



SCA eNews



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.

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2023 SCA Reunion



Marriott San Antonio Airport hotel

Our 2023 SCA reunion will be 25-28 Oct 2023 in San Antonio at the Marriott San Antonio Airport hotel located at 77 NE Interstate 410 Loop San Antonio, Texas 78216

The Marriott Airport Hotel that just completed a \$36 million renovation and we were able to negotiate a special rate of \$139 per night. That rate will also be available to those who want to spend additional days at hotel before or after. There is also free parking and hotel shuttle to airport, etc. You can book your room by calling the hotel at 1 800 228 9290 or on line at <https://www.marriott.com/event-reservations/reservation-link.mi?id=1674142278947&key=GRP&app=resvlink>

When booking your room, it is important that you inform the agent taking your reservation that this is for the Silver Caduceus Association. We have a contract with the hotel to book a specific number of rooms. Failure to reach this goal will cost the SCA a penalty.

Details regarding recreational activities including the golf tournament, registration form, reunion program, etc. are currently being developed. I will get those to you when they are available.

From our President

Greetings from Central Texas. Like you, our Family recently honored the sacrifices of our fallen Sisters and Brothers in arms, during the 2023 Memorial Day observance. I know this is a somber time for our Soldiers and families and a time to remember. Whether you participated in your hometown recognitions, executed "The Murph," decorated a gravesite, or just reflected on those who paid the ultimate sacrifice to our nation, I hope you had a meaningful weekend surrounded by loved ones.

In the last issue of the newsletter, I challenged us all to "Check on 5" friends and fellow-Soldiers. Have you applied this practice to your weekly battle rhythm? I know I was not always successful in achieving the challenge, but for every check-in I made, I came out feeling more motivated and connected to our community. Having recently gone through a transition from active duty to the retirement rolls, I struggled mightily taking off the uniform. Frankly, I am still struggling. While I am still working on the best Civilian version of me, I am thankful for the many friends and family I made over the years. I would encourage you to maintain these close connections and ties to our fellow active and retired service members.

One way we can connect with our friends and colleagues is through participation in the upcoming SCA Reunion in San Antonio, from October 25-28. We have a platoon of volunteers working to make this an absolute first-class event and I am very thankful for their considerable efforts. Please mark your calendars and plan to join us for our next reunion. The more friends you bring to the event, the more fun we will all have! Considerable thanks to Jim Whitmire, Herman Haggray, Roger Williams, Jim Vinci, Ed Hollingsworth, and the entire committee working on this project.

Remember who we represent and continue to grow our Team! Membership is trending down currently, so let's resolve to grow our membership and meet our collective goal of 1,000 active members. On June 30th, 2023, we mark our 106th Medical Service Corps Birthday! This is an excellent opportunity to educate, inform, and mentor others about the great things we are doing. Whether you submit a charitable donation, recruit new members, or volunteer to serve on a committee, I appreciate all that you do for our Team. As always, I remain open to your suggestions and feedback.

I am honored to represent you and commit to carrying on the proud legacy of those who came before us.

With my respect,

Colonel Robert F. Howe, USA Retired

President, Silver Caduceus Association

Reunion Specific AOC Socials

Are you planning to attend the 2023 SCA Reunion this October? As you know, the Medical Service Corps is made up of numerous AOCs (area of concentration) covering both health care administrative and scientific specialties and everyone, regardless of AOC, will be attending the reunion's opening reception on Thursday, 26 October 2023.

Therefore, to accommodate specific AOCs the opportunity to meet socially, the SCA has set aside Wednesday evening, the 25th of October, as a time when they can gather privately. So, if you plan on attending the reunion, you may want to give some thought to having a social get-together with your fellow SCA members who share the same AOC as you and act as the point of contact (POC) for your specific AOC.

If so, please contact me via email at rogerfwill@aol.com and I will add your AOC, name, and email address to the list below. These names and email addresses of the POCs will be published in all future reunion announcements. Also, if you volunteer and you need assistance contacting SCA members within your AOC I will be glad to help.

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Tom Leonard

Team 20

Howdy, all. I trust you and yours are well.

In May, Rich Ursone, Gregg Stevens, and I had the honor of attending MG Mike Talley's two-day meeting of MSC consultants on Fort Sam Houston. Bottom line up front: **our Corps is in excellent hands with Mike, our 20th Corps Chief, and his team, "Team 20,"** focused on today and tomorrow during very complex and fast-moving times to do what's right for our MSC Soldiers and those they treat and support.

Team 20 changes:

We had the opportunity to visit with Colonel Heidi Mon. Heidi currently commands Dwight D. Eisenhower Army Medical Center. This summer she will relinquish command and become the

Deputy Corps Chief. Colonel Tony King, the current Deputy, will depart to take command of the 30th Medical Brigade.

Also new to Team 20 is LTC Joe Walker, Executive Officer to the Office of the Corps Chief.

