



SCA eNews

Silver Caduceus Association mission

To Promote the history and traditions of the Medical Service Corps, to enhance the continuing education, support social and recreational activities and reinforce camaraderie among its members

A Message from the Corps Chief

Fellow Medical Service Corps Officers,

The Medical Service Corps is experiencing the most significant change in its existence. We are tasked to realign ourselves to adequately support the Army as it executes as part of the Joint Force in Multi-Domain Operations. We must continue to adapt to the operational environment and change our way of thinking for prevailing in large scale ground combat operations.

My focus as Corps Chief is to develop exceptional leaders and Soldiers of unmatched lethality. In our current operational environment, there is no room for complacency; we must make difficult choices and prioritize what is most important to field a lethal, resilient, and rapidly adapting Medical Service Corps. We must shift our emphasis to best support lethality and contribute towards maintaining the Army's land power dominance.

We currently face a complex set of organizational changes to enhance our readiness, delivery of operational medicine, and reform our priorities. I understand there are many rumors and questions circulating regarding the future of the Medical Service Corps. I want to take this opportunity to inform you that there will only be limited degradation in several medical Areas of Concentration (AOC); however, the Medical Service Corps will remain viable during the reduction process. Regardless of the seismic changes taking place, it's important to recognize that our Corps continues to compete extremely well in promotion, command, and school selections. Congratulations to the MSC Officers selected for promotion, command, and school.

I want to emphasize the importance of these opportunities as they are strong indicators of our successful mentorship efforts. Thank you to the senior Leaders within the Corps for their continued efforts in helping shape our junior Officers and for paving the way for enterprise success. These opportunities will continue to exist regardless of AMEDD equities selected for reductions.

Again, I am honored and humbled to serve as your Chief of the best Corps in the Army. The Army will always require a land component and medical department to support its 9.5 million beneficiaries and our Soldiers. Most importantly, remember, we bring strength to the Warrior, hope for the wounded, and comfort for the dying. We are the foundation on which Army Medicine is built.

One Team...One Purpose! Conserving the Fighting Strength Since 1775!

Major General Patrick D. Sargent
18th Chief, Medical Service Corps

Serving the Army community
of present and former MSC officers

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Presidents message

Howdy fellow SCA members. I trust you're well as spring starts to make its presence known.

Our Silver Caduceus Association is chugging along . . . but there's a brighter future for us. Let me tell you what lies ahead.

Social media presence. We've got to get better with our social media presence. You'll notice you've not received a death notice email this year. That's my doing as I noticed almost all our emails to you had to do with the death of one of our fellow Soldiers. Instead, I've asked our communications team to add a tab to our website where we will list deaths and a link to the person's obituary. Also, we need to develop a planned social media plan and way ahead to keep you informed. LTC(Ret) Kyle C Campbell is our Board member in charge of that effort. He'll need a team of volunteers to help him. Think about helping. You can volunteer at the email address below.

Information sharing. I've had two wonderful visits recently, one with MG Pat Sargent, our 18th Corps Chief, and one with COL Marion Jefferson, Deputy Corps Chief, and COL Bob Cardenas, our liaison to the Chief's Office. I've shared your frustration that retired and former MSCs (Soldiers for Life) do not have access to most links on the MSC webpage. The reason is that the webpage is hosted by a military site and that site requires an active duty ID card to access the links. Therefore, I've given the Office of the Chief a list of items from their webpage that I'd like us to post on our webpage, which does not require an ID card for access. The first item we've posted is the 2018 strategic plan. Check it out. What would you like to see added to our webpage? Tell us at the email address below.

2020 reunion. We'll hold our next biennial reunion in the Northern Virginia area in September-October 2020. Lisa Weatherington, one of our Northern Virginia-based Board members, is recruiting a chairman for the reunion. We'll need other members to volunteer to serve on the committee. You can volunteer at the email address below.

Recruiting and retention. We continue to plug along as a 550ish member organization. That's 550ish out of 4,500 Active, 4,500 Reserve and Guard, and many thousands of retired and former MSC Soldiers. To improve recruiting and retaining members, even with the extremely low membership dues we charge, I believe we have to show value. From your perspective, how do we improve the value of membership? Please let us know at the email address below.

Help. You can be a tremendous help to your association.

- > Ask one Active, Reserve, Guard, retired or former MSC to join.
- > Participate in the discussion about value.
- > Participate in the 2020 reunion planning.
- > Post an article, a picture, a story to our LinkedIn page.
- > Post an article, a picture, a story to our Facebook page.

If you'd like to help your association get to the next level, or have ideas how to do so, please write us at SilverCaduceusAssociation@gmail.com.

