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The 2016 SCA Reunion is fast approaching and if you have not yet registered now is the time. Early bird registration fees end on 31 August 2016. Registration packets have been sent and a dynamic program has been developed. We hope to see you 28 September thru 1 October at the Double Tree Hotel in San Antonio, TX. Come see old friends and make new ones!

Medical Service Corp Marks 99th Birthday!

The following pages are a representation in words and pictures of celebrations held around the world to commemorate the 99th Anniversary of the Medical Service Corps.

Note: All content is courtesy of the MSC Corps Chief's Office.

See you in San Antonio!!

Fort Polk, LA

FORT POLK, LA - Fort Polk and Bayne-Jones Army Community Hospital Silver Caduceus Society members gathered June 30 to celebrate 99 years of faithful service to the Army Medical Department and the U.S. Army.

COL Carlene A.S Blanding, MEDDAC Commander, opened the celebration welcoming everyone and introducing the guest speaker COL (P) Michael J. Talley, U.S. Forces Command Surgeon, Fort Bragg, North Carolina. She and Talley had served together at The Surgeon General's Office in Washington D.C.

Talley told the group that there are a wide variety of opportunities in the MSC. "Fort Polk is where the rubber meets the road," he said. "Readiness is what we do here and readiness is our top priority." Talley is no stranger to Fort Polk, From May 2006 to June 2007, he served as a Senior Observer /Controller, Echelons Above Division, with the Joint Readiness Training Center Operations Group.

The Medical Service Corps has a long and distinguished history that dates back as far as the Revolutionary and Civil Wars. Ambulance Corps and Army Medical Storekeeper officers evolved into the World War I Sanitary Corps, which was established June 30, 1917. The Sanitary Corps rapidly grew to nearly 3,000 officers during the War, which enabled the relief of physicians from a variety of administrative, technical and scientific duties. Today this spans over 27 distinct duties. Positions included command of hospital and sanitation detachments, motorized ambulance companies and hospital trains.



Col (P) Michael J. Talley, U.S. Forces Command Surgeon, add the Fort Polk Medical Service Corps officers are the 99th birthday celebration

After the war, the Sanitary Corps remained a component of the Army Reserve until August 4, 1947, when Congress consolidated it with the Medical Administrative Corps (established in 1920), and the Pharmacy Corps (established in 1943), to create the Medical Service Corps. The unbroken chain, from present day to June 30, 1917, links the Sanitary Corps as the oldest direct antecedent of the MSC and the cause for celebrating its establishment as the MSC birthday.

The MSC's birthday cake-cutting ceremony is important as it is an annual renewal of each MSC officer's commitment to the MSC...and the MSC's commitment to our Nation's quest for peace and freedom worldwide. The cake is traditionally cut with a sword, as a reminder that we are members of a profession of arms, committed to carrying the sword, so that our Nation may live in peace. Assisting Talley, the most senior officer at the celebration, and signifying the honor and respect accorded to experience and seniority, was 2nd LT Patrick Ogden, 509th Infantry, the most junior officers sliced up the cake, symbolizing the MSC's commitment to nurturing and developing young MSC officers who will one day fill the ranks and renew the MSC.

"Empower your subordinates, emphasized Talley. "Give them the opportunity to excel. Today's military is asking a lot of everyone in the Army. Our numbers may be decreasing, but the mission remains. We need leaders who can think and multi-task. We must operate in small groups and be lethal teams." Talley stressed.

He shared a quote he lives by with the group – "Treat people as they are capable of and they will become capable of it," he said. You are a leader, seize these opportunities that the MSC offers you. JRTC training is a proven ground and a very y."



Left: Col (P) Michael J. Talley. The most senior MSC present at the gathering and 2nd LT Patrick Ogden, 509th Infantry, and the most junior MSC, slice the Medical Service Corps birthday cake in honor of the corps 99th birthday.

Fort Carson, CO



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Fort Bragg, NC



National Training Center





Joint Base San Antonio



William Beaumont Army Medical Center, El Paso, TX



Landstuhl Regional Medical Center, Germany



Aberdeen Proving Ground, MD



Kimbrough ACC, MD



Walter Reed National Military Medical Center



Fort Knox, KY



Joint Base Lewis McChord, WA



Fort Leonard Wood, MO



Fort Gordon, GA



Fort Detrick, MD



MSC 99 Years!!