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Welcome to **THE SILVER CADUCEUS**, the semi-annual newsletter of the Silver Caduceus Association of Medical Service Corps Officers. And check out our SCA website at www.SilverCaduceusAssociation.com -- it includes back issues of the Newsletter and a directory of SCA members.

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

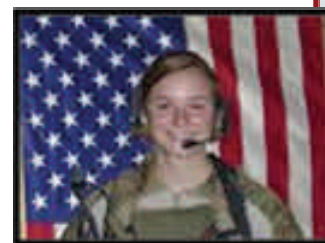
Before going further, we take a moment to honor and say a prayer for the following officer who was reported as KIA in Afghanistan. She joins six fellow Medical Service Corps officers we listed in our last newsletter.

First Lieutenant Ashley Irene White was killed during combat operations in Kandahar Province, Afghanistan on 22 October 2011, when the assault force she was supporting triggered an improvised explosive device.

Lieutenant White was assigned to the 230th Brigade Support Battalion, 30th Heavy Brigade Combat Team, North Carolina National Guard, and was serving as a member of the Cultural Support Team attached to the Joint Special Operations Task Force in Afghanistan.

She was born in 1987, and was commissioned in the MSC upon graduation from Kent State in 2009. She was a graduate of the MSC Officer Basic Course at Fort Sam Houston, and the Army Airborne Course at Fort Benning. Lieutenant White is survived by her husband, Captain Jason Stumpf of Raeford, North Carolina, her parents Robert and Deborah White, a twin sister Britteny, and brother Josh, of Alliance, Ohio.

The Silver Caduceus Association in recognizing and showing its appreciation and respect for the supreme sacrifice made by our fellow MSCs is developing an SCA Memorial Certificate to be presented to the next of kin of each MSC officer killed in action.



Our SCA Legacy:

It is always helpful to recount the purpose of any organization. In the case of our SCA, that was stated at the beginning of things as the following five objectives:

1. Inculcate and promote the US Army Medical Service Corps among Junior and Senior ROTC cadets.
2. Foster fraternal relationships with other military and veterans groups.
3. Document, preserve and disseminate accurate historical information regarding Corps activities and achievements of its officers during war and peace.

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4. Promote professional, social, and recreational activities for SCA members.
5. Support the U.S. Army Medical Service Corps in accomplishing its missions.

Newsletter Change: As we noted in the last issue, we solicited proposals for publishing the newsletter, a specialized task that requires applying professional skills in the use of publishing software. The objective is to change what up to now has been one long Word document into a professional newsletter with the graphics and design capability it deserves. That would of course be a pleasure for SCA members, especially for me as your editor since 2003.

Well – magic happened! MAJ Steve Sheridan has volunteered to take on this task, utilizing his considerable wizardry with things digital. This issue showcases his talent. We look forward to a spiffy publication, one worthy of MSCs. A round of applause for Steve!

As editor my role is to receive and edit input from SCA members, along with drafting various portions for the newsletter, and then turning those digits over to the publisher, Steve, for the magic that produces a professional publication.

Remember to send photos (with full identification and date and place). We want pictures! We also want your stories – short update bursts are grand.

Please forward newsletter items to dickginn@aol.com. My H/Off phone is 703-912-4326.

Dick Ginn, Life Member #2
Editor

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Fellow SCA Members:

HAPPY BIRTHDAY SCA!!!

On September 9, 2012, the Silver Caduceus Association will celebrate its tenth birthday! The SCA is proud of its accomplishments as it celebrates a decade of outstanding commitment and dedicated service to our membership and the Medical Service Corps. We know that the SCA can not rest on its laurels; therefore, we are vigorously positioning our Association to maintain a strong commitment to our membership and to further enhance the operations of the Silver Caduceus Association. A recent survey of our SCA membership attests to the SCA Leadership's strong resolve to meet the needs of our members. Additionally, we want to grow the Silver Caduceus Association while making it visible and attractive within the Medical Service Corps and the AMEDD family.

The origins of the SCA date from the business meeting of the 2000 MSC Reunion in San Antonio, Texas, when a majority of the attendees voted to establish a Medical Service Corps Association. The group formed a committee, (Retired Colonels Bob Fields, Dick Ginn, Mike Girone, Dan Gower, Gil Jacox, and Ernie Rezendes) to develop plans for such an organization.

