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Welcome to **THE SILVER CADUCEUS**, the semi-annual newsletter of the Silver Caduceus Association. Check out our SCA website at www.SilverCaduceusAssociation.com - it includes back issues of the Newsletter and a directory of SCA members.

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

Short Bursts: Your MSC friends want to hear from you! These "short bursts" are a few sentences long: "We're living in Oshkosh, counting our money and remembering our days in The Pit." And photos: "Here we are on vacation in downtown Burbank. I'm the handsome devil behind the tree." Send those things to dickginn@aol.com

Catching Up: These are longer accounts of what you've been up to. Contact Don Helin, our Catching Up Editor, if you wish to participate. dhelin@copper.net

MSC History: One of the founding purposes of the SCA is the preservation and propagation of the history of our Corps. In this issue you'll find several items that relate to that purpose. You are also invited to participate in two new initiatives:

We have a new feature, *Ask the Historian*, where we'll answer questions about the MSC.

We are planning to record oral histories during the 2014 Reunion. Please contact me if you wish to participate, either as an interviewee or interviewer.

2014 Reunion: Plan now to attend. It will be the first time our reunion will be held in the Washington, D.C. area, and it will be well worth the trip. The Reunion committee under the leadership of Mark Lyford is hard at work!

SCA Receives Award: A Certificate of Appreciation was presented to the Silver Caduceus Association on 13 March 2013 for its contribution to the Fort Sam Houston Warrior and Family Support Center. This contribution was made possible as a result of points for catering services we received from the Hilton Hotel Corporation in conjunction with our 2012 reunion that was held at the Double Tree Hotel in San Antonio.

Dick Ginn, Life Member #2, Editor H/Off 703-912-4326.

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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Fellow SCA Members:

2012 is still reflected as a memorable image as we view it in the rear view mirror while being enlightened by the successes that our Association enjoyed. However, we do not rest on our laurels, rather we use these accomplishments as benchmarks while we steer the Silver Caduceus Association towards greater achievements for 2013. We enjoyed a very successful and fun filled SCA Reunion in San Antonio last September, and we are already focused on planning for another successful reunion in 2014.

Camaraderie is the hallmark of our Association, and this year we will continue with our efforts to schedule SCA social gatherings on a geographical basis; we stress that it is not necessary to wait for the biennial reunion to hold these SCA geographical social gatherings. The SCA Newsletter and SCA E-NEWS greeted you with a new look, and you sounded your approval. We will continue to invite your input, because the articles you submit greatly enhance the newsletter's reader satisfaction.

The SCA welcomed a record number of new members last year, and we continue to place emphasis on marketing the SCA with vigorous recruitment efforts. ***Plant A Seed Today And Grow The SCA!*** The issuance of Life Memberships was reinstated, and we are continuing to add to the SCA Life Membership Roster. Additionally, I am pleased to state that the SCA is financially strong and stable as we look for sound ways and options to increase our SCA treasury. Thanks to the SCA survey and your comments, we are able to clearly read where the SCA is and where it should be going. In the meantime, I also welcome your ideas and encourage you to submit your comments on how the SCA can be improved as a social and professional organization.

Your SCA leadership and management are listening and alert at the wheel; the SCA Board, Staff, Appointed Officers and Committees will devote our energies and efforts to further the Association's success as we continue to embellish the image of the SCA brand.

George A. Waters, Jr.

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A MESSAGE FROM THE MSC CHIEF

I am truly privileged to be the 17th Chief of the Medical Service Corps – the Strength of Army Medicine. Today, our MSC Soldiers are stationed around the world: serving in combat theaters, and on humanitarian missions, mentoring foreign militaries, and taking care of America's Soldiers in our world class hospitals and health clinics. We are integral in every aspect of Army Medicine. From leading frontline medical personnel, to commanding medical units, to building medical facilities, and to providing care to our beneficiaries -- the MSC is there. We are cohesive in nature and we build organizations that succeed. We lead when called and we support when asked. Army Medicine could not accomplish its mission without the Soldiers of the Medical Service Corps!

