



SILVER CADUCEUS ASSOCIATION OF MSC OFFICERS AND WARRANT OFFICERS, INC.

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT Winter 2009/2010



Dear SCA Members:

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!

The following is a list of our present Officers, Board of Directors, and Committee Chairmen:

Officers

President	Ed Hollingsworth
Vice President	Earl McSwain
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Treasurer	James Martin

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George Adams	Carroll Ockert
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George Hammond	George Waters
Wendy Martinson	

COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

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	Jim Van Straten	Memorial Service	George Krueger
Chaplain	Bob Bories	Historian	Dick Ginn
Articles & Bylaw Review	George Waters	Scholarship	George Hammond
			Ernie Sylvester
			Jim Hayes

Due to multiple demands for his time and attention it was necessary for Dick Ginn to discontinue his duties as Editor of our Newsletter. I will do my best to pick up that slack until a replacement Editor has been selected.

Reunion

The focus of this communication will be the upcoming reunion. I had the opportunity to visit Wendy Adams in Colorado Springs recently and I am happy to report to you that she is doing an excellent job and is building an outstanding program for us. You can find reunion information at <http://www.silvercaduceusassociation.com/Reunion%20Information.html> . Please take time to visit this excellent website from time-to-time. It is our goal to keep it current and interesting. If you have comments and/or suggestions feel free to let me know at ed2rie@cox.net . I am anxious to hear from you.

The reunion will be at the Colorado Springs Marriott Hotel located at 5580 Tech Center Drive, Colorado Springs, CO, 80919. Please call Mr. Michel Chiroux, Housing Coordinator at 719 268 4215 to request room reservations. Wendy Adams has negotiated a daily room rate of \$79.00 plus tax which is a significant discount from the standard rate. I urge you to call Michel as early as you can for your reservations. With this attractive room rate you may want to consider extending your stay in Colorado to visit old friends and/or see the sights. August can be a wonderful time to be in Colorado before the uncertainty of winter weather arrives. I have visited the hotel and believe you will enjoy your stay there.

Only 20 people have indicated an interest in playing golf at the Air Force Academy on the afternoon of Friday, Aug 27th. If this limited interest continues it will preclude us from offering a shot-gun start tournament, as has been the case in past reunions held in San Antonio. This does not mean that a round of golf at the AFA during the reunion is not possible. To the contrary, golf course personnel have indicated a willingness to work with us to reserve some tee times for our golfers.

Ed Shockley will be managing the golf outing and requests that you contact him directly with questions. While I recognize the reunion is seven months out, I ask those interested (definitely, probably, etc.) to let Ed know ASAP. Also, golfers should let him know if they have any requests, such as whom they might like in their foursome, who have a requirement for a handicap cart, etc. He needs all this information, as early as possible. This information will make his meetings with the golf course management more productive and result in a better coordinated event.

You can contact Ed at:

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Postal: Ed Shockley

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I am confident we will have a great round of golf on one of the best, and most beautiful, golf courses in Colorado.

To date more than 150 people have indicated they plan to join us in Colorado Springs. If you have not contacted Wendy Adams to give her your tentative plan please do so as soon as you can. Her e-mail address is, wenpen@mac.com . If you do not have access to e-mail feel free to call me at 760 231 1986 and I will help get your name on the list. Wendy Adams will distribute registration packages in the near future. Please take a few minutes to look it over, complete it and register as early as you can. Members who do not have access to e-mail will receive the registration package by USPS; those with e-mail addresses will receive the package that way.

All appears to be progressing well and the prediction is that the reunion will be interesting, providing camaraderie, educational opportunities, and fun. More information will be provided as time goes by.

Membership

As you prepare for your trip to Colorado Springs think about your old friends who are not current SCA members and give them a call to encourage them to join this excellent organization. If each of you can recruit one new member our organization will double in size and provide an even greater talent pool to draw from for future leadership. Wouldn't it be great to spend a few hours with your old friends whom you may not have seen for many years? Take a minute to check your membership status. The expiration date is printed on your membership card. If it is about to expire be sure you renew very soon. I encourage you to renew for a two year period rather than one. There are many advantages to this for both you and the Silver Caduceus Association of Officers and Warrant Officers, Inc.

In the near future we hope to add new members names to the website so we recently made a change to the membership application asking for permission to use applicants name and photo for use in SCA publications. The organization continues to grow in small increments; but steady, and its officers provide a frugal setting for its operations; thus the Treasurer, Jim Martin, will tell you that we are financially sound. We continue to enjoy a corporate status in the state of Texas along with some tax relief from State and IRS. Here is the Fourth Quarter Financial Report as of 31 December 2009, from Jim Martin, Treasurer:

Bank Accounts:

Checking Account	\$19,378.65
Scholarship Fund	\$ 5,553.78

Cash Accounts:

Petty Cash	\$ 20.00
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Certificate of Deposit

(Scholarship Fund)	\$ 5,000.00
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Certificate of Deposit

(Checking Account)	\$15,000.00
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TOTAL	\$44,952.43
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Since the inception of the SCA members have always been encouraged to recruit new members. This is an ongoing process for all of us and it is vital to the organization that we have new members joining and as soon as a required level of regular membership is met, we can open membership for Lifetime.

