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SCA E-NEWS; OCT 2, 2011

Dear Fellow SCA Member;

1. **SCA New Members:** We welcomed the following new members in September;

LTC (Ret) Terry K. Cox
COL (Ret) Dennis W. Dohanos
CPT Luis Nunez

2. **Recruiting SCA Members:** A major focus for this year has been to increase our membership which is in keeping with our Theme: "Planting the Seeds to Grow the SCA". Each member is requested to recruit one or more members this year. And, I encourage you to be very ambitious in setting your recruitment quota. I trust that you are working diligently to attain the recruitment goal. It is essential that each SCA member take an active role in marketing the SCA by spreading the word about our great organization. Plant a Seed Today to Grow the SCA!

3. **SCA Recruitment and Marketing Program:** The SCA Recruitment and Marketing Plan has been developed. And, Ed Lynch has enthusiastically agreed to serve as the Coordinator for our Recruitment and Marketing Program. This plan was highlighted in our SCA Summer Newsletter. Please welcome Ed in his new roll, and he will certainly be most appreciative of your recruitment efforts. Please contact Ed, eflynch@hotmail.com, and let him know of your desire to work with him on the SCA Recruitment and Marketing Committee.

4. **SCA Excellence In Leadership Award:** CPT Luis Nunez was awarded the SCA Excellence in Leadership Award at the AMEDD Career Course Graduation Ceremony on Thursday, September 8, 2011. The award was presented by our Vice President, COL (Ret) Jim Vinci. In addition to the award, CPT Nunez will receive a two, (2) year membership in the Silver Caduceus Association; moreover, he was also presented a Letter of Congratulations from the SCA President. We welcome CPT Nunez as a member of the SCA and wish him much success with his military career. His aspirations are to become a Physician Assistant and complete an Orthopedic Fellowship.

5. **SCA Social Gathering in San Antonio:** On September 23, 2011, the SCA Social Gathering was held at the Fort Sam Houston Golf Course. It was a successful event, robust in camaraderie, and well attended. The large attendance of Active Duty MSCs was remarkable and refreshing. I extend "Thanks" to Jim Conrad, Randy Robbins, Thad Krupka and Jim Vinci as well as to COL Randy Anderson and

Major Eliasib Lozano of the San Antonio Alamo Chapter of the Silver Caduceus Society for their efforts in coordinating this successful event. MG David Rubenstein, Chief of the Medical Service Corps, and his wife, Pat, were in attendance. And, I say a special “Thank You” to MG Rubenstein for the strong support that he gives to the SCA. Discussions are already underway for a future Social Gathering in San Antonio. We are also encouraging SCA Social Gatherings at other Posts/Installations, etc.

6. **12th Evacuation Hospital Reunion:** The 12th Evacuation Hospital Vietnam Reunion is scheduled for Nov 3-6, 2011, in San Antonio, Texas, at the El Tropicana Hotel. The Point of Contact is COL, (Ret) Garth Holmes, garth.holmes@comcast.net Tel: 360-943-3843.

7. **SCA Donates Marriott Reward Points To Charity:** I want to thank Wendy Adams and Jim Vinci on behalf of the SCA in arranging for Marriott Hotels to donate up to 15 room nights to the Children's Miracle Network, which allows families of sick and injured children to stay at Marriott Hotel properties while their children are being treated at a nearby children's hospital. Through their efforts, Wendy and Jim were able to negotiate and coordinate this donation, on our Association's behalf, based on the business that we gave to Marriott when we held our 2010 Reunion at the Marriott Hotel in Colorado Springs last year. Of course none of this would have been possible if not for the SCA Reunion attendees' expenditures to the Marriott Hotel, and for that I thank you one and all. It is fantastic, that besides our viable and outstanding Scholarship Program, the SCA is also able to contribute to such a worthwhile charity without expending any funds from our SCA treasury.

8. **SCA Membership Renewal--2011 Expiration Date:** SCA Members with 2011 Membership Expiration Dates are encouraged to renew their membership early rather than wait to the end of the year when the membership will expire. We want to spread the workload for our Membership Chairman. I am urging you to avoid the Que, as we have 150 members with 2011 expiration dates; moreover, I request that you do not wait until the end of the year to pay your membership dues. You are also encouraged to pay your membership dues for multiple years. Contact Jim Whitmire, jwhitmire@satx.rr.com, if you have questions relating to your expiration date. Annual membership renewal is \$15.00. Please remit your membership dues to; SCA, Post Office Box 39514, San Antonio, Texas, 78218.

9. **A Thought To Ponder:** Life is like a coin. You can spend it anyway you wish, but you only spend it once. (Lillian Dickson).

10. **In Memoriam:** It is with sadness that I inform you of the passing of the following Medical Service Corps Officers;

COL (Ret) Bobby B. Emmons
LTC (Ret) Kenneth K. Wheatley, Sr.

Warm regards,

George A. Waters, Jr.
President, SCA