In Clearwater, Florida on September 9, 2002 at the 2002 MSC Reunion, the organizing committee presented organizational plans to the elected Board of Directors, (Retired Colonels Ellis Hall, Gordon Hennessy, Gordon Moore, Bud Ockert, Ernie Sylvester, and George Waters). The Medical Service Corps Association was officially established, and the organizing founders respectfully

Appointed Officers

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Doug Braendel

SCA & SCS

Partnership:

Thad Krupka

Recruitment & Marketing:

Ed Lynch

tendered their resignation to the BOD. The following officers were elected; COL Ernie Rezendez, President; COL George Hammond, Vice President; and COL Jim Vinci, Treasurer. COL Earl McSwain was later elected as Secretary. The name of the organization was subsequently changed to the USA MSC Network, Inc; and still later became the Silver Caduceus Association of Officers and Warrant Officers, Inc. Happy Birthday ,SCA members. We salute you for your outstanding operations and service that can be summed up as "A Job Well Done".

Our SCA Reunion in September will provide an excellent opportunity for the attendees to enjoy outstanding camaraderie; but, it should not end there. With that thought in mind, the SCA Member List Online was established to facilitate ongoing camaraderie. The Medical Service Corps is known for its robust camaraderie, and we want it to continue into retirement. "In the Silver Caduceus Association, camaraderie is a passion that makes friendships endure."

SCA members are encouraged to organize social events for MSCs in their region. An example was the first MSC luncheon in June COL (Ret) Lisa Weatherington and COL (Ret) Ed Haraguchi did an outstanding job in planning and coordinating this SCA Social Gathering. Ed's account of the event is in this newsletter.

George A. Waters, Jr.
President

NEW MSC CHIEF

BG Dennis Doyle was sworn in as the 17th MSC Chief on 27 March, replacing MG Rubenstein who has retired. General Doyle, who is currently the Commanding General of William Beaumont Army Medical Center and the Western Region Medical Command, will be assigned to Honolulu, Hawaii as the Commanding General, Tripler Army Medical Center and the /Pacific Regional Medical Command. In addition, he will serve as United States Army Pacific Surgeon, and Lead Agent, TRICARE Pacific as well as Chief, United States Army Medical Service Corps, Honolulu, Hawaii. His change of command to assume PRMC/TAMC will be conducted between 30 October and 2 November.

SCA EXCELLENCE IN LEADERSHIP AWARD

Captain Elizabeth DeSitter, MSC, 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-year membership in the SCA. Congratulations to CPT DeSitter, and we wish her well in her future endeavors.

SCA SPONSORS FIRST LUNCHEON IN THE NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION

The Silver Caduceus Association sponsored its first social event in the National Capital Region with a luncheon on June 29, 2012 at the Fort Belvoir Officers' Club. A total of 66 people attended the luncheon which included active duty Army officers, active duty Navy officers, and retired Army MSC officers from throughout the region. The occasion also celebrated the Army Medical Service Corps' 95th Anniversary.

Colonel Angel Lugo, Chief of Staff for the Northern Region Medical Command, provided welcome remarks and introduced SCA President, COL (Ret) George Waters. COL (Ret) Waters provided the group the background, purpose, and vision of the SCA and encouraged members to promote membership, mentorship, and attendance at the upcoming reunion in San Antonio. Following this, COL (Ret) Denise Anderson provided the invocation which was followed by lunch. At the conclusion of the meal,



COL, (Ret) George Waters;
COL, (Ret) Lisa Weatherington;
COL, (Ret) Ed Haraguchi.




*MSC 95th Birthday Cake Cutting Ceremony at
SCA NCR Luncheon at Ft Belvoir Officers Club*

COL, (Ret) Fred Brand, Senior MSC;
CPT, (AD) Jenna Burneski, Junior MSC;
COL, (AD) Angel Lugo, Chief of Staff, National
Region Medical Command;

COL Lugo and COL (Ret) Waters questioned the audience about dates of rank and entry onto active duty in order to find the most junior and senior MSCs. After several comparisons of dates, CPT Jenna Burneski and COL (Ret) Fred C. Brand were declared the most junior and senior MSCs, and assisted COL Lugo with the cutting of the MSC Birthday Cake.