Best wishes,
David Rubenstein, FACHE
President, Silver Caduceus Association

Selection for promotion of the following MSC officer was confirmed by the Senate on 28 March 2019:

Brigadier General Dennis P. LeMaster, United States Army, for promotion to the rank of major general. He is currently serving as Commanding General, Regional Health Command-Pacific/Command Surgeon, United States Army Pacific/Market Manager, Puget Sound Enhanced Multi-Service Market, Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Washington.



As you read in the “President’s Message” on page 2, we have discontinued recurring email messages to our membership each time we learn a MSC officer has passed away. Rather, we will post the death on our Silver Caduceus Association website.

<https://silvercaduceusassociation.org/>

select In Memoriam under the Members tab to view a list of MSC Officers who have passed away. I encourage you to visit this tab each time you visit our website.

In loving memory of our fellow MSC Officers who have passed away.

*Immortal God, holy Lord,
Father and Protector of all You have created,
we raise our hearts to You today
for those who have passed out of this mortal life.
In Your loving mercy, Father of all,
be pleased to receive them in Your heavenly company,
and forgive the failings and faults
they may have done from human frailty.*

MSC Officers Deceased Since the 2018 SCA Reunion Memorial Service:

LTC Frank A. Audino
LTC James (Mike) M. Churchman Jr.
COL Jeffery D. Haun
COL Timothy J. Hoiden
COL William (Willie) M. Inazu
MAJ Walter H. Keim
COL John (Jack) N. Leone
COL John L. Midkiff
COL Volney H. Rattan
LTC Joyce A. Rice
COL James R. Sawyer
LTC Thomas C. Smith
COL Claude L. Wilson

Lieutenant Colonel Frank A. Audino

Below is an email message I received earlier this week from Mrs. Susan Fedoris, the daughter of deceased Silver Caduceus Association member LTC(R) Frank A. Audino. LTC(R) Audino died on 13 Feb 2019 and his family suggested that in lieu of flowers, individuals could make a contribution to the Silver Caduceus Association's Scholarship Program. I have written Mrs. Fedoris two letters up to now providing her with the information of those who have sent in checks to our Scholarship Program in the memory of LTC(R) Audino. To date the program has received checks totaling \$435. I thought you would be interested in see her comments reference her father's feelings for the SCA.

Roger Williams

Thank you very much for forwarding names and addresses of those who have donated to your organization in memory of my father. Going forward, you may send the information and any other correspondence to me at this email.

I appreciate your assistance in helping me acknowledge these contributions. My father valued the mission of the SCA and the camaraderie, while it was often long distance, meant a great deal to him.

Best regards,

Susan Audino Fedoris

FRANK A. AUDINO, LTC , MSC

US Army Ret., 84, husband of Alice (nee Ellis), Collegeville, PA, on Wed., Feb. 13, 2019. Funeral Mass, 11:30 A.M., Saturday, Feb. 23rd, at St. Eleanor Catholic Church, 647 Locust St., Collegeville. Friends may call from 10 to 11:15 A.M., Saturday, at church. Burial private in Limerick Garden Of Memories, Limerick Twp. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Silver Caduceus Association, Scholarship Fund, P.O. Box 39514, San Antonio, TX 78218 (www.silvercaduceusassociation.org). Holcombe FH, Trappe.

Colonel (R) Volney Higdon Rattan died on 1 January 2019 in Williamsburg, Virginia at the impressive age of 102 years. He was two and half months shy of his 103rd birthday. Born in 1916, Volney grew up in Dallas, Texas. He was drafted into the US [Army](#) as an enlisted man and became an officer in the Medical Service Corps thru Officer Candidate School in December 1941. During [World War II](#) he served in Paris, France as the administrative officer for the 108th General Hospital, where he met wife, Frances A. Eddy. They were married in July, 1945 in Marseilles, France and were on a ship that was preparing to invade Japan when World War II ended in August 1945. After a short career with Socony Vacuum Oil Company in Venezuela in 1945-1946, he re-entered the Medical Service Corps at Langley Field, Virginia. He had follow-on assignments in Schenectady, New York; St. Louis, Missouri; Tokyo, Japan; Washington, D.C.; La Rochelle, France; Ft. Lee, Virginia; Ft. Bragg, North Carolina, and Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. He was the recipient of the Legion of Merit and the [Bronze Star](#). He rose in the ranks to Colonel by the time he retired in 1971. Volney and his wife Frances retired in Williamsburg, VA in 1971, living for many years near the College of William and Mary, and the last several years at Williamsburg Landing. Volney Rattan was active within the Order of Founders and Patriots for several years. He was a past Deputy Governor General, past Secretary General of the Order and past Governor of the Virginia Society. His wife, Frances, passed away in 2015. He is survived by his two sons, CT and Richard. Volney will be honored with a full military funeral ceremony at Arlington National Ceremony. He was a good man, dedicated soldier, superb husband to his wife, Frances, and just the greatest Dad there ever was. We will love him always.





