



MEDICAL SERVICE CORPS
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SCA E-NEWS; APRIL 1, 2012

Dear Fellow SCA Member;

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

**COL, (Ret) Larry E. Campbell
CPT, (AD) Elizabeth DeSitter
COL, (Ret) Roger W. Foxhall
Mr. John H. Haire**

**MAJ, (Ret) Gregory Hudson
CW5, (AD) Curtis W. Randolph
COL, (Ret) Joseph A. Thornton**

2. SCA Lifetime Membership Program: The SCA Board has approved the reinstatement of the issuance of Lifetime Memberships. Instructions for submission of a request for a Lifetime membership and the Lifetime Membership Dues Structure will be announced in the May SCA E-NEWS.

3. Membership Renewals: In the October 2011 SCA E-News, it was announced that we had over 150 members with 2011 Expiration Dates who needed to renew their membership by the end of December. We launched an active renewal campaign. And Oops, we actually inadvertently sent a few of you renewal notices even though your membership was current; moreover, I apologize for the inconvenience. And, I wish to express my grateful appreciation to all of you who renewed your membership. Thanks for your support of the SCA.

- 4. Excellence In Leadership Award:** CPT Elizabeth DeSitter received the Silver Caduceus Association's Excellence In Leadership Award at the AMEDD Career Course Graduation Ceremony on March 9, 2012. Our SCA Vice President, Jim Vinci, presented the award to CPT DeSitter. She was also presented with a two, (2) year membership in the SCA. Congratulations to CPT DeSitter, and the Silver Caduceus Association wishes her well in her future endeavors.
- 5. 2012 SCA 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. Mike McGinley provides an excellent update on the 2012 SCA Reunion Planning in his letter dated February 26, 2012. See Message Attachment.
- 6. BG Dennis D. Doyle, 17th Chief of the Medical Service Corps:** BG Dennis D. Doyle has officially replaced MG David Rubenstein as the Chief of the Medical Service Corps. Again, the Silver Caduceus Association says congratulations to BG Doyle, and we look forward to working with him in his new role. We also say "Thanks" to MG Rubenstein for his outstanding support of the SCA. You are encouraged to visit the "Chief Medical Service Corps Blog" to read BG Doyle's Salutation Message and MG Rubenstein's Farewell Comments.
- 7. SCA Survey:** Last month, it was announced that the Silver Caduceus Association was conducting a survey to ascertain membership satisfaction and to assess the SCA's direction and value to the membership. The SCA Leadership expresses its appreciation to those members who were randomly selected to participate and have returned their surveys; moreover, your responses are certainly most appreciated. Gene Banner has been busy collecting the responses, tallying the data, and performing an analysis of the responses.
- 8. A Peak At The SCA Survey Results:** The SCA Reunion is viewed as the "Pièce de résistance" on the SCA Menu of value added items to the membership. Where do you want SCA Reunions to be Held? San Antonio received fourteen, (14) hits for first place, and DC received ten, (10) hits on the survey. Adding the two, (2) hits for Northern Virginia and the one, (1) hit for Maryland gave the National Capital Region, (NCR) thirteen, (13) hits for second place. You Spoke, and We Listened!". The SCA Board has decided to recommend to the General Membership that the DC, (NCR), National Capital Region be the venue for the 2014 SCA Reunion.

9. SCA Member List Online: You are reminded to visit our SCA Website, www.silvercaduceusassociation.com , and update your personal data if you have not done so recently. Our members are encouraged to update their personal data and keep it current as changes occur. Please forward any updated information to our SCA Membership Chairman, James Whitmire, jwhitmire@satx.rr.com . Your cooperation and assistance in keeping the SCA Membership Directory current is greatly appreciated.

10. A Thought To Ponder: It is not the load that breaks you down, it is the way you carry it.
(Lou Holtz)

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

LTC, (Ret) Myra I. Gulley

NOTE: LTC Gulley's obituary stated that she was the third woman to serve in the Medical Service Corps.

Warmest regards,

George A. Waters, Jr.
President, SCA

"IN THE SILVER CADUCEUS ASSOCIATION, CAMMARADERIE IS A PASSION THAT MAKES FRIENDSHIPS ENDURE!"