

## 2014 Silver Caduceus Reunion Summary

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The 2014 SCA Reunion held this year in Washington DC gave our members and their guests an excellent opportunity to see the Nation's capital and spend plenty of social time reminiscing about the past. The reunion began with healthcare administrators, comptrollers, pharmacists, operation officers and logisticians meeting at restaurants and homes of local SCA members for specialty dinners. Throughout the week, attendees took part in tours of the Pentagon, a bus tour of the DC monuments, a tour and wreath laying ceremony at Arlington cemetery, and a tour of the new hospital at Fort Belvoir. Despite the 94 degree temperature, some also enjoyed a challenging golf game on the fairways and greens of the East Potomac Course. On Friday evening, ninety people enjoyed a BBQ dinner held at the golf course.

The reunion's general session began on Friday morning with Brigadier General Patrick Sargent, the MEDCOM G3/5/7, providing an inspiring update on how the Army is focusing on the improvement of the health of our workforce. BG (Ret.) Creighton Abrams delivered a virtual tour of the planned US Army museum at Fort Belvoir. On Friday the SCA Chaplain, COL (Ret.) Doug Braendel led a memorial service that highlighted the names of our fallen Medical Service Corps officers. Mrs. Susan East, daughter of COL Ret. Gilbert East attended the service to honor her Medical Service Corps father, touching all of our hearts. COL (Ret.) Dick Ginn presented a short history of highlights of famous medical service corps officers. COL John Spain, Pharmacy Consultant for the Army Medical Department gave an excellent overview of the TRICARE pharmacy benefit program, how it has evolved over the years and where it is headed in the future. The final presenter was COL (Ret.) Mike Barron, from the Military Officer's Association of America. Mike enlightened us on the threats to our benefits and the efforts that MOAA and others are making to keep our retirement and health benefits off the chopping block for future cuts. We concluded our Saturday general session with the election of four new board members and a new SCA President, COL (Ret.) Linn Danielski and Vice President, COL (Ret.) Chuck Adams.

Our final SCA Reunion activity was the banquet / dance at the Renaissance Capital View Arlington Hotel with 127 in attendance. MAJ (Ret.) Tom Barker led the congregation into the dining room from the foyer area while playing the bagpipes. The musical entertainment was an excellent mix of jazz and rhythm & blues provided by the Mavis Waters band. We look forward to the 2016 Reunion to be held in San Antonio.