

## **President's Message**

The Silver Caduceus Association will hold its Biennial Gathering of active duty and retired MSC Officers in San Antonio, TX from 25 – 27 October 2018. AOC dinners will be scheduled on the evening of 24 October. The program will include updates on today's Army, the Army Medical Department, USAA briefings on the blended retirement system, and on estate planning. Tours of Fort Sam Houston and Fredericksburg, TX will be offered as well as the ever-popular Golf Tournament at the Fort Sam Houston Golf Course followed by an Oktoberfest style dinner at the Fort Sam Houston golf club house. This gathering will be held at the Holiday Inn – San Antonio International Airport at 77 NE Loop 410 and will include an opening reception on Thursday evening, 25 October. The group code is SCA and the contracted room rate is available from 23 – 28 October to allow for arriving early and staying through Sunday night if desired. Members attending this year's Gathering are encouraged to make reservations in the Hotel using the SCA group code as we have a guaranteed amount of rooms and there will be no additional charge for meeting facilities and a reduced registration fee will be offered if rooms are filled.

## **MSC Friends on Facebook**

MSC Friends is a group of former US Army Medical Service Corps officers, many of us having served with each other. Our service ranges between Korea, Viet Nam, Desert Shield/Desert Storm and includes Iraq and Afghanistan. There is no purpose other than to provide a short-hand way of staying connected. The only ground rule: No politics as there are plenty of other ways to express those opinions. Feel free to share info about colleagues whose paths we continue to cross . . . weddings, births, hunting trips, golf trips, obituaries, news good or bad, happy or sad, all are

ok! There are currently 1400 + members and the group growing rapidly. It's a fun site . . . Join today!

Chuck Adams  
SCA President

## **Silver Caduceus Association 2018 Reunion**

Silver Caduceus Association Member:

It will soon be time to assemble in San Antonio to visit with our MSC friends, make new friends, learn about today's MSC, and share stories about yesterday's MSC.

Our 2018 assembly will be 25-27 October, headquartered at the Holiday Inn – Airport, in San Antonio.



Your reunion committee has been working to make this a reunion you will remember and have developed a program that is a bit different from our previous gatherings.

### **Save the date and join us for a wonderful weekend**

The Holiday Inn - Airport is now taking reservations. We have a superb nightly rate of \$105. We have guaranteed a minimum number of room nights. It's important to use discount code SCA when you make your reservations at 210-349-9900 or 888-615-0518 or at website [goo.gl/oK1Sog](http://goo.gl/oK1Sog) (case sensitive). **When making reservations use group code SCA. It is important that you use this code for the SCA to receive credit for your stay and to meet our guarantee.** Third-party reservation sites will not give us that credit. Please use the hotel's phone number or website at the numbers and URL above. The hotel provides free wi-fi and transportation to/from the San Antonio airport.

### **Here's the outline for our time together**

Wednesday, 24 October:

Evening: dinners by specialty

- This dinner allows each specialty (AOC or MOS) to come together and enjoy an evening out. It's up to specialty members to select a coordinator and arrange their own event. In 2016 the 70A administrators met at the Army Residence Community for a penthouse reception and dinner.

Thursday, 25 October:

Day trip to Fredericksburg

- This will be a bus trip from the Holiday Inn to Fredericksburg. Attendees will then be free to enjoy touring, enjoying the museum, wine tasting, shopping, and other personal interests.

Evening: welcome reception

- This will be an opportunity to visit with fellow MSC attendees. There will be a cash bar and Mexican-themed buffet.

Friday, 26 October:

Morning: guest speakers – today's Army, AMEDD, and MSC

Afternoon: golf tournament and local bus tours

- The bus tours will include Fort Sam Houston, Camp Bullis, and the Army Residence Community.

Evening: Oktoberfest buffet

- This German Oktoberfest evening will be at the Fort Sam Golf Course.

Saturday, 27 October

Morning: Memorial service and USAA guest speakers – retirement issues

- We'll have two speakers. One will focus on retirement and survivor issues. The other will focus on the military's new retirement system and decisions current military members will have to make by year's end. Both will provide valuable and interesting information to all attendees.

Afternoon: open for your personal activities

Evening: reunion banquet

- Our weekend ends with our coat and tie banquet. The meal selections will be pan seared chicken breast or beef London broil. That said, the hotel chef can meet most special or limiting meal requirements.

I will soon send you a registration form for the reunion. It will include the full list of events from which to choose. Some events are included in the basic registration fee and some events have a separate charge.

**Please forward this notice to all active, retired, and former MSC officers you know; invite them to attend.**

It will be necessary for them to become an SCA member if they wish to participate, the one exception will be the specialty (AOC / MOS) dinner.

Please email me at [cwohollingsworth@live.com](mailto:cwohollingsworth@live.com) if you have questions or you wish to volunteer as a coordinator for your specialty (also known as AOC and MOS) dinner.

We are looking forward to seeing you in San Antonio in October.

Ed Hollingsworth  
SCA Vice President