As you may know, Army Medicine is at a decisive turning point and so is the Medical Service Corps. Over the past decade, we have focused our strength, resources and processes on supporting an Army at war in simultaneous theaters. As the operational landscape changes, we will continue to support our forces at war. We will also evaluate and critique our own processes to ensure that our Corps continues to set the standard as the Army becomes lighter, more agile and

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more flexible. To this end, my senior leaders and I have refined and updated our Mission Statement and Vision:

MISSION: *“Provide uniquely qualified administrative, clinical, and scientific LEADERS to best enable Army Medicine.”*

VISION: *“The trusted Corps, optimizing Military Health”*

In addition to the mission and vision statements, our strategy map (*MSC Balanced Scorecard*) has been streamlined to NINE strategic goals. I urge you all to get a copy and provide feedback to my staff. Also, keep a look out on the MSC website and my blog for related discussions. I want and need your input so that we can reach our goals! I believe it is more critical now than ever that we maintain, and strengthen, our relationships with leaders from the past.

In closing, it is an honor for me to serve as the Chief of this outstanding Corps of Soldiers. The AMEDD and the Army rely on us every day in our critical support missions and I extend my deepest personal appreciation to you and your Families for helping us put the Army in Army Medicine!

Serving to Heal...Honored to Serve!

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BG Dennis D. Doyle

Ed. Note: BG Dennis Doyle was sworn in as the 17th MSC Chief on 27 March 2012. He is stationed in Hawaii where he serves as United States Army Pacific Surgeon and Lead Agent, TRICARE Pacific, as well as Chief, United States Army Medical Service Corps.

COL John P. Cook, Deputy Corps Chief, MSC, 67J, will be retiring following more than forty years of active Federal service. His retirement celebration will be conducted at the Fort Sam Houston Community Center from 1800-2200 on 9 August 2013. Flyers and invitations will be going out in late April. Cost for the dinner will be approximately \$25 per person. Contact LTC Steve Innanen at stephen.r.innanen.mil@mail.mil

SCA EXCELLENCE IN LEADERSHIP AWARD

The SCA Leadership Award is given to the outstanding officer of each class of the Company Command Course (CCC) at Fort Sam Houston. Jim Vinci presented the award on behalf of the Association to the following outstanding MSCs.

23 May 2012: **CPT Kelly Walker** is a native of Petersburg, Illinois and a graduate of the US Military Academy at West Point. At the time of the presentation she was commander of Company B, 86th CHS, Fort Campbell, Kentucky.

7 Sep 2012: **CPT Jim Caro** graduated from West Point in 2005 with a major in chemistry and a minor in nuclear engineering. His initial assignment was Schofield Barracks, Hawaii as medical platoon leader and battalion MEDO for 2-35 IN (Cacti), 3BCT, 25th ID, and he deployed with 2-35 in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom to Samarra, Iraq in 2009. As a captain he served with 3BSTB, 25th ID as the Information Operations Officer and the Civil Affairs

Officer (S7/S9). He deployed with 3BSTB in support of Operation Enduring Freedom in 2011 to Jalalabad, Afghanistan. In this tour he worked with USAID, USDA, and NGOs. CPT Caro helped build roads, wells, and other infrastructure to build the Afghan economy. In his spare time CPT Caro loves to run, and participates in triathlons and marathons.

16 November 2012: CPT Dawn Williams, a native of Daytona Beach, Florida served as a combat medic, emergency treatment NCO, clinical NCOIC, operations sergeant, before being commissioned as an MSC, where she has served as a commander, HHD and chief of a patient administration division.

