



# THE SCA ENEMNS

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Dear Fellow SCA Member:

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Happy New Year:

I wish you and your family a very Happy New Year.

SCA New Members:

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

CPT, (NG) Richard J. Flurry

LT, (AD) Terry R. Tutwiler

MAJ, (NG) Sean M. McCleary

COL, (Ret) Marcel L. Vigneault

MAJ, (AD) Malcolm F. Rascoe

SCA Membership Renewal Online, (*Please Note*):

You may now elect to pay your membership renewal dues online. Instructions for paying online for a one year renewal or multi-year renewal, which is encouraged, are available on the SCA Website, [www.SilverCaduceusAssociation.com](http://www.SilverCaduceusAssociation.com), at Membership Renewals. The option to pay by mailing in your check is also still available to you.

2013 Membership Renewals:

Members with 2013 Membership Expiration Dates are encouraged to renew their membership. Renewal of your annual membership is only \$15.00 each year. You may pay your membership dues online or your membership renewal dues may be mailed to; SCA, Post Office Box 39514, San Antonio, Texas 78218. I also express my appreciation to those who have already renewed their membership; moreover, I extend a special "Thank You" to many of you who elected to make multi-year renewals.

SCA Excellence In Leadership Award:

On November 26, 2013, 1LT(P) Kathryn Buckland was presented the SCA Excellence In Leadership Award by COL, (Ret) Dawn Smith during the Captains Career Course Graduation Ceremony.

LT Kathryn Buckland was born in Fairfax, Virginia to Kent and Georgia Lee Stephens of Leesburg, Virginia. She grew up in Leesburg, Virginia with her older brother Bryan and younger sister Lauren. 1LT (P) Kathryn Buckland is married to 1LT (P) Jonathan Buckland.

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In May 2010, she graduated summa cum laude with distinction in Health Care Administration from Mary Baldwin College in Staunton, Virginia. She was also a Distinguished Military Graduate (DMG) and received her commission from the Virginia Military Institute (VMI) as a Medical Service Corps Officer. During her time at Mary Baldwin, LT Buckland was a cadet in the Virginia Women's Institute for Leadership (VWIL), which is the only all-female corps of cadets in the world.

Upon graduation, LT Buckland attended the AMEDD Officer Basic Course and moved to her first duty station at Fort Riley, Kansas in November 2010.

At Fort Riley, she served as the Support Operations Medical Operations Officer (SPO MEDOPS), Evacuation Platoon Leader, Brigade Medical Supply Officer (BMSO), Support Operations Medical Logistics Officer (SPO MEDLOG) Forward, and Executive Officer (XO) Forward.

In May 2013, LT Buckland moved to Fort Detrick, Maryland to become the Operations Officer at the United States Army Medical Materiel Agency (USAMMA).

Her military awards include the Army Commendation Medal (OLC), Army Achievement Medal (OLC), National Defense Service Medal, Afghanistan Campaign Medal-Campaign Star, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon, NATO Medal, and Airborne Badge.

The SCA extends hearty congratulations to LT Buckland on her outstanding accomplishments and wish her continued success in her military career.



COL(R) Smith & LT Buckland

**SCA IS LinkedIn-An Update:**

Our SCA LinkedIn Group continues to grow and we now have over 75 members. LinkedIn is not a replacement for our SCA E-NEWS or SCA News Letters; these publications will continue to be our official channels of communication with the SCA Membership! We created the SCA LinkedIn Group so that our members could professionally communicate with each other and the group. As a member of the Group, you can enjoy the benefits of initiating discussions, posting and searching for jobs, sharing topics of importance to the SCA, and keeping in touch with other Group members. Communicating through the Group will also give us another method of instantly communicating with our SCA members.

If you are not already a member of our LinkedIn Group, I strongly urge you to join. I also want to urge all SCA LinkedIn members to begin taking advantage of the many opportunities that I discussed in my previous paragraph. Although there have been a few interesting discussions posted, I'm sure there are many more that our members are thinking about but have just not initiated. I know you have a number of topics and issues that you would like to share - here is your opportunity!

**Nominating:**

Jim Van Straten

**Webmaster:**Doug & Cindy  
Stephens**Memorial Services:**Jim Vinci  
Doug Braendel**SCA & SCS  
Partnership:**

Dawn Smith

**Recruitment &  
Marketing:**

Ed Lynch

For those who are not SCA LinkedIn members: If you are already a LinkedIn member but not a member of the SCA LinkedIn group, login to LinkedIn and go to the search window and type in "Silver Caduceus Association" and ask to join the group. Once that is done, Our VP, Jim Vinci, who initiated and developed the Group, will receive your request and immediately process it to make you a Group Member and give you access. If you are not registered on LinkedIn, then you will first need to register on LinkedIn, and then follow the process as outlined above.

Finally, and as a very important request, we need to have a volunteer to be an additional SCA LinkedIn Group manager to help moderate our site. I have convinced Jim Vinci, who developed and initiated the site, to continue as the "primary manager" but we need a volunteer to provide assistance and back Jim up when he is out of town, etc. I ask all of you to give this some thought and serious consideration, and also contact me to indicate your interest.

**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, at the Renaissance Arlington Capital View Hotel, Arlington, Virginia. COL, (Ret) Mark Lyford and the SCA Reunion Committee are busy putting the plans together for this event. If you would like to be a part of the planning for this reunion event, please contact Mark at [mlyford@lmi.org](mailto:mlyford@lmi.org). You are encouraged to step forward and provide assistance to Mark in order to make this reunion a successful event. He welcomes your help.

**Closing Of Retiree AKO Accounts:**

Please take notice that retiree who use their AKO accounts for email will have their accounts closed shortly unless you have CAC access.

**REMINDER FOR ARMY RETIREES:** Army to Close Retiree and Family Member AKO Accounts

By Mark Overberg, Deputy Chief, Army Retirement Services

On Sept. 20, the Army published its plan to modernize Army Knowledge Online (AKO). The plan transitions business users to a suite of more secure, interoperable Department of Defense (DOD) services. The improved security requires users to have Common Access Cards (CAC) embedded with usernames and; personal digital certificates.

The Army will close all accounts for military and civilian retirees and family members, who do not have CACs.

The Army plans to close inactive retiree and family member AKO accounts on Dec. 31, 2013. These are accounts that have not had a password change in over 90 days and are not set to automatically forward email to another government account. The Army will also remove email storage for active retiree and family member accounts on this date.

On Mar. 31, 2014, the Army will close all remaining retiree and family member AKO accounts.

To ease the transition, the Army G-6 recently approved an exception to policy that allows retirees and family members to automatically forward their AKO email to a civilian email address until Dec. 31, 2014. However, retirees must set this up in their AKO account profiles before Dec. 31, 2013.

To avoid disruptions to communications and personal accounts, retirees should take the following steps as soon as possible:

- \* Obtain a personal email address from a civilian provider.
- \* Replace AKO email addresses in all personal accounts - especially myPay accounts at the Defense Finance and Accounting Service (<https://www.mypay.dfas.mil/mypay.aspx>)
- \* Obtain a premium DS Logon account. This account allows access to personal benefits records and claims on DOD and Department of Veterans Affairs websites. See the DS Logon article on the next page for more information.
- \* Download important emails and files to a personal computer.

The Army has many sources of information that retirees may access in place of AKO. The Army home page ([www.army.mil](http://www.army.mil)) provides official Army news and information and links to Army social media sites (Army Facebook, Army Twitter, Army YouTube and Army Flickr.) It also includes links to Army images, audio, video, presentations, and Army Live, the official Army blog. The U.S. Army Installation Management Command's home page ([www.imcom.army.mil](http://www.imcom.army.mil)) includes links to individual installations and garrisons that provide local information and services to retirees. The Army's official benefits website is MyArmyBenefits (<https://myarmybenefits.us.army.mil>).

The Army plan indicated that retirees may share files using free and paid commercial services. The plan also noted retirees may join comment forums at military service organization and commercial websites.

For updated information on the AKO transition, visit [www.eis.army.mil/ako](http://www.eis.army.mil/ako) and [http://www.eis.army.mil/uploaded\\_files/AKO-TransitionFactSheet.pdf](http://www.eis.army.mil/uploaded_files/AKO-TransitionFactSheet.pdf)

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## SCA/SCS In South Carolina Hold Social Gathering - A Synergistic Partnership:

A South Carolina Silver Caduceus Association and Moncrief Army Community Hospital (MACH) Silver Caduceus Society Luncheon was held on 22 November 2013 at the Fort Jackson Officers' Club.

Several months back, George Waters challenged Silver Caduceus Association members to consider getting together in areas where a number of members live. He noted that in South Carolina there were 18 SCA members in the state and seven in the Columbia area. Living in Columbia, COL (Ret) Bernie Chapman set out to put together a SCA luncheon. This "seed" grew into an exceptional event that featured a joint luncheon with the SC Silver Caduceus Association and the MACH Silver Caduceus Society, with BG, (Ret) Walter Johnson, former Chief of the Medical Service Corps, coming in from Georgetown to not only enjoy everyone's company, but to be the keynote speaker for the luncheon.

# SCA Members



Bob Hawkins, Rich Fox, Fleming Jones, Chuck Hightower, Bill Hill, Nelson Lacy, Bob Loryea, Paul Richter, BG (R) Walter Johnson, Dennis Coker, Jim Young, and Bernie Chapman.

Bernie met with LTC Jennifer Camp, the MACH Deputy Commander for Administration, in August, and was advised by LTC Camp that they were re-energizing the Silver Caduceus Society at MACH. He suggested to her that they consider having a joint event and she did not hesitate in not only agreeing, but also in introducing Bernie to MAJ Michele Kehrle, the C, RMD and the President of the MACH Silver Caduceus Society. The synergy of this partnership in the planning of this event resulted in a better than expected outcome.

The Silver Caduceus Association had 12 members attend the luncheon and MACH had 20

officers, to include COL Higdon, MC, the Commanding Officer. In addition to BG, (Ret) Johnson travelling 3 hours from Georgetown to Columbia, COL, (Ret) Bob Hawkins travelled just as far from Pawley's Island, SC. The other 10 members that attended live in the Midlands of SC. The luncheon allowed for the "seasoned" Association members to renew friendships and for them to meet with the current younger generation of MSC officers. At this gathering, both the Association and the Society members represented many of the career fields of MSC: Logistics, PAD, Alphas, Lab, Optometry, Pharmacy, aviation, health facilities planning, healthcare operations, personnel and recruiting, and command.

The luncheon was intended to emphasize and foster the importance of mentoring during an Army career and beyond. It was obvious by the interactions between the two groups that this was a success. Business remarks were made by MAJ Kehrle regarding Silver Caduceus Society plans and Bernie made remarks about building the SCA membership, inviting members to attend the Reunion next September in DC, and that another SC Silver Caduceus Association event will be planned for the Spring of 2014.

Silver Caduceus Association members who were able to attend included BG (Ret) Walter Johnson, Bernie Chapman, Chick Hightower, Paul Richter, Bob Hawkins, Bill Hill, Bob Loryea, Fleming Jones, Jim Young, Rich Fox, Nelson Lacy, and Dennis Coker.



BG(R) Johnson

COL(R) Chapman

MAJ Kehrle



SCA and MACH SCS members



### San Antonio Social Gathering--A Very Successful Event!

The San Antonio SCA Members and the Alamo Chapter of the Silver Caduceus Society worked together to jointly sponsor the MSC Birthday Celebration on June 21, 2013 that was a huge success. COL, (Ret) Marion (Johnny) Johnson and LTC Steve Innanen, along with their committee members, are commended for their outstanding work in planning and coordinating this Social Gathering. Please accept my apology for the delay in getting this information to the SCA membership.

The Army Medical Service Corps' 96th Birthday Celebration was held in San Antonio on June 21st at the Forth Sam Houston Golf Club. Beginning with a "Scramble" Golf Tournament at 7:30 AM on the Loma Course, the Birthday Celebration and Social Gathering were kicked off by Colonel Dave Bitterman, MSC, Chief of Staff, USARMY MEDCOM. Later, an inspiring Keynote Presentation was given by Colonel John Cook, MSC, Deputy Chief, Medical Service Corps. Following the presentation, Col. (Ret) Johnny Johnson presented Col Cook a pewter plate embossed with the Medical Service Corps insignia on behalf of Col

(Ret) James and Betty Sue Hayes, who donated the memento. Col Johnson asked Col Cook to hang the plate in the Office of Chief, MSC, as a memento to the Corps' history. The plate was one of a limited number made in 1972 as a one-time embossment and probably will never be made again.

The Corps' Birthday Celebration was hailed by the ceremonial "Cutting of the Cake" by BG (Ret) Bruce Miketinac, former Chief, Medical Service Corps; Colonel John Cook and Captain Ryan McPheeters. LTG (Ret) Quinn Becker, former US Army Surgeon General, and Mrs. Marie Becker attended the celebration but were called away before the cake-cutting ceremony.





COL (Ret)  
Marion (Johnny)  
Johnson

with

LTG (Ret)  
Quinn Becker,  
Former Surgeon  
General,  
and his wife  
Marie

communications to inspire many active duty personnel to participate in the celebration. The SCA Social Gathering Committee membership consisted of Col (Ret) Johnny Johnson, Chairman, Col (Ret) Dawn Smith, LTC Stephen Innanen, Col (Ret) Johnny Connor, Col (Ret) Jim Vinci, Col (Ret) Linn Danielski and Col (Ret) Jim Martin.

A rousing Golf Tournament Awards Ceremony followed the presentations. Many prizes were awarded for excellent golf. The winning team “blew away” the competition by 6 strokes with a score of 58, an astounding 13 under par of 71. The team members were D. Dweton, R. Tonny, L. Tuiasosopo & K. Daffron.

The entire affair was planned and conducted as a result of the splendid cooperation and merging of resources by the local Chapter of the Silver Caduceus Society (SCS) and the Social Gathering Committee of the Silver Caduceus Association (SCA). This affair was the first time the two organizations had joined for such a worthy purpose. LTC Stephen Innanen, Executive Officer, Office of the Chief, Medical Service Corps, in his role as President, of the SCS Chapter, provided the leadership and



MAJ Jones, MAJ Deeter, &  
COL Tom Delk



BG(R) Bruce T. Miketinac  
*(former Chief, Medical  
Service Corps),*  
COL (R) Johnny Conner,  
LTC Steve Innanen

A Thought To Ponder:

“Happiness is something that is never far away. –It’s as close as the things we do and say. So start the New Year with a smile on your face and make this world a happier place. (Helen Steiner Rice)



In Memoriam:

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

LTC, (Ret) Virgil R. Coley

Warmest regards,

George A. Waters, Jr.  
President, SCA

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