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SCA E-NEWS; FEB 1, 2012

Dear Fellow SCA Member;

1. **SCA New Members:** We welcomed the following new members in January;

COL, (Ret) Darryl C. Bjorson
LTC, (AD) Avery E. Davis
Dr. John M. Kutch, Jr.

LTC, (Ret) William E. Moore
LTC, (Ret) William E. Walsh

2. **Recruiting SCA Members:** This year, we will continue with our major focus on increasing the SCA Membership which is in line with our Theme: "Planting the Seeds to Grow the SCA". We have been successful with our recruitment efforts, and with your help we hope to continue with this momentum. Again, I am requesting that each member recruit one or more new members this year. Many of you may not have been able to recruit a member last year; because, you were too busy with your travels, spoiling the grandkids, and other adventures. But the good news is, you will be able to make up for it this year. And, I encourage each member to be ambitious in setting your recruitment quota. It is essential that each SCA member take an active role in marketing the SCA by spreading the word about our great organization. **Plant a Seed Today to Grow the SCA!**

3. **Membership Renewal:** I commend our members who had 2011 Membership Expiration Dates for being responsive in renewing your membership, and many of you renewed early in order to avoid the queue. Additionally, I say "Thanks" to those of you who decided to make multi-year renewals.

- 4. Non Renewal Alert:** We have approximately fifty members with 2011 Expiration Dates who have not renewed their membership. We hope that you have just forgotten or are tardy in accomplishing this renewal and that your renewal, (\$15.00 Annually), will be in the mail in the immediate future, (SCA, Post Office Box 39514, San Antonio, Texas 78218). We have sent renewal notices and commented in the SCA E-NEWS about renewals; moreover, we have provided a 'grace' period for you to get your renewal submitted; but, we cannot continue to keep you on our active membership list for an indefinite period of time, and that time will be up at the end of March. To do otherwise would not be fair to those who pay their dues. So PLEASE renew prior to your name, email address, etcetera, being deleted from our roster. We hope you will choose to continue your support of the SCA.

- 5. Town Hall Meeting With MSC Corps Chief:** On Wednesday, February 1, 2012, MG David Rubenstein held a Town Hall Meeting in the National Capital Region, (NCR); moreover, he extended a warm invitation to SCA Members. At the beginning of his presentation, MG Rubenstein passed around the KIA Card that included the names and pictures of MSC Soldiers killed in OIF/OEF. In addition to making references to the Silver Caduceus Association, he talked about the MSC Mission, possible impacts of the drawdown in the Army, mentoring, promotion and educational opportunities, and the good things MSC Soldiers have done and are still doing in the Army. Thanks to MG Rubenstein for inviting the SCA members and for the support he provides to our Association. I also extend a personal "Thank You" to Col, (Ret) Ed Haraguchi and COL, (Ret) Lisa Weatherington for their efforts in coordinating this event for the SCA. Approximately twenty-five SCA members were in attendance, and enjoyed the informative update and camaraderie at the Town Hall Meeting. Additionally, they were happy to have an SCA Event in the NCR.

- 6. MSC Corps Chief's Blog:** Please check out the newest posting where MG David Rubenstein places emphasis on "A Personal Reading Program" at <https://blog.amedd.army.mil/msc>. Additionally, SCA members are encouraged to comment and offer their own reading suggestions relating to reading materials that have touched you personally or professionally.

- 7. SCA Member List Online:** As a reminder to our members, you can go to the SCA Website, www.silvercaduceusassociation.com, and update your personal data on the Member List Online. When you update an address, email, phone number or whatever, you are requested to make it a point to forward a note to the SCA Member Chairman, Jim Whitmire, e-mail: jwhitmire@satx.rr.com, so that he can update the hard copy of your member record that he maintains (the system does not alert him as to member made changes). Please remember, your sign-in User Name is your e-mail address, and the password is your SCA Member

number and Member expiration year date (e.g. 2012). Also, please note that your password is changed by the SCA Member Chairman when he receives your check for renewal and updates the data base with a new expiration date, e.g. a two year renewal in 2011 will make the new expiration date 12/31/2013. Thus, if you try to log-in with the immediate past expiration year and that does not work, try using the NEW ending year based upon the number of years for which you renewed. Also, once you are logged-in, go to the bottom of the page and put check marks in the respective boxes (if any) that you wish to make available to be seen by other SCA Members. Thanks for your SCA Membership!

8. **Social Gatherings:** Camaraderie represents the “Lifeblood” and binding strength of the Silver Caduceus Association. We are encouraging Social Gatherings on a regional/geographical basis and strong support for the SCA Partnership with the Silver Caduceus Societies Program. A very successful Social Gathering was held in San Antonio, and planning is underway for a follow-on event. Another Social Gathering for the National Capital Region is being planned for this year. Initiatives are also being explored to forge SCA relationships with the Silver Caduceus Societies at Fort Bragg and Fort Hood. SCA Representatives are needed to plan and coordinate these events at other Posts/Installations. Please step forward and contact Thad Krupka, TKRUPKA@EARTHLINK.NET , to let him know of your desire to get involved and to work with this vital SCA Program.

9. **SCA 2012 Reunion:** Save the dates--September 26-30, 2012. The reunion will be held in San Antonio, Texas at the Doubletree Hotel near the Airport. We hope you are planning to join us. Wednesday Evening has been set aside for MSC Disciplines to hold their Social Gatherings.

10. **A Thought To Ponder:** It takes both rain and sunshine to make a rainbow. (Apples of Gold)

11. **In Memoriam:** It is with sadness that I inform you of the passing of the following Medical Service Corps Officers;

LTC, (Ret) Jeffery F. Greene
LTC, (Ret) Robert D. Roussin

Warmest regards,

George A. Waters, Jr.
President, SCA