Colonel (R) Volney Higdon Rattan 1965



Colonel (R) Volney Higdon Rattan 99th Birthday 19 Mar 2016

New Army Uniform

From the Army Times 19 January 2019

Your Army

Brown jump boots, a leather bomber jacket & more: All the details on the new Army Greens
By: **Meghann Myers** November 19, 2018



Sergeant Major of the Army Dan Dailey wears an Army Greens prototype to the 2017 Army-Navy game. (Ronald Lee/Army)

A week after the Army secretary signed off on a **new service uniform**, final details are still being worked out as the service prepares to solicit a **contract** and begin fielding the **throwback uniform** next year.

Beyond the iconic green "Marshall" jacket, taupe pants and brown leather oxfords, soldiers will have three options for jackets, two for matching covers, and — for airborne units — the uniform team is working on a prototype of brown jump boots, Sergeant Major of the Army Dan Dailey told reporters on Monday.

The uniform is a nod to the World War II-era "Greatest Generation," a nostalgic look that still resonates with Americans, Dailey said, but, "there's another great generation that's serving today, and those are the soldiers in the United States Army."

Photos of the most up-to-date design choices aren't available yet, according to Col. Stephen Thomas, PEO Soldier's protection and individual equipment program manager, because changes were being made until nearly the last minute.

The shiny gold buckles on the prototype will be replaced with a more burnished finish to match the buttons. And the lapels on the men's jacket will be slightly shortened, Dailey added, to keep them from curling up at the ends.



Soldier models pose in the most recent prototype of the Army Greens uniform. The final product will have a matte metallic buckle and shorter lapels on the men's jacket, according to Sergeant Major of the Army Dan Dailey. (Army)

Soldiers have until 2028 to pick up the new uniform, and it won't be issued to new soldiers until 2020, but here's what we do know:

- The foldable garrison cap — a version of which is worn by the Navy, Marine Corps and Air Force — will be the standard issue cover for the uniform. A circular service cap will be optional and worn according to commander guidance. The beret will also be authorized per individual commanders.
- A long, trench-style green coat will be the standard issued outerwear.
- There are three optional jackets: A "tanker" in the newly coined "heritage green" color, which is identical to the black jacket worn with Army Service Uniform class B's; the wool "Ike jacket," a cropped green design; and a brown leather "bomber jacket," with gathered knit cuffs and waistband, though with no shearling trim.
- The jacket and pants are a 55/45 polyester/wool, elastique blend. The short- and long-sleeved shirts are a 75/25 cotton/polyester blend.

A pair of brown boots for airborne units to blouse their pants into are not a reality yet, but the intent is to show a design to Army Chief of Staff Gen. Mark Milley soon, Dailey said.

Now that the new uniform is approved, leadership is working on new regulations to bring it into the fold.

Because the Army Service Uniform will become the dress uniform and the Greens will become the service uniform, soldiers can expect a new name for the ASU — probably something along the lines of "Army dress blues uniform," Dailey said.

It's also a possibility that the Greens will be a garrison uniform for some, particularly those who work in an office environment.

"I know there was some discussion online about wearing Greens in the motor pools, and that's not going to happen," Dailey said.

Poll: Army Times readers are all the way in for 'pinks & greens,' but the comments section tells another story

More than 70 percent of readers support a new "pinks and greens" service uniform.

By: Meghann Myers

The first groups to wear the uniform will be “forward-facing” soldiers like recruiters, Thomas said. And for next year, his team is working on getting 500 sets made for a June event, around the time of the D-Day anniversary and the Army birthday.

Leaders have so far declined to say how much the Army Greens will cost per set, only reiterating that the overall fielding of the uniform won't cost any more than what the service is spending for ASUs now.

The higher-quality fabrics do translate to a more expensive uniform — the ASU costs about \$400 — but some of that is mitigated by a longer wear-out period. Six years for the coat versus the ASU's four years.

The Army is also trying to level out the budget by issuing the uniform later.

“The only purpose we issue the dress uniform at basic training is for the graduation at the end,” Dailey said.

Soldiers right now are fitted for their formal attire in the first week of basic. The Army will have to trash that uniform if they drop out of training, or it might need to be tailored again if a soldier loses or gains weight in those first months.

Around 110,000 soldiers report for basic training every year, Thomas said, and probably 6,000 of those will go home before they head to advanced individual training.

“By the time they go from AIT to their first unit, that number drops down to about 94,000,” he said.

Final cost and issuing are still being worked out, Dailey said, but soldiers can expect to see him in his at the Army-Navy game in December.



