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Dear Fellow SCA Member:

SCA New Members:

We were pleased to welcome the following new members in November;

- COL, (Ret) William R. Chambers
- COL, (Ret) Richard L. Fox
- COL, (Ret) Dan W. Gower, Jr.

Membership E-Mail Addresses:

The SCA is a Non Federal Entity, (NFE) and is not authorized to use the Governmental E-mail Address System. You are requested to provide the SCA with a personal e-mail address if the SCA is corresponding with you through the Governmental E-Mail address System. Please provide your personal e-mail address to James Whitmire, jwhitmire@satx.rr.com, and also update your personal data on the SCA Member List Online. Thanks for your response to this request.

SCA Membership Renewal Online, (Please Note):

You may now elect to pay your membership renewal dues online. Instructions for paying online for a one year renewal or multi-year renewal, which is encouraged, are available on the SCA Website, www.SilverCaduceusAssociation.com, at Membership Renewals. The option to pay by mailing in your check is also still available to you.

2013 Membership Renewals:

Members with 2013 Membership Expiration Dates are encouraged to renew early rather than waiting until the end of the year. Renewal of your annual membership is only \$15.00 each year. You may pay your membership dues online or your membership renewal dues may be mailed to; SCA, Post Office Box 39514, San Antonio, Texas 78218. We have a large number of members who will be renewing their 2013 membership, and we want to avoid a queue. Additionally, it will allow our volunteer staff to spread out the workload and not be saddled with processing renewals during the Holiday Season. I also express my appreciation to those who have already renewed their membership. Renewing early will not negatively affect your membership date; it will still be the end of the next calendar year. I also encourage you to renew for multiple years which also helps to reduce the workload for our volunteer staff.

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Reunion 2014:

Mark Lyford

Scholarship:

George Hammond

Ernie Sylvester

Jim Hayes

SCA IS LinkedIn-An Update:

Our SCA LinkedIn Group continues to grow and we now have over 75 members. LinkedIn is not a replacement for our SCA E-NEWS or SCA News Letters; these publications will continue to be our official channels of communication with the SCA Membership! We created the SCA LinkedIn Group so that our members could professionally communicate with each other and the group. As a member of the Group, you can enjoy the benefits of initiating discussions, posting and searching for jobs, sharing topics of importance to the SCA, and keeping in touch with other Group members. Communicating through the Group will also give us another method of instantly communicating with our SCA members.

If you are not already a member of our LinkedIn Group I strongly urge you to join. I also want to urge all SCA LinkedIn members to begin taking advantage of the many opportunities that I discussed in my previous paragraph. Although there have been a few interesting discussions posted, I'm sure there are many more that our members are thinking about but have just not initiated. I know you have a number of topics and issues that you would like to share - here is your opportunity!

For those who are not SCA LinkedIn members: If you are already a LinkedIn member but not a member of the SCA LinkedIn group, login to LinkedIn and go to the search window and type in "Silver Caduceus Association" and ask to join the group. Once that is done, Our VP, Jim Vinci, who initiated and developed the Group, will receive your request and immediately process it to make you a Group Member and give you access. If you are not registered on LinkedIn, then you will first need to register on LinkedIn, and then follow the process as outlined above.

Finally, and as a very important request, we need to have a volunteer to be an additional SCA LinkedIn Group manager to help moderate our site. I have convinced Jim Vinci, who developed and initiated the site, to continue as the "primary manager" but we need a volunteer to provide assistance and back Jim up when he is out of town, etc. I ask all of you to give this some thought and serious consideration, and also contact me to indicate your interest.

AMEDD Historian:

Below is the link to the latest issue of the AMEDD Historian Newsletter. In this issue are some interesting articles that will provide historical background to contemporary medicine. The AMEDD Historian Newsletter is looking for historical articles from you, so if you have an article on the AMEDD or other medical history, please provide your contribution. If you know someone who did not receive the AMEDD Historian, please pass along the following link.

<http://history.amedd.army.mil/newsletters/AMEDDHistorianNo4.pdf>

SCA 2014 Reunion:

Save the Date for the 2014 SCA Reunion. It will be held in the National Capital Region, (NCR), Washington, D. C. Area, September 3-6, 2014, at the Renaissance Arlington Capital View Hotel, Arlington, Virginia. COL, (Ret) Mark Lyford and the SCA Reunion Committee are busy putting the plans



Nominating:

Jim Van Straten

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Jim Vinci
Doug Braendel

SCA & SCS

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Marketing:

Ed Lynch

together for this event. If you would like to be a part of the planning for this reunion event, please contact Mark at mlyford@lmi.org. You are encouraged to step forward and provide assistance to Mark in order to make this reunion a successful event. He welcomes your help.

A Thought To Ponder:

Personal honor is the mortar that holds the bricks of life in place. - Stephen Covey



In Memoriam:

It is with great sadness that I inform you of the passing of the following Fellow Medical Service Corps Officers;

COL, (Ret) Will Joe Cummings
MAJ, (Ret) Richard (Dick) Durey
LTC, (Ret) Joe Goeppner

Warmest regards,

George A. Waters, Jr.
President, SCA

“In The Silver Caduceus Association, Camaraderie Is A Passion That Makes Friendships Endure!”