Since retirement Ed has devoted his free time to volunteering with organizations such as SCORE, MOAA, and his homeowners association. He maintains the roster of retired MSC Warrant Officers, and publishes a semi-annual newsletter, *The MSC Warrant Officer*, which he distributes to retired MSC Warrant Officers.

Ed holds degrees in Applied Science and Business Management from Regis University, Denver, Colorado. His hobbies include cars and stained glass, and he's the proud owner of an older Jaguar convertible that he enjoys polishing and riding on the Pacific Coast Highway with the top down.

NEWSLETTER ITEMS AND FEEDBACK

Please forward items for the newsletter and any feedback to COL (Ret) Dick Ginn, 6825 Spring Beauty Court, Springfield, VA 22152, email dickginn@aol.com or phone 703-912-4326.

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