It's official: Army approves 'pinks and greens' uniform on Veterans Day

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Click **Join now**.

Complete any additional steps as prompted.

After joining LinkedIn you will the need to join our SCA LinkedIn site by going to the search window and type in " Silver Caduceus Association" and ask to join the the group. <https://www.linkedin.com/groups/4979073/>

*Once that is done, please send an email to Jim Vinci at jamesvinci@icloud.com, our Group Moderator, who initiated and developed the Group, and who will receive your request and immediately process it to make you a Group Member and give you access.

As a member of the SCA LinkedIn group you will be able to receive post articles and discussions from other members as well as posting an article, starting a discussion or commenting. Below are the instructions:

To post an article, start a discussion or comment on a discussion on our SCA LinkedIn site the following steps are recommended:

1. Sign in to LinkedIn
2. Click on "Interests" in the top dock which is a black header and choose "Groups"
3. Click on "My Groups" in the blue dock under the dock described in #2 above
4. Click on "SCA"
5. Click on "Enter a conversation title..."
6. Type your title of article, post or discussion in the first window
7. Type your discussion or post in the second window
8. Go to the extreme right side of the page when finish and click on "POST"

To comment on an article or discussion already posted:

1. Sign in to LinkedIn
2. Click on "Interests" in the top dock which is a black header and choose "Groups"
3. Click on "My Groups" in the blue dock under the dock described in #2 above
4. Click on "SCA"
5. Choose the discussion, article or previous post which you wish to comment, by scrolling down through the various post
6. Click on "comment"
7. Type your comment in the window that appears
8. Go to the extreme right side of the page when finish and click on "POST"

We already have a good core group of over 250 members signed up and we strongly urge all our members to do the same



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"A Lasting Memento of the Nation's Thanks!"

The Commemoration is providing Vietnam Veteran Lapel Pins to Commemorative Partners for dignified public presentations to living U.S. military veterans who served during the Vietnam War period as a lasting memento of the nation's thanks.

Living United States veterans who served on active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces at any time during the period of November 1, 1955 to May 15, 1975, regardless of location, are eligible to receive one lapel pin.

In order to receive a lapel pin, please follow the steps below:

1. Locate upcoming commemorative events by visiting <https://www.vietnamwar50th.com/events/>. Enter your zip code to locate the nearest events. The blue pins represent future events. Click on a pin for event details, including contact information. If there are no blue pins in your area, check back frequently, as new events are added every week!
2. Another option to receive a lapel pin is visiting the Commemorative Partner Map at https://www.vietnamwar50th.com/partners/partner_map/. Please contact a partner in your area to find out when the next event will be or if they have lapel pins on hand to present to you.
3. Veterans who still need help finding a commemorative event can email [whs.vnwar50th CPP EVENTS@mail.mil](mailto:whs.vnwar50th_CPP_EVENTS@mail.mil). Please include the city and state of where you are located.

From SCA Membership Coordinator, Roger Williams

Updated Membership Renewal Process: For those members who have regular memberships with an expiration date, the process for renewing your membership has been greatly improved. You can now renew your membership at anytime by using our new online renewal link at <https://www.silvercaduceusassociation.org/members/renew-membership>. The new process asks you to complete some information on a short membership renewal form and allows you to pay online using a major credit card as opposed to PayPal. There is no additional charge to use your credit card plus the payment process is secured through Stripe. Membership renewal options are \$15 per year for a one or multiple year term or take advantage of a discounted five year term for just \$50. Also, Lifetime memberships are now available to all regular members for \$350. All options are now available online and individuals receive a receipt via reply email message and a copy is sent to me for action.

Now you may ask, when does my membership expire? All SCA Regular memberships expire on the 31st of December in the end of the paid-up term of your membership. If you can find your SCA membership card, the expiration date is printed on your card. If not, feel free to contact me at rogerfwill@aol.com and I will be happy to assist you.

Of course, you can still renew your membership by writing a check payable to SCA and mailing it to SCA, Inc. P.O. Box 39514, San Antonio, TX 78218. Also, if you are renewing your membership any time before it is scheduled to expire, the new membership term is added to your old term so you will receive the full extended membership term without a break in membership.

From SCA Scholarship Program Chairman, Roger Williams

SCA 2019 Scholarship Program: Just a reminder that this year's cutoff date for applicants to submit a scholarship application is 30 June 2019. Also, applicants must be recommended by an SCA member who is in good standing and has committed themselves for at least two (2) years to the SCA. Additional eligibility information and the scholarship application form can be found at <https://www.silvercaduceusassociation.org/about/scholarships>. If you have any questions, you can contact me directly at rogerfwill@aol.com.

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