15 March 2013: COL (Ret.) Larry Keller, Sr. presented the SCA Leadership Award to CPT Kara L. Jensen, who was commissioned in 2009 after receiving her doctor of pharmacy degree from Virginia Commonwealth University. Her choice of a medical field was a result of the first dose of a love for medicine she received while studying abroad in Honduras. There in a small village, she saw the drastic difference between first and third world countries. Even now, she recalls the shock of seeing a prescription for scoops of peanut butter written for a hungry child who was severely malnourished.

Her first assignment was at Womack Army Medical Center, Fort Bragg, where she was Chief of the Inpatient Pharmacy. In 2011 she deployed to Afghanistan as the only pharmacist for the 10th Combat Support Hospital, and was responsible for pharmacy services across five geographically dispersed sites that provided medical coverage to US forces, Afghan National Security Forces, contractors, and local national patients. Returning to Fort Bragg she learned she was selected as the Army Pharmacy Junior Officer of the Year for 2012. Kara, her husband Timothy, and their two dogs will PCS to Fort Wainwright, Alaska this summer, where she will be the Assistant Chief of Pharmacy at Bassett Army Community Hospital.



MEDICAL UNIT REUNIONS

3D Field Hospital: *From Darryl Henley, CPT MSC 1963 to 1968:* A second reunion is being planned for 8-10 November 2013 in San Antonio at one of the River Walk hotels. For further information check the website info@3field.rmhcn.org or contact Darryl at 209-392-6705 or pontemcharlie@yahoo.com

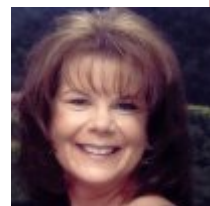
NEW HONORARY MEMBER

Cindy Stephens Receives Honorary SCA Membership:

At the General Membership Meeting during the 2012 SCA Reunion, George Waters, SCA President, presented an honorary SCA membership to Mrs. Cindy Stephens, the wife of CW4 (Ret) Douglas Stephens for her years of continuing service and loyal support to the SCA. Her pleasant personality and “*Can Do*” attitude make it a genuine pleasure to work with her.

Cindy has made significant contributions in developing the online membership directory, and she works closely with our SCA Membership Coordinator, Jim Whitmire, to make sure our membership data base is accurate, ensures the timely postings of deceased MSCs, new members, and life memberships and reviews and posts information on the SCA Scholarship application process and winners. To sum it up, George and our Vice President, Jim Vinci, testify that her professionalism and service make her an “*SCA Jewel*.”

Congratulations Cindy!



SCA/SCS PARTNERSHIP

The SCA/SCS partnership is an ongoing effort to combine the wisdom and experience of the SCA with the vigor and freshness of the local active duty Silver Caduceus Society (SCS) chapters.

MSC REUNION 2014

The Reunion Committee, headed by Mark Lyford, is hard at work planning the 2014 Reunion. It will be held in the National Capital Region, (NCR), Washington, D. C. Area, September 3-6, 2014. If you would like to be a part of the planning for this event, please contact Mark at mlyford@lmi.org.

SCA RECRUITMENT

Bigger Is Better!

“Plant the Seed of Membership” As we start to think *“Spring”* and planting a garden, it is important that every SCA member actively contact current and prior Medical Service Corps colleagues to extend the invitation to join our membership. Many MSCs we have served with or who are serving now are unaware of the existence of the SCA, its mission and benefits. For example, the SCA Scholarship Program, which is accepting applications for 2013, provides each of us with a unique member benefit to market to potential members with spouses, children or grandchildren pursuing higher education.

Recruitment is not just the responsibility of SCA Officers. It takes active involvement by all members to plant the seed to grow the SCA and to maintain a viable organization. Let's all accept the challenge now and contact an old friend or current unit member to encourage them to join our ranks! So, this spring let's *“Grow our Membership!”* Let's all get out there and get busy adding new members. *Bigger is Better!*

Ed Lynch eflynch@consolidated.net

FROM THE CHAPLAIN

This June, I will return to Vietnam for three weeks with Vets With A Mission (VWAM). This will be my fourth visