



Winter is well underway in much of the country and spring is on its way. For those of you living in the Northeast Midwest the knowledge that warm weather is coming must be comforting. It seems as if it was just yesterday that I was writing the Summer 2007 Newsletter and Winter is already here. Although I live in Southern California and am accustomed to warm weather, I do remember the years I lived in areas where winters were much colder. My first overseas tour was in Thule, Greenland. Now that is cold, one night it was 80° below zero, and the wind machine broke at 200 MPH. Maybe that is the reason I now live in a warm climate. I recall the weather changes that came with Halloween, Thanksgiving and Christmas when I lived in Colorado and Connecticut. It was good to put away summer clothes and bring out warmer winter clothing. I must say I do not miss shoveling snow or making sure my tire chains was in good repair and in the trunk.

I want to say a special thank you to each of you that took time to send changes and updates to our roster. It is important that we keep it as current as possible. One again I urge you to take time to look it over for corrections and changes. Look for changes to your contact information then check out your friends. Several pieces of information are missing on a lot of us, i.e. retirement date, occupation, interests, and e-mail addresses. I send Newsletter and Roster only to those who have a valid e-mail address. I know I am asking for a lot of mail, but please update your information. I believe I have made all the changes reported to me. If not, let me know. Additionally, I rarely get information on newly retired Warrants. When you are aware that a Warrant is retiring or recently retired, send his/her information to me. It would be good if you will share this newsletter and roster with your active duty friends. I am rather busy but will find time to keep the roster current. The only thing I need is your input. I will add active duty Warrants to the mailing list if you can provide their e-mail address.

You may notice that this newsletter is coming a bit later than last year. I have been rather busy with other commitments and, to be honest, I have been a bit lazy. I am currently planning to be out of the US for approximately two months working as a consultant in Tanzania. This should be an interesting and exciting journey. The following is a brief description of the project. My contribution will be as the team Bio Medical Engineer. We will also have Bio Medical Technicians on the team. I will massage data from the inspection teams to develop reports and

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recommendations regarding the many facets of equipment status, maintenance, and replacement. I had previously agreed to do the full six month project and when contract negotiations broke down I elected to remain in the US. Since then the project has experienced significant difficulties and have asked me to spent eight weeks in country to get the project on track and develop processes and procedures so they can complete the study. This is a project tailor made for me. I really enjoy working a project when it is in extreme difficulty.

Consultancy Services for District Hospitals Medical/Technical Needs Assessment Study: Tanzania

Recently, the World Bank awarded MSC I a contract to conduct a situational analysis and needs assessment of the medical and technical equipment requirements of 93 district hospitals, designated hospitals, and regional hospitals that provide Level I services in Tanzania. This Study will prepare plans of action for improving service delivery and training of staff for the Tanzania Health Sector and local Government Reform programs. In addition, the MSC I Consultant Team will develop a set of recommendations to strengthen the procurement system (and ensure its transparency) and an investment plan for the acquisition and/or replacement of medical equipment in priority service areas.

Respectfully:

Ed Hallingsworth

Credit Cards

I received the following as one of the many e-mail messages we receive on a regular basis. Some of these messages are cute, some are worthless, a few silly, and occasionally one comes along that is worth reading and paying attention to. I believe this is one of those.

I have no idea who wrote this, but he/she does have a few good ideas.

1. Rather than sign the back of your credit cards write the words 'PHOTO ID REQUIRED' where you would normally add your signature.
2. When you are writing checks to pay on your credit card Accounts, DO NOT put the complete account number on the 'For' line. Instead, just put the last four numbers the credit card company knows the rest of the number, and anyone who might be handling your check as it passes through all the check processing channels won't have access to it.
3. Put your work phone number on your checks instead of your home Phone. If you have a PO Box use that instead of your home address. If you do not have a PO Box, use your work address. **Never** have your SS number printed on your

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checks. (DUH!) You can add it if it is necessary, but only if it is absolutely necessary. But if you have it printed, anyone can get it.

4. Place the contents of your wallet on a photocopy machine. Copy both sides of each license, credit card, etc. You will know what you had in your wallet and all of the account numbers and phone numbers to call to cancel. Keep the photocopy in a safe place. I also carry a photocopy of my passport when I travel either here or abroad. We've all heard horror stories about fraud that's committed on us in stealing a name, address, Social Security number, credit cards, etc.

5. We have been told we should cancel our credit cards immediately. But the key is having the toll free numbers and your card numbers handy so you know whom to call. Keep the numbers where you can find them.

6. File a police report immediately in the jurisdiction where your credit cards, etc., were stolen. This proves to credit providers you were diligent, and this is a first step toward an investigation (if there ever is one).

7. Call the 3 national credit reporting organizations immediately to place a fraud alert on your name and also call the Social Security fraud line number. I had never heard of doing that until advised by a bank that called to tell me an application for credit was made over the internet in my name. The alert means any company that checks your credit knows your information was stolen, and they have to contact you by phone to authorize new credit.

By the time I was advised to do this, almost two weeks after the theft, all the damage had been done. There are records of all the credit checks initiated by the thieves' purchases, none of which I knew about before placing the alert. Since then, no additional damage has been done, and the thieves threw my wallet away this weekend (someone turned it in). It seems to have stopped them dead in their tracks.

Now, here are the numbers you always need to contact about your wallet, etc., has been stolen:

- 1.) Equifax: 800-525-6285
- 2.) Experian (formerly TRW): 888-397-3742
- 3.) Trans Union: 800-680 - 7289
- 4.) Social Security Administration (fraud line): 800-269-0271

If you consider this information of potential value please pass it on to friends and families.

2008 MSC Reunion

Several MSC Warrant Officers have become members of the Silver Caduceus Association of Officers and Warrant Officers, Inc. in the past three or four years. If you are one that has not joined please consider joining this worthwhile organization.

We are organized with approval of the Secretary of State of Texas, as well as with the Internal Revenue Service as a tax exempt 501 (C) (19) organization, to promote world-wide exposure of our Corps. Our goals include promoting the history and traditions of the US Army Medical Service Corps, fostering fraternal relationships with other military and veterans groups, enhancing continuing education among members and providing a scholarship program for persons related to association members for under-graduate and graduate programs.

I sincerely hope you can join us for our biennial reunion to be held in San Antonio, Texas, 25-27 September 2008. Each reunion seems to be better than the one before. This is an excellent opportunity to visit old friends and to reminisce. Each of you have an excellent, and sometimes colorful military career, this is an opportunity to revisit those times and events for which you are so proud today. The reunion will be at the Doubletree hotel on the 410 loop near the airport. This is an excellent hotel with excellent facilities. We have negotiated a special room rate for the reunion. Details of the event will be forthcoming. A membership application is at the end of this newsletter. I urge you to seriously consider joining the Silver Caduceus Association of Officers and Warrant Officers, Inc.

This year we will reward a \$1,000 scholarship to a deserving young person in the name of the MSC Warrant Officers. I reported details of this to you previously. This is important for many reasons; most important is the value of the award to the recipient. And of course, a few crusty old Warrants get a nice “feel good” out of it as well.

Websites

There are two websites I strongly encourage you to visit they are

<http://www.mscwarrants.com/>

<http://www.silvercaduceusassociation.com/>

It will come as no surprise to you when I tell you that the webmaster and architect of each of these two excellent websites is Joe McClain. Many of you knew Joe on active duty and some when he was Chief of the Maintenance Division at WRAMC as a DAC after retirement from the Army. Those of you who do not know Joe will have an opportunity to meet him at the reunion in September. We owe Joe a large debt of gratitude for his good work. Thank you, Joe!

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Future Newsletters

If any of you would like to write anything for inclusion in the MSC Warrant Officer Newsletter, please send your input to me by way of e-mail. Newsletters such as ours are of much more value when more than one person contributes to its content.

Attachments

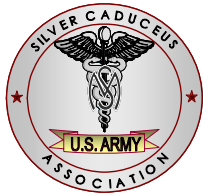
I have attached two documents to this newsletter,

1. The current MSC Warrant Officer Roster

Note: The current MSC Warrant Officer Roster is not included on the web copy of the newsletter for security reason.

2. Membership application for the Silver Caduceus Association of Officers and Warrant Officers, Inc.

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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

The Silver Caduceus Association of Medical Service Corps Officers and Warrant Officer who are serving or have served in the United States Army and their surviving spouses.

PLEASE PRINT

Name _____ Grade _____

Address _____
(mailing address, with apartment or lot number)

(City, State, Zip)

Home Phone () _____ Work Phone () _____

FAX () _____ Cell Phone () _____

Email _____

Dates of Service _____
(Mo/Yr to Mo/Yr)

Status _____ Birthday _____ Spouse's Name _____
(AD, Ret, Res, NG)

Active Membership please remit:

\$10.00 Initial Fee
\$15.00 First Year Dues
Total for First Year: \$25.00

Life Membership please remit \$10.00 initial fee plus amount from chart below

\$10.00 Initial Fee
\$ _____ life membership
Total: \$

Life Membership: Thru Age 65-\$200.00; 66 thru 75-\$150.00; 76 on-\$100.00

Applicant's Signature _____

Mail completed application and check to:
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