Following this, COL (Ret) Richard Ginn provided the group with a captivating and highly informative presentation titled, "A Glimpse at MSC History." He described the evolution of the MSC over 237 years as an essential response to changes in technology, military medicine, and the Army, especially during wartime. He also described this process in terms of AMEDD "tribes," such as the MSC, with their shared culture, memories and allegiances. Finally, he discussed how these forces are at play today as the Army and Army medicine face another period of great change. At the conclusion of the event, COL (Ret) Waters thanked everyone for attending the event and looked forward to future SCA gatherings in the National Capital Region.

COL (Ret) Ed Haraguchi



2LT Dibartolomeo assists BG (Ret) Richard Ursone, 14th Chief MSC and COL John Cook, Deputy Chief MSC during the 95th MSC Birthday Celebration Cake Cutting Ceremony at Fort Sam Houston, June 29, 2012.

MSC BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION IN SAN ANTONIO

On 29 June, COL John Cook, Deputy Corps Chief, officiated at the 95th Birthday Celebration of the Medical Service Corps in the Blesse Auditorium, Willis Hall, AMEDD Center and School. BG (Ret) Richard Ursone gave a thought provoking keynote address that provided not only a perspective on the history of the Medical Service Corps but also focused on the importance of the MSC to the Army Medical Department and the Army. He thanked the over 150 active duty officers present for their service and stressed that their sacrifices and commitment to service were the hallmark of the Medical Service Corps. Following his presentation, 2LT Dibartolomeo and COL Cook assisted BG Ursone, 14th Chief, Medical Service Corps, in the cake cutting ceremony, and the attendees gathered for light refreshments. MG (Ret) David Rubenstein and COL (Ret) Thad Krupka were present as members of the Silver Caduceus Association in addition to active duty officers of all AMEDD corps.

COL (Ret) Thad Krupka

MSC REUNION 2012

Our reunion, September 26-30, 2012, is upon us! Registration information is posted on the SCA Website, www.silvercaduceusassociation.com

It will be held in San Antonio, Texas at the Doubletree Hotel near the Airport. Mike McGinley and the SCA Reunion Planning Committee have been very busy for months putting together a program you will find very interesting and enjoyable. For those planning to attend the reunion, the event at Mulligan's, Fort Sam Houston Golf Club, is open to all attendees, not just golfers. This casual event has always been a very popular social gathering.

MSC Specialty Social Gatherings: Wednesday evening, September 26th, has been set aside for MSC specialty groups to hold their social gatherings.

Specialty points of contact as of this date are as follows:

Biomedical Maintenance: Doug Stephens cmstephens@bmets-usa.com

Medical Logistics: Jim Conrad, james.d.conrad@amedd.army.mil

Optometry: George (Chuck) Adams drcadams@mac.com

Pharmacy: Roger Williams rogerfwill@aol.com;

Linn Danielski, ldanielski@satx.rr.com

The following social events for MSC specialties have been announced as we go to press:

Army Pharmacy Social

To: All Retired and Active Duty Army Pharmacists and their guests

What: A get-together for the Army Pharmacy family attending the 2012 SCA Reunion or simply those in the area wanting to join in for some socializing.

When: Wednesday, 26 Sep 2012 at 1830 or as soon thereafter as you can

Where: The home of LTC (ret) Stacia Spridgen and her husband Mike at 304 Lochaven Lane, San Antonio, TX 78213

What's on the menu: The menu will be a standard Texas BBQ plate catered by Grady's BBQ. Cost is \$10 per plate and drinks (beer, wine and soda) will be available for \$1 per drink. Pay as you go bar throughout the evening. If you want something stronger feel free to BYOB.

How do I participate: Tom Hoopes is the POC to collect RSVPs and checks. You can contact Tom via email at trhoopes@sbcglobal.net and checks can be mailed to Tom's home 214 Willow Bluff, San Antonio, TX 78216. Make checks payable to Tom. RSVPs and checks NLT 16 Sep 2012.

MSC Medical Logistics Officer Reception

(Active, Retired and Guests are Welcome)

Time: 1800 – 2000 26 September

Location: Alamo Café, 14250 San Pedro Avenue

We're in the Travis / Bowie Room

What: A Nice Reception With Delicious Appetizers, Cash Bar, and Great Fellowship!

