



Where it all started!

## Silver Caduceus Association History



It was at an MSC informal meeting/ "get-together" in 2002 in Clearwater, Florida that Ernie Rezendes and Jim Vinci proposed that we should have a formal chartered organization with a Board of Directors and a slate of Officers and Staff. The proposition was unanimously agreed by all in attendance.

Ernie Rezendes, Jim Vinci, George Hammond, George Waters, Ernie Sylvester, Gordon Hennessey, Elis Hall, Gordon Moore and Bud Ockert agreed to take on that effort and be on the Board of Directors with Ernie Rezendes as the President, George Hammond as Vice President and Jim Vinci as Treasurer.

Shortly after our meeting in Florida, we asked Earl McSwain to join the Board as well as becoming our first secretary and which he accepted.



Ernie Rezendes, Earl McSwain and Jim Vinci began to draft a Constitution and Bylaws in earnest as well as preparing a Charter and Articles of Incorporation.

Our first Organizational Meeting was held at Jim Vinci's residence on 30 Sept. 2003 in Universal City, TX and the minutes approved on 15 Oct 2003 at which time our Constitution and Bylaws were approved.

In 2003 our organization was chartered and registered in the State of Texas as a 501(c)(19) corporation, first named as the MSC Network and later changed to the Silver Caduceus Association with its principal office of incorporation in Universal City, TX 78148.



In 2004 the Association continued to mature. The Constitution and Bylaws, with yeoman's work by George Waters, was refined, amended and approved by the Board of Directors and General Membership. We also added staff positions, including Membership Chair, Historian, Scholarship Committee and Chaplain.

Our first Reunion as an "official chartered organization" was held in San Antonio in 2004 and continued every two years thereafter in Colorado Springs, Washington D.C., and San Antonio. Note: Due to COVID our planned 2020 Reunion in DC was delayed until 2021.

In 2023 we celebrated our 20th Anniversary with our Reunion in San Antonio, which is where our 2025 SCA Reunion/Conference will be held in October.

Unfortunately, over the years we have lost most of our Founding Fathers (see group photo below) but still have with us, Gordon Hennessey, Jim Vinci and George Waters.



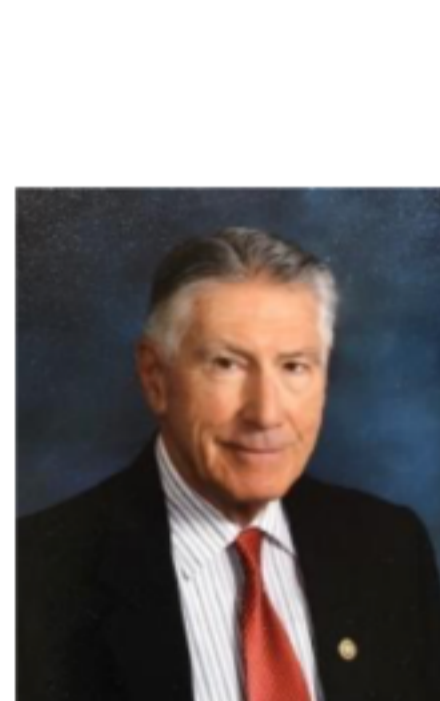
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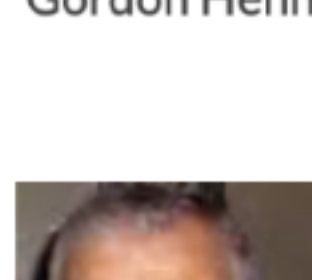
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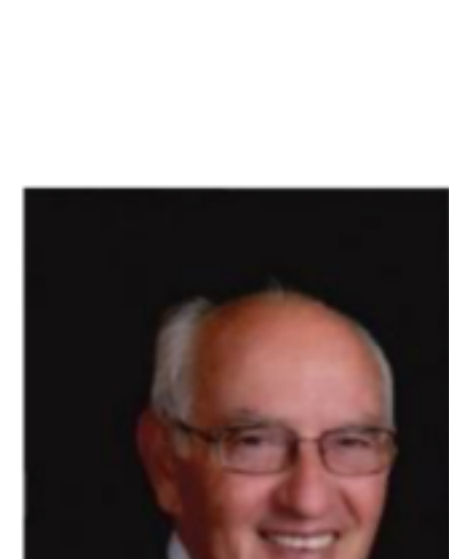
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Ernie Rezendes



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