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Dear Fellow SCA Member,

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SCA New Members:

We were pleased to welcome the following new members in July;

COL, (Ret) Michael D. Berndt	COL, (Ret) David Moonan
LTC, (Ret) Kenneth D. Burton, Jr.	BG, (AD) Robert D. Tenhet
COL, (Ret) Ronald C. Kershner	CPT, (AD) Erik Wiesehan
Ms. Suzanne Mate	CPT, (AD) Charles J. Wyatt

Remarks From COL Mark Lyford On SCA 2014 Reunion:

Don't miss this year's SCA Reunion in Washington DC to be held from 3 – 6 Sep at the Capital View Renaissance hotel. Activities will begin Wednesday afternoon with a Pentagon tour followed by evening medical logistics, maintenance, pharmacy, and personnel officer, etc specialty dinners. On Thursday, we'll have a City tour that will include visits to many of the monuments and a SCA wreath laying ceremony at Arlington Cemetery. Friday afternoon, there will be a bus tour to Fort Belvoir where you'll see the new hospital. For golfers, there will be a tournament at the East Potomac (Haines Point) course followed by a barbeque dinner for all Reunion attendees. When making your hotel reservations call 703-413-1300, and let them know you are with the SCA reunion to get the discounted rate. If you have any questions or didn't receive a registration packet, please e-mail Mark Lyford at mlyford@lmi.org or call George Waters at 856-767-1451.

Reunion MSC Disciplines' (AOC/MOS) Social Gatherings:

During the SCA 2014 Reunion, Wednesday Evening, September 3, 2014, has been set aside for MSC Disciplines to hold their Social Gatherings. Additionally, individuals are needed to serve as the Discipline Spokesperson/Point of Contact as well as to plan and coordinate, etc the social gathering for your respective discipline. Please advise Mark Lyford, mlyford@lmi.org and George Waters, geoh2o@juno.com of your desire to serve as a Discipline Spokesperson/POC. You are encouraged to contact the POC for your AOC/MOS to sign up for the Social Gathering. The following individuals are serving as Discipline Spokesperson/POC;

Pharmacy: William Davies, wgdavies@verizon.net

Logistics/Bio-Med Maintenance:

Jettaka Alexander, jettaka81@gmail.com

Roger Miller, rmiller@lmi.org

Jodie Wright, jody.l.wright7.civ@mail.mil

70A: Christopher Sloan, david.c.sloan6.mil@mail.mil

Tammie Jones, tammie.m.jones.mil@mail.mil

70H: Angel Lugo, lugoangel@aol.com

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Mark Lyford

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Jim Hayes

The Silver Caduceus Association has a Facebook page!

The intent of this social media outlet is to assist the SCA in sharing information between members, other like-minded organizations, and also to recruit fellow MSC's. We will post relevant information about the Army Medical Department. Please copy and paste this link into your browser and follow the SCA! AMEDD Strong! Link:

<https://www.facebook.com/#!/pages/Silver-Caduceus-Association/287265814776102>

In view of the success the SCA has experienced with LinkedIn, a decision was made to establish the SCA Facebook page that was launched in April. CPT Thomas Tucker is commended for this initiative, and we thank him for his assistance and efforts in designing and setting up the SCA Facebook page.

Recruiting New SCA Members:

A major focus for this year continues to be with our efforts 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 personally reaching out to our Fellow MSC Officers to spread the word about our great organization and to recruit new members. Plant a Seed Today to Grow the SCA!

SCA Is Financially Strong:

For the Apr - Jun, 2014 quarter, there were deposits of \$7,275.06 (\$5,001.00 for reunion) and expenditures of \$1,246.86 from the General Fund, leaving a balance of \$79,275.31 that includes \$52,171.00 in CDs at the White Sands Federal Credit Union. The Scholarship Fund had deposits of \$124.05 during this same quarter, leaving a balance of \$13,417.62 that includes \$8,363.00 in CDs. The Treasurer will be transferring \$1,000.00 from the Scholarship Fund to the General Fund for the recently awarded scholarship. PayPal usage has been sporadic, and it is liked by those using it.

