



THE SCA NEWS

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Holiday Greetings:

As the Holiday Season approaches and on behalf of the SCA Board, I wish you and your family a very happy and prosperous holiday season. This time of the year is always very exciting and enjoyable as family and friends come together to celebrate the festive holidays.

SCA New Members:

We welcomed the following new members in November;

- LT, (Res) Beau D. McNeff
- LTC, (Ret) Charles H. Strite
- COL, (Ret) Robert (Bobby) Watson

2012 Membership Renewals:

Members with 2012 Expiration Dates are encouraged to renew early rather than wait until the end of the year. We have 210 members who will be renewing their 2012 Membership, and we want to avoid a queue. Additionally, it will allow our staff to spread out the workload and not be saddled with this heavy workload during the Holiday Season. Renewing early will not affect your membership date; it will still be the end of the calendar year. Additionally, you are encouraged to renew for multiple years.

Your Membership Dues, (\$15.00 per year) should be mailed to; SCA, Post Office Box 39514, San Antonio, Texas 78218. Responses to the SCA Survey indicated that we should publish a listing of members with expiration dates due to expire. One response said, "I do not carry my membership card with me." We listened to you. A list of members with 2012 expiration dates has been posted to the SCA Website. Go to the SCA Website Home Page and select, Renew Your SCA Membership, and then select, "See A Listing of Memberships Expiring On December 31, 2012". Additionally, I wish to express my appreciation to the Fifty, (50) members who have already renewed.

Recruiting New Members:

You are encouraged to contact all of your friends and associates who are Medical Service Corps Officers to tell them about the SCA and also invite them to become members. [Plant A Seed Today To Grow The SCA!](#)

From The SCA Historian:

"A Soldier of Kindness", David E. Cabrera, LTC, MSC, KIA 29 Oct 2011; The 11 November cover story of *WP*, the Washington Post weekly magazine, is "A Soldier of Kindness, the account of LTC David E Cabrera, an MSC Social Worker who was killed in Kabul, Afghanistan on 29 October 2011. It is a moving article about a

Board of Directors

David Bitterman
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Appointed Officers**Auditors:**

Ken Lingle
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Membership:

Jim Whitmire

Editor & Historian:

Dick Ginn

Reunion 2012:

Mike McGinley

Scholarship:

George Hammond
 Ernie Sylvester
 Jim Hayes

Nominating:

Jim Van Straten

Webmaster:

Doug & Cindy
 Stephens

Memorial Services:

Jim Vinci
 Doug Braendel

SCA & SCS**Partnership:**

Thad Krupka

Recruitment &**Marketing:**

Ed Lynch

remarkable soldier, and according to the article, the first military social worker killed in action. Please read this story. The story is posted on WashingtonPost.com: http://www.washingtonpost.com/lifestyle/magazine/as-first-military-social-workofficer-killed-in-action-army-it-col-david-cabrera-was-a-soldier-of-kindness/2012/11/02/0dce8cf4-e1a6-11e1-98e7-89d659f9c106_story.html

MSC Coins:

The MSC coin may be obtained at the AMEDD Museum or through the Office of the Chief, Medical Service Corps. The coins at the museum are \$13.00, (Larger Version) and \$2.25, (Smaller Version). MSC coins ordered through the OCMSC are \$15.00, (Larger Version) and \$3.00, (Smaller Version). Previous year's (2005, 2006, 2007, and 2009) MSC coins are also available through the OCMSC and the AMEDD Museum. Each coin can be ordered for \$15.00 per coin. Orders for coins through the OCMSC should be mailed to: Office of the Chief, MSC; ATTN: MCCC-CM: 3630 Stanley Road, Suite 276; Fort Sam Houston, Texas 78234. Checks for the coins should be written to; MSC Planning Committee. See the following website for coin images:

<http://medicalservicecorps.amedd.army.mil/gift/coins2.html>.

SCA 2014 Reunion:

Save the Date for the 2014 SCA Reunion. It will be held in the National Capital Region, (NCR), Washington, D. C. Area, September 3-6, 2014. The committee is busy putting their thoughts and plans together. Mark and I are very pleased that several individuals have expressed their interest in working with the SCA 2014 Reunion Planning Committee. If you would like to be a part of the planning for this reunion event, please contact COL, (Ref) Mark Lyford at mlyford@lmi.org. I am requesting that you step forward and provide assistance to Mark in order to make this reunion a successful event. He needs your help!

In Memoriam:

It is with sadness that I inform you of the passing of the following Fellow Medical Service Corps Officer:

COL, (Ret) Milton E. Turner
 NOK: Wife
 Margaret C. Turner
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 Keyser, West Virginia 26726-9000

A Thought To Ponder:

People who smile tend to manage, teach, and sell more effectively. There's far more information in a smile than in a frown. That's why encouragement is a much more effective teaching device than punishment. (James McConnell, Psychologist)

Warmest regards,



George A. Waters, Jr.
 President, SCA