Cost: \$20.00 Per Person (Cash or Check)

*Please Make Checks Payable to: "Jim Conrad" **

Mail Check to: Jim Conrad – 9715 Golden Ridge Drive, Converse, TX 78109

*Payment Needs To Be Received No Later Than 21 September 2012**

*COST PER PERSON AFTER 21 SEPTEMBER 2012 & AT THE DOOR WILL BE \$25.00**

*Questions - call or email: 210-221-9693 / james.d.conrad@amedd.army.mil

Biomedical Maintenance Social Gathering

SCA 670A / 202A Warrant Officer Reception

(Active, Retired, & Guests are welcome)

Time: 12:30 to 15:00 29 Sept 2012

Location: Alamo Cafe (14250 San Pedro Avenue)

What: A Nice Luncheon w/ 3 Delicious Entrees, Cash Bar, & Great Fellowship!

Cost: \$20.00 Per Person (Cash or Check)

Please Make Checks Payable to: Doug Stephens

Mail Check to: Douglas Stephens, 97 Lakeshore Place, Lakeview, AR 72642

* Payment Needs To Be Received No Later Than 21 September 2012 - Cost per person after 21 Sept 2012 & at the door will be \$22

Questions - call or email: 870-431-5486 or dstephens@bmets-usa.com

- - Remit Payment & Contact Information - -

Name(s)

Phone:

Number of Guest(s):

Email Address

Address

SCA PARTNERSHIP WITH SILVER CADUCEUS SOCIETIES

*Camaraderie represents the "Lifeblood" and
binding strength of the Silver Caduceus Association.*

Thad Krupka, Director of the SCA/SCS Partnership Initiative, notes that one of the efforts the Silver Caduceus Association has made over the past year has been in the area of partnership. The goal of the partnership initiative is to reach out and work with Silver Caduceus Societies where they exist and coordinate with senior Medical Service Corps officers at the local installations or units. The aim is to be a bridge between Active and Reserve Component Medical Service Corps officers and the Silver Caduceus Association with the purpose of encouraging lifelong membership in the SCA as a means of continuing the camaraderie, friendships, mentoring and relationships that have existed throughout their careers. Recently, SCA Partnership Representatives have been at work in San Antonio, Fort Hood and Fort Bragg and in the National Capital Region.

If you are interested in being a SCA Partnership Representative and assisting in this endeavor, please contact Thad Krupka at tkrupka@earthlink.net for further information. There are several areas where we could use help, such as in the Fort Lewis/MAMC area, Ft Bliss/ WBAMC, and Ft Carson to name a few.

RECRUITMENT

**Plant a Seed Today To Grow The SCA
*Bigger Is Better!***

Ed Lynch, Director of the SCA Recruitment and Marketing Program, solicits your help. We need to expand our membership. Certainly each member can think of one MSC they have been associated with who isn't on our membership rolls. Reach out and contact them and extend the invite to join the SCA! Growing the SCA significantly benefits all of us in expanding the MSC fellowship to all who support our goals and in solidifying the organization's ability to develop and operate programs beneficial to all members. We are developing our recruitment and marketing effort to grow the SCA, particularly among the

Active Duty and recently retired or separated MSC population. Send Ed your thoughts to eflynch@consolidated.net. Let's all get out there and get busy adding new members!

FROM THE HISTORIAN

Know Our History, Preserve Our History

LARMC CLOSING

As you know, there have been some very big changes recently in the organization of the military health care system, such as the closing of WRAMC and the relocation of OTSG, along with the Navy and Air Force surgeons general to the former Raytheon Building in Arlington, VA. Not all the changes have been stateside, and Paul Moritsen and Doug Brandel call our attention to the decision to close LARMC with this article in the *NY Times* by Thom Shanker, June 10, 2012.

As the Pentagon and Congress argue over how to shrink the military to fit smaller federal budgets, no debate over matching money to mission is more heartfelt than the order to shut down the premier overseas hospital for grievously wounded troops and replace it with a new one. With scant public notice, the Defense Department is closing, and relocating, the aging hospital, the Landstuhl Regional Medical Center in Germany, the only top-level military trauma center outside the United States.

The hospital has earned its vaunted reputation over the past decade as it has evacuated, treated and stabilized all American military personnel wounded in Afghanistan and Iraq. It treats 500,000 patients a year. There is no dispute that replacing the hospital, which opened 59 years ago, is a good idea. And building its replacement next to Ramstein Air Base in Germany would reduce transit time for patients. Additional savings would be found by closing Ramstein's existing clinic and combining it with the Landstuhl replacement.

But a debate is simmering over how large a hospital should be built, and with how many emergency and trauma treatment beds. The underlying question is what kinds of missions the military should be prepared to undertake in the years and decades to come.