Review of SCA 2013 Financial Records:

A review of the SCA 2013 Financial Records to include both the General Fund and Scholarship Fund was conducted.

Summary of Findings: All reviewed transactions were properly handled and recorded.

Conclusions: The Association Treasurer, Tom Barker, is to be commended for the dedication and time expended to maintain impeccable SCA financial records. The published end-of-year financial statement fairly and accurately represent the financial posture of the Association.

Medical Service Corps Celebrates 97th Birthday:

The U.S. Army Medical Department Center and School celebrated the 97th Anniversary of the Medical Service Corps on June 30, 2014 at Blesse Auditorium, Fort Sam Houston, Texas. The MSC Birthday Celebration was sponsored by the Silver Caduceus Society and Silver Caduceus Association. LTC Steve Innanen, President of the Alamo Chapter, SCS served as the Master of ceremony. MG, (Ret) David Rubenstein assisted in officiating the ceremony, and LTC, (Ret) Miles

Nominating:

Jim Van Straten

Webmaster:

Doug & Cindy Stephens

Memorial Services:

Jim Vinci
Doug Braendel

**SCA & SCS
Partnership:**

Vacant

**Recruitment &
Marketing:**

Ed Lynch



White gave the invocation. The ceremony included COL Kyle Campbell, Commander, Brooke Army Medical Center as the Guest Speaker. COL Campbell provided an overview of BAMC and the medical advances and treatments being performed at the hospital. Cutting the ceremonial cake (from left) are BG, (Ret) Bruce Miketinac, 11th MSC Chief; Col. Byron Howlett; Col. Marion Johnson; BG Cynthia O'Connell, Deputy Commanding General of 3rd Medical Command (Deployment Support), Fort Gillem, Ga.; 2nd Lt. Ashley Denoyer, Executive Officer of Company B, 187th Medical Battalion; MG,(Ret). David Rubenstein, former AMEDDC&S Commanding General and 16th MSC Chief; and BG, (Ret) Richard Ursone, former Assistant Surgeon General for Force Projection, Office of the Surgeon General and 14th MSC Chief.

AMEDD Historian # 7 Newsletter:

The SCA website has been updated with the AMEDD Historian #7 Newsletter, Summer 2014 Edition. <http://silvercaduceusassociation.com/news.html>

You may also gain access to the AMEDD Historian # 7 with this link; <http://history.amedd.army.mil/newsletters/ACHHnewsletterNo7.pdf>

A Thought To Ponder:

Words are singularly the most powerful force available to humanity. We can choose to use this force constructively with words of encouragement, or destructively using words of despair. Words have energy and power with the ability to help, to heal, to hinder, to hurt, to harm, to humiliate and to humble."

(Yehuda Berg)



Father and Daughter Tradition in the MSC and SCA:

CPT Jessica L. Gidwani (USA, MSC) is the Company Commander and Executive Officer for the Fort Carson Dental Activity. She is a 2007 graduate of James Madison University in Virginia and served with the 8th Med Log Company, 30th Medical Command in Iraq. She joins the SCA along with her father, Pradeep G. Gidwani (Gids) (USA, MSC, Retired) a lifetime member of the SCA. Gids retired on May 1, 2013 from DoD after 35 years of service. His culminating assignment was the Director of TRICARE Region North and Eurasia, Africa until May 1, 2013 as a member of the Senior Executive Service. He is currently the Vice President of Federal Health Solutions for Siemens Government Technologies, Inc. Both father and daughter continue to represent the high ideals of the Medical Service Corps, the Silver Caduceus Association, and the United States Army.

Project Vigil: D-Day 2014, The Saluting Boy On Omaha Beach: If you have not seen this video, it is well done, very touching, and one you must see. <https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=8k9Si28k0Fk>

In Memoriam:

It is with great sadness that I inform you of the passing of the following Fellow Medical Service Corps Officers;

LTC, (Ret) Willie M. (Bill) Dixon
LTC, (Ret) Larry E. Primeaux



Warmest regards,

George A. Waters, Jr.
President, SCA

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