The MSC of 2030:

A primary goal for the Chief is to ensure the Corps is using **policy changes, leadership reform, personnel management, and targeted training opportunities to modernize the Corps for 2030 and beyond** in an increasingly volatile environment characterized by the operational challenges of multi-domain operations during large scale combat operations (LSCO).

You can get a feel for the Army's approach to LSCO by reviewing the current edition of Field Manual 3.0 Operations (we old timers will remember it as FM 100-5 Operations).

https://armypubs.army.mil/epubs/DR_pubs/DR_a/ARN36290-FM_3-0-000-WEB-2.pdf

And here is an Association of the US Army (AUSA) pre-publication summary. Paragraphs two and three under the early section titled "Shifting Focus" give a quick summary of multi-domain operations.

<https://www.ausa.org/articles/world-changes-updated-field-manual-focuses-multidomain-operations>

By the way, if you want to see the historical issues of FM 100-5 and 3-0, check this site.

<https://carlscgsc.libguides.com/c.php?g=1227111&p=8979297>

General Talley introduced three LSCO-critical medical observations gleaned from combat operations in Ukraine: **clear the battlefield, handle mass casualty events, and respond to contested logistics.**

To that end, the discussions among consultants and back briefs to the Chief centered on five draft MSC campaign objectives in support of a draft MSC campaign plan that will support the Army Medicine Campaign Plan which, in turn, supports Army and National Security priorities. The proposed MSC campaign objectives are:

CO1: Recruit and Retain MSC Talent.

CO2: Engage the Total Force.

CO3: Develop MSCs for Future Operating Environment (OE) 2030 and beyond.

CO4: Inform Future Force Structure.

CO5: Future Force Informed Assignments.

Rich, Gregg, and I were impressed with the **focused effort and tactical to strategic perspective** that the consultants brought to the discussions. We have no doubt the final product produced by Team 20 and approved by the Chief will, indeed, modernize the Corps for 2030 and beyond. But, for now, we wait while the team considers the input received during the consultants meeting and develops recommendations for General Talley to consider, tweak, and approve.

A role for the SCA:

Team 20 presented a number of objectives to the conference. One was to **“develop programs and more opportunities for mentorship, include retirees.”** This presents an opportunity and

a responsibility for SCA membership, though we are not a retiree organization.

SCA members who are retirees, and who have the time and interest to do so, should reach out to the senior MSC on a nearby post and offer to participate in mentoring and professional development opportunities. To find the senior MSC Soldier start with the senior MSC at your local medical treatment facility and work your way up.

SCA members who are still wearing our Nation's uniform should reach out to MSC retirees and invite them into such opportunities. To find retirees, go to our SCA LinkedIn page and post a note there (and to two other sites).

SCA group page: <https://www.linkedin.com/groups/4979073/>

MSC Alumni group page:

<https://www.linkedin.com/groups/1064647/>

MSC group page: <https://www.linkedin.com/groups/4457600/>

Staying abreast of developments:

One plea Rich, Gregg, and I had for General Talley was to minimize what digital information was placed behind the impenetrable CAC-required wall. We explained how valuable updates such as the MSC Annual Report, State of the Corps, Newsletters, Silver Pride in my Patch, and others are a valuable way to keep **MSC Soldiers For Life** informed and engaged. Unfortunately, they are only accessible to those with CAC (Common Access Card) access. Team 20 said they are committed to posting more information on open sites.

I'll end as I began, **our Corps is in the excellent hands of MG Mike Talley, our 20th Corps Chief, and his team.**

David Rubenstein, FACHE
MG, MS, USA (Ret)
16th MSC Corps Chief

LinkedIn

Our Association is represented on LinkedIn as the Silver Caduceus Association Group. LinkedIn is a secure professional networking WEB site for people in professional occupations now or retired. Founded in December 2002, LinkedIn has more than 800 million users in more than 200 countries and territories.

As a member of the Group you will be able to enjoy the benefits of initiating discussions, post and search for jobs, share topics of importance to the SCA and keep 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 already a LinkedIn member then all you need to do to become a member of the SCA LinkedIn group is to login to LinkedIn and go to the search window and type in "Silver Caduceus Association" and ask to join the the group. Once that is done, please email the Group Founder and Moderator, Colonel (ret) Jim Vinci at jamesvinci@icloud.com, and he will immediately process your request to make you a Group Member and give you access. **Again, please make sure you email him and let him know that you have requested to join!**

If you are not currently part of LinkedIn, then you will first need to register on LinkedIn and then you can follow the process as outlined in the previous paragraph above to get on the Group.

We have several hundred of our members of our SCA group signed up and we strongly urge all our members to do the same.

SCA Scholarship Applications

The 2023 SCA Scholarship program is now accepting applications. Eligibility criteria and applications can be found on the SCA website using the link below. Also at this site is information on making donations to our scholarship program. If you have any questions, feel free to contact me at rogerfwill@aol.com.

<https://www.silvercaduceusassociation.org/about/scholarships>