The war in Iraq is over. The conflict in Afghanistan is winding down. And the Army is cutting the number of combat brigades in Europe. So the Pentagon and Congress are reluctant to invest in a hospital that is so large that it would be necessary only if there is another full-scale war. But military commanders point out that on Sept. 10, 2001, the day before the terrorist attacks in the United States, the Landstuhl hospital looked like an aging white elephant, yet over the next 10 years it became the critical link in a chain of medical care that begins on the battlefield and moves on to long-term treatment in the United States. The commanders want a hospital that is large enough, and flexible enough, to treat casualties from an unexpected crisis in Europe or Africa, the Middle East or the Indian Ocean region.

Congress rejected the Pentagon's initial proposal for a \$1.2 billion hospital to be built over seven years; counterproposals from the Senate and House cut the request by up to one-third. A smaller sum just to get the project under way is in the current budget.

Legislators say they remain open-minded about whether the final cost should be higher, but they say they cannot make a final decision because the Pentagon has not provided adequate information and analysis for Congress to vote on a price. In a blistering critique of the Pentagon's initial plan, the Government Accountability Office, the auditing and investigative arm of Congress, rejected proposals from Dr. Jonathan Woodson, the assistant secretary of defense for health affairs, because he had failed to show how the Pentagon had come up with a \$1.2 billion price tag for the hospital.

Pentagon officials told Congress that the replacement hospital is being sized for peacetime operations, not for contingency operations, according to the Government Accountability Office study. But the office also said that Defense Department officials told them that the hospital would have the capability to expand to handle the casualties should another war break out.

Call for Papers: Medical History of WWII

In March 2014, the Army Medical Department Center of History and Heritage and the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences will be co-sponsoring a conference on the medical history of WWII. It will be hosted at the Army Medical Department Museum in San Antonio, Texas. Presentations on all facets of medicine and the war are welcome, including consideration of the repercussions of the war on the practice of medicine, medicine in various campaigns, effects on the home front, and related topics. Contact: Dr Sanders Marble, Office of Medical History, US Army, sanders.marble@us.army.mil

Presentations should be 30 minutes long, and two-paper panels are welcome. Deadline: September 2013

MEMBERSHIP AND DUES

Contact our **Membership Director Jim Whitmire**, jwhitmire@satx.rr.com, to join the SCA or to renew your membership. Jim notes that the SCA still gets a number of returned emails and letters that were sent to SCA Members. Please ensure that your email and postal addresses are correct on the Website Members List. Forward changes to the SCA Jim Whitmire, email: jwhitmire@satx.rr.com; or by U/S. mail to *SCA, P.O. Box 39514, San Antonio, TX 78218*.

Dues: First year dues for new members is \$25. Renewal is \$15 per year. Please send your dues to:

the Silver Caduceus Association, P.O. Box 39514, San Antonio, TX 78218.

SCA Directory: Our list of members is posted at www.SilverCaduceusAssociation.com. Please update your personal data if you have not done so recently.

Life Time Membership: The dues structure for SCA Lifetime Membership is as follows:

Ages	Dues
< 45 -----	\$ 375
46 - 55 -----	\$ 300
56 - 65 -----	\$ 250
66 - 75 -----	\$ 200
76 + -----	\$ 125

MSC COIN

The Office of the Chief Medical Service Corps is in the process of getting a new coin minted. It is a smart and sharp looking design in the shape of a litter. The cost of the coin will be around \$15.00. You will be advised when the coin is available, and provided the exact cost as well as instructions on how you may purchase the coin. It appears that the new MSC coin will be available for purchase at the SCA Reunion in September.

CATCHING UP

One of the neatest things we can offer in these newsletters is a section on catching up with our personal news.

*The first is **Short Bursts**, a sentence or two (or more) on what you have been up to. Send in those sentences, and photos, too. This is a good way to stay in touch with old friends!*

*The second option is **The Catchup Corner**, a series of brief interviews by Don Helin. You can contact Don at dhelin@copper.net Here's what we have this time:*

SHORT BURSTS

BG(Ret) Sheila Baxter. reports that she is in the last phase of her clinical pastoral education program. She graduated from seminary in May 2011, and now works for the Atlanta VA Medical Center as a Resident Chaplain.

COL(Ret) Podge Reed. asks if he might be the first retired MSC to receive a lung transplant. His story: *On December 18, 2011, I underwent a complete lung transplant procedure at Johns Hopkins Hospital. I am the oldest patient to ever receive a complete lung transplant (currently 71) at Hopkins. I am now working with the transplant team to help them with possible ideas to improve the program for patients over 70 for lung transplant. My full recovery will probably take a full year.*

THE CATCHUP CORNER

by Don Helin

In this newsletter we catch up with LTC (Ret.) Ed Harris

Editor's Note: Our SCA President, George Waters, relates that when he was stationed at the US General Leonard Wood Army Hospital, he was dating his future wife, Mamie. On one of George's visits to see Mamie, Ed had sent Mamie some very beautiful Orchids. They were spectacularly impressive, and Mamie used the colors from the Orchids to plan the color scheme for her and George's Fall Wedding. Now the question we have for George is what flowers did you bring Mamie? RVNG

1. Ed, tell us a little about what you did while on active duty. My service, while on active duty, was unique. It started with my enlistment and training as an infantryman with the 10th Inf. Div., Camp Funston, KS. Shortly afterward I was assigned to the Surgeon's Office, Hq US Army Caribbean. I was extremely fortunate that my boss encouraged me to apply for a reserve commission after having completed the Series 10 and 20 extension courses from the Medical Field Service School. I received my commission and over a year later came on active duty as a 2nd Lt. Because of my Medical Records Clerk background, I received

a Registrar MOS. My assignments include Detachment CO, Platoon Leader, Company CO, Bn S-3, Bn XO and Surgical Hospital XO. I served in Viet Nam with the 9th Medical Bn and the 27th Surgical Hospital. My assignments as Registrar include Seoul Military Hospital, Ft. Gordon Army Hospital and finishing my career with US General Leonard Wood Army Hospital.

2. Sounds pretty busy. What did you do after you retired? I spent 18 years as the Director of Human Resources at Baptist Medical Center in Columbia, SC. I really enjoyed the work there because of the constant flow and challenges of different personnel issues. Because Bertha is from Panama, we traveled there almost every year until 2006. Primarily to visit her family but in addition I used the opportunity to collect orchid plants throughout the country with my civilian employee friend from the Canal Zone. I had been introduced to the orchid family, while stationed there, and sure enough I became addicted to them and they became my hobby.

3. What do you do to stay busy these days? My hobby with orchids continued to grow and I now have approximately 2,000 plants. Even though I have an automatic misting system, there is still a lot of work to do. This includes fertilizing and repotting. I have been a past President and currently I am the Treasurer of the SC Orchid Society. We participate in orchid shows in the Carolinas, GA and TN. I have garnered 10 American Orchid Society awards on the flowers of my plants. There are over 25,000 different orchid species throughout the world. Bertha and I are starting up our exercises again in one of the gyms at Ft. Jackson. I had to stop because of hip replacement surgery last year.

4. Why did you join the Silver Caduceus Association? I joined the association, when it was first created, because we wanted to keep up to date with our former MSC friends and the latest information on legislation that could affect our retirement benefits and pay. Bertha and I have been able to attend two of the reunions and we plan to attend the next one in 2012.

Our next Catchup is with Cecil Harris

Many of you knew Cecil while he was on active duty and became dual qualified as a health care executive and behavior medicine professional. Since he retired Cecil has been busy with a number of interesting activities.

1. Tell us a little about yourself. I was born in Jacksonville, Florida and moved to New York City at eight months of age. I grew up in the shadow of the Yankee Stadium in the South Bronx. Even so I never played baseball, but instead played football and ran track. As the Bronx-Manhattan Half Mile Silver Medalist and local newspaper football honorable mention, I was pleased to be elected Best Athlete of my high school senior class. I competed during my first year at Morgan State before focusing on becoming a psychologist.

2. What did you do in the Army? I graduated Cum Laude and Distinguished Military Graduate, and was awarded a Regular Army Commission in the Medical Service Corps. This began a fun and exciting 27-year-career as an MSC. My dream of becoming a clinical psychologist was delayed. In my first eight years as an MSC, I served 52 months in infantry divisions and three years at the Medical Training Center.

I became dual qualified as a health care executive and behavior medicine professional. My capstone AMEDD assignments were psychology consultant to the Army Surgeon General and two Medical Treatment Facility (MTF) Chief

Executive Officer assignments. Combat assignments were with Task Force Oregon and the 23rd Infantry Division (AMERICAL) where I served as Deputy G-1 for the largest combat division in theater.

3. What have you been doing since you left the military? Since military retirement in 1987, I continued my dual focused professions. I was an executive for the American Psychological Association, President and CEO for a National Preferred Provider Organization (PPO), and a practicing psychologist and health care entrepreneur. I was the co-founder, and co-chairman of Washington-Harris Group, Inc., (WHG) a national staffing, consulting and contracting firm now in its 24th year of business. The company operates in all 50 states and the territories of Puerto Rico, U.S. Virgin Islands, Guam and the District of Columbia. I'm proud also to be co-founder of Head Injury Rehabilitation Services now in its 23rd year of business. I also am co-founder, co-owner and eventually President and CEO of Harris, Fishburne and LaMott, a comprehensive mental health practice servicing two catchment areas of Maryland. My main focus these days is WHG, Inc.

I am married to my high school sweetheart, Doctor Delores M. Harris. We have four wonderful adult children and reside in Marco Island, Florida and Potomac, Maryland.

4. Cecil, tell us why you joined the SCA and if it is meeting your needs. I joined the SCA as a means of contact with my MSC colleagues. I expect the SCA to provide that opportunity, and it is has.

Thanks for the update, Cecil. We all look forward to seeing you at the reunion in San Antonio.

SILVER CADUCEUS SCHOLARSHIP FUND

The SCA Scholarship Program has been very successful due to the generous donations of the SCA membership and the dedicated efforts and diligence of the SCA Scholarship Committee. comprised of George Hammond, Chairman; with Jim Hayes and Ernest Sylvester.

Your tax deductible donations to are Fund are solicited to make it possible to award scholarships to deserving individuals in 2012. Donations should be forwarded to the SCA, Post Office Box 39514, San Antonio, Texas 78218.

2012 SCA SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

The SCA has awarded three \$1,000 scholarships for 2012.

Jenna P. Bensing, a student at Bishop Dwenger High School in Fort Wayne, IN, will attend the University of Findlay in Findlay, OH, as a pre-veterinarian student majoring in animal science. Jenna was nominated by LTC William L. Warren, Member# 439.

Willam Cameron Waters, a student at Stanwood High School, Stanwood, WA, will attend Pacific Lutheran University, Parkland, WA and will major in music and theater. William was nominated by COL Henry J. Waters, Life Member #66.

Eric Michael Walter, a student at Willows High School, Willows, CA, will attend MiraCosta Junior College in Oceanside, CA. Eric was nominated by COL Don Graydon, Life Member #58.

After award of these scholarships, the Scholarship Fund will have \$8,649.57 available for awards in 2013. The program is funded entirely by donations from

the SCA membership. To date the SCA has awarded a total of twenty seven \$1,000.00 Scholarships to relatives of members of the SCA, to include one to the spouse of an active duty MSC. Scholarship awards are distributed directly to the awardees to be used for tuition, books, fees, etc.

The SCA will begin to accept scholarship applications again on 1 January 2013 through 30 June for the 2013 award process. The application and letter of instruction will be posted to the SCA web site in December 2012. Members should check the web site prior to making application to insure that you have the most current application approved by the SCA Board of Directors. The number of scholarship awards made in 2013 will depend on the amount of money available from member donations.

George Hammond
Chairman, Scholarship Committee
georgehammondeaglesnest@verizon.net

TREASURER'S REPORT

Second Quarter Financial Statement, Silver Caduceus Association of Medical Service Corps Officers and Warrant Officers Inc.

Checking Account

\$31,346.37 Starting Balance, 1 April 2012
- 214.19 Administrative Expenses
- 1,025.66 Reunion Expenses
+15,000.00 Deposit Funds in CD to Checking Account*
+ 6,000.00 Corporate Donation
+ 595.00 Membership Deposits
+ 9,133.00 Reunion Deposits
\$60,834.52 Checking Account Total 30 June 20

Scholarship Account

\$11,381.94 Starting Balance, 1 April 2012
+ 67.63 Interest Income
+ 200.00 Scholarship Deposits
+ 5,000.00 Deposit Funds in CD to Scholarship Account*
\$16,649.57 Scholarship Account Total 30 June 21012

Petty Cash

\$40.00
\$77,524.09 Grand Total of all Accounts

*Due to the low Federal Funds Rate the funds in the Certificates of Deposit were allow to expire and were not reinvested. On a two year CD the interest rate would have been less than one half of one percent (.41%) and the funds would have to have been tied up for a two year period. Other forms of investment are being examined to determine if there is a safe, stable investment available.

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