MSC History

Highlights of MSC History

The story of the U.S. Army Medical Service Corps is evolutionary. Precursors such as Revolutionary War apothecaries and officers of the Civil War Ambulance Corps evolved into the World War I Sanitary Corps which was established on June 30, 1917.

The Sanitary Corps was deReuobilized following the war, but during the inter-war years, it became clear that the Army needed a permanent medical ancillary organization. This led to the establishment of the Medical Administrative Corps (MAC) on June 4, 1920. Growth in World War II was spectacular. The MAC increased from less than 100 officers in 1939 to over 22,000 in 1945. These officers freed physicians for patient care responsibilities by occupying an expanding variety of positions. These positions included replacement of the second physician in maneuver battalions.

A third precursor, the Pharmacy Corps, was established as a Regular Army branch on 12 July 1943. Finally on 4 August 1947, the Sanitary, Administrative and Pharmacy Corps were replaced by the Medical Service Corps consisting of four sections: Pharmacy, Supply and Administration, Medical Allied Sciences, Sanitary Engineering and Optometry.

MSC Battalion commanders in Korea remained in command as those units performed their combat missions upon the outbreak of hostilities in 1950. MSC aviators were assigned to the first helicopter evacuation detachments in Korea, units that presaged the revolutionary role of the helicopter ambulances. These MSC officers and their crews wrote a glorious chapter in Vietnam with the receipt of every award of valor including the Medal of Honor.

Today, MSCs provide administrative, clinical, scientific and leadership support to every Army Medical Department effort. They maintain the Army's wartime medical capability through command of its field medical establishment. They operate what may be the most effective logistical system anywhere. In countless ways, the men and women of the Medical Service Corps are at the most forefront of the Army Medical Department's humanitarian role in national defense.

Bylaws

The revised bylaws of our organization are now available on request to Earl McSwain. The updating procedure is a rather lengthy process since changes have to be approved first by the SCA general membership, then a copy of the minutes must be forwarded, with the changes in the document, to the Secretary of the State of Texas for review and approval. The receipt of this approval then must be forwarded to the IRS. This is an important step as this organization grants approval for the relief from tax and for tax exemption for donations to the Scholarship fund.

Website

Many of you may know that we have a new webmaster, Patty Cooper. She is a professional in websites and we are fortunate to have her. Those of you, who have access to a computer, be sure to visit our website to remain current on SCA news. For those who do not use a computer, you can direct your questions at our official address: Silver Caduceus Assoc., P. O. Box 39514, San Antonio, Texas 78218.

You are encouraged to offer suggestions, make any additions or corrections to the website. Please contact Earl McSwain who is the acting Website Coordinator until we have a volunteer for the job.

Scholarship Program

The SCA awards academic scholarships to eligible applicants. Usually the amount awarded is \$1,000.00 but it depends on the amount of money available and subject to approval of the Board of Directors. Scholarship information and applications are available at the SCA Website www.silvercaduceusassociation.net, or by writing to our official address at: Silver Caduceus Assoc., P. O. Box 39514, San Antonio, Texas 78218.

Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee, chaired by Jim VanStraten, is hard at work and would encourage anyone that can volunteer or submit names to fill any of the jobs would be appreciated.

The Corps Chief

The Corps Chief, at a meeting of active duty officers and guests, stated that a goal was to recruit the best talent available and then retain them. Reflecting back over the years when we were on active duty, I find a similarity, and I believe that we were the best at that time and with the help of our past corps chiefs many stayed on for a full and rewarding career.

MG Rubenstein was present and spoke at the 92nd birthday celebration of the US Army Medical Service Corps at Fort Sam Houston on 1 July 2009. Col. (Ret) Joe Brown made an outstanding presentation, "Serving as a DustOff Pilot in Combat Operations".

The following paragraphs are copied from the program at the 92nd Birthday Celebration:

Mission of the MSC

To provide, develop and sustain highly skilled and dedicated Medical Service Corps Soldiers who perform the clinical, scientific, administrative, and leadership functions essential to the efficient and effective accomplishment of the Army's health services missions.

Vision of the MSC

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

The official address of the SCA remains the same and any comment or question will be answered at: Silver Caduceus Assoc., P. O. Box 39514, San Antonio, TX 78218.

We are searching for someone to take over the Newsletter and to serve as website coordinator. Please volunteer.

I remain honored to serve you as President of this great organization.

Respectfully,

Ed Hollingsworth
President, SCA