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**Dear Fellow SCA Member,**

*Silver Caduceus Association, Inc.*  
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### SCA New Members:

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

COL, (Ret) Michael K. Burroughs  
COL, (Ret) Angel L. Lugo  
LTC, (Ret) Donald E. Krieger  
LTC, (Ret) Patsy "Renee" Jones-Lugo

MAJ, (AD) Edwin H. Rodriguez  
CPT, (NG) James C. Snyder  
CPT, (AD) James A. Taylor  
Ms. Francine Worthington

### SCA LinkedIn Group Celebrates First Anniversary:

With Colonel (Ret) Dick Ginn joining our SCA LinkedIn Group on 30 March 2014, I am delighted to announce that we have reached one of our goals of 100 members by our first LinkedIn Anniversary, 15 April 2014. We are still seeking your help to expand our LinkedIn affiliation which currently stands at only 20% of our total SCA membership. We urge all of you to invite fellow SCA members to join our LinkedIn group. We have an aggressive goal of reaching 200 LinkedIn members by our Reunion on 3 Sept 2014 but we need your help to do so. The SCA continues to grow, especially in the area of Active Duty members. In the last 3+ years we have doubled our size with a membership of 500+ currently. We know that LinkedIn has been one of those responsible factors and as a result, I am emphasizing its importance to the SCA's membership growth.

### 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 Excellence In Leadership Award:

CPT Diego Rincon was presented the SCA Excellence In Leadership Award by LTC Herman J. Haggray, Jr., Chief, Captains' Career Course Branch on March 12, 2014.

CPT Rincon is a native of Bogota, Colombia and was raised in Miami, FL. He enlisted in the US Army in November of 2004. After attending Basic Training at

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David Bitterman  
 Mary Garr  
 Ed Haraguchi  
 Larry Keller Sr.  
 Earl McSwain  
 David Rubenstein  
 Ed Shockley

**Appointed Officers****Auditors:**

Ken Lingle  
 Jim Van Straten

**Chaplain:***Doug Braendel***Membership:***Jim Whitmire***Editor & Historian:***Dick Ginn***Editor, Catch-up Corner:***Don Helin***Publisher:***Steve Sheridan***Reunion 2014:***Mark Lyford***Scholarship:**

*George Hammond*  
*Ernie Sylvester*  
*Jim Hayes*

Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri, he completed Advanced Individual Training as a Firefighter at Goodfellow Air Force Base, Texas. He was assigned to the 46th Engineer Battalion (Combat) (Heavy), Fort Polk, Louisiana where his duty assignments included Crash Rescue Specialist, Fire Truck Operator, Lead Firefighter and Training NCO.

He was selected for the Green to Gold Program and commissioned as a Distinguished Military Graduate from the University of Central Florida in 2009. Following commissioning as a Medical Service Corps Officer, CPT Rincon attended the AMEDD Officer's Basic Course in Fort Sam Houston, TX and was assigned as the Brigade Medical Planner for the 4th Stryker Brigade, 2nd Infantry Division (SBCT) (Rear). CPT Rincon's other assignments include Medical Platoon Leader, 2nd Battalion, 23rd Infantry Regiment, 4th Stryker Brigade, 2nd Infantry Division (SBCT); Brigade Support Medical Company Executive Officer, 4th Stryker Brigade, 2nd Infantry Division (SBCT); Brigade Medical Logistics Officer; 702nd Brigade Support Battalion, Combined Task Force 4-2 and Operations Officer, Madigan Army Medical Center, Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Washington. CPT Rincon has been selected to command Alpha Company, Landstuhl Regional Medical Center, Landstuhl, Germany. CPT Rincon has deployed in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

CPT Rincon's military education includes the Warrior Leader's Course, the AMEDD Officer Basic Course, the AMEDD Captains' Career Course and the Basic Healthcare Administration Course. He holds a Bachelor's Degree in English from Florida International University and a Master of Fine Arts in English from the University of Central Florida.

His awards and decorations include the Army Commendation Medal (1 OLC), the Army Achievement Medal (1 OLC), the Meritorious Unit Commendation, the Army Good Conduct Medal, the National Defense Service Medal, the Afghan Campaign Medal with one campaign star, the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, the NCO Professional Development Ribbon, the Army Service Ribbon, the Overseas Service Ribbon, the NATO Medal, and the Expert Field Medical Badge. He was selected for the 2013 US Army Medical Service Corps Junior Officer Award of Excellence (AOE).

CPT Rincon is married to Mrs. Kathryn Doyle Rincon. His hobbies include reading, writing, hiking and mountaineering.

**AMEDD Historian:**

The AMEDD HISTORIAN No 6, Spring 2014 edition has been posted to the SCA Website.

**SCA 2014 Reunion:**

Did you ask, "When and where will the SCA Reunion be held?" Your question is answered in a paragraph that follows with the heading, **SCA 2014 REUNION**, and you will also be provided more information about the reunion at a later date.



**Nominating:**  
Jim Van Straten

**Webmaster:**  
Doug & Cindy  
Stephens

**Memorial Services:**  
Jim Vinci  
Doug Braendel

**SCA & SCS  
Partnership:**  
Dawn Smith

**Recruitment &  
Marketing:**  
Ed Lynch

## **SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM UPDATE :**

The SCA Scholarship Committee is accepting scholarship applications for the 2014 school year. The application period is 1 Jan 2014 – 1 Jun 2014. Selected applicants will receive up to \$1,000.00, depending on the number of applicants and the amount of available money in the scholarship fund. Applicants should go to the SCA Website <http://www.silvercaduceusassociation.com> to obtain the most current application form, eligibility criteria, and letter of instruction to fill out the application. Remember, the scholarship fund relies entirely upon membership donations. Donations are tax deductible and should be sent to;

Silver Caduceus Association, Inc.  
Attn: Scholarship Committee  
P.O. Box 39514  
San Antonio, Texas 78218

If you have any questions, please contact COL (Ret) George Hammond at , e-mail, [ghammondeaglesnest@verizon.net](mailto:ghammondeaglesnest@verizon.net) or telephone 813-645-8861.

## **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.



## **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](mailto:mlyford@lmi.org) and George Waters, [geoh2o@juno.com](mailto:geoh2o@juno.com) of your desire to serve as a Discipline Spokesperson/POC. You are encouraged to contact the POC for your AOC/MOS The following individuals are serving as Discipline Spokesperson/POC;

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### **SCA Is LinkedIn:**

Our Association is now represented on LinkedIn as the Silver Caduceus Association Group. LinkedIn is a secure professional networking WEB site for people in professional occupations now or retired. Founded in December 2002, LinkedIn has more than 200 million users in more than 200 countries and territories. As a member of the Group, you will be able to 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 already a LinkedIn member then all you need to do to become a member of the SCA LinkedIn group is to 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. We already have a good core group signed up, and I strongly encourage all of our members to do the same. This action represents "value added" to the SCA membership.

### **A Thought To Ponder:**

"Science has never drummed up quite as effective a tranquilizing agent as a sunny spring day." (W. Earl Hall )

### **In Memoriam:**

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

LTC, (Ret) James R. Burney  
COL, (Ret) Ted H. T. Reinsch



Warmest regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "George A. Waters, Jr." The signature is written in a cursive style.

George A. Waters, Jr.  
President, SCA

*"In The Silver Caduceus Association, Camaraderie Is A Passion That makes Friendships Endure!"*