

San Antonio, Texas 78218

SCA E-NEWS; MARCH 1, 2012

Dear Fellow SCA Member;

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

CPT, (AD) Valerie S. Bartonico COL, (Ret) Charles C. Hume LT, (AD) Nathan C. Suber COL, (Ret) Randal L. Treiber

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. Non Renewal Alert: We have approximately twenty-five 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. The SCA Membership Renewal Posse was dispatched to deliver "Pink Slips" to the members who have not renewed their membership. We hope you will choose to continue your support of the SCA.
- 4. Appointment of the 17th Chief of the Medical Service Corps: BG Dennis D. Doyle has been selected to replace MG David Rubenstein as the Chief of the Medical Service Corps. BG Doyle will be honored as he officially assumes the duties as Chief of the Medical Service Corps at a ceremony on March 27, 2012 in San Antonio, Texas. The members of the Silver Caduceus Association, Inc. extend warm congratulations as we look forward to an association and working relationship with BG Doyle. In a message from BG Doyle, he said; "I hope to continue the excellent service to the Corps provided by MG Rubenstein and his predecessors. I also look forward to working with you and the SCA". As we prepare to say a fond farewell to MG Rubenstein, we express our profound appreciation for his outstanding support to the Silver Caduceus Association, Inc.
- 5. The 2nd Evacuation Hospital Memorial, Diddington Village Hall: The Building has been erected, and the official unveiling ceremony of the newly completed memorial is scheduled for June 23, 2012 in Diddington, Cambridgeshire, UK; <u>www.diddingtonvillagehall.co.uk</u>. For additional information, please contact; Lorraine Sherrington, <u>glsherrington@aol.com</u>, and Michael Salamone, <u>masalamone@aol.com</u>.
- 6. 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 <u>MSC Disciplines to hold their Social Gatherings</u>.

- 7. SCA Survey: The Silver Caduceus Association is conducting a survey to ascertain membership satisfaction and to assess the SCA's direction and value to the membership. A random selection of members was made for participation in the survey. I am requesting that those who were selected to participate in the survey to promptly complete the survey and return it to Gene Banner, <u>gbanner01@yahoo.com</u> .The information provided will remain confidential by individual and will only be used in an aggregate format after it is compiled.
- 8. SCA Member List Online: You are reminded to visit our SCA Website, <u>www.silvercaduceusassociation.com</u>, 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. Your cooperation and assistance in keeping the SCA Membership Directory current is greatly appreciated.
- 9. A Thought To Ponder: In the end, it is the person you have become, not the things you have achieved. (Les Brown)
- **10.** In Memoriam: It is with sadness that I inform you of the passing of the following Medical Service Corps Officers;

COL, (Ret) Charles R. Kinney COL, (Ret) James H. Ostrander, (Died AUG 2002)

Warmest regards,

George A. Waters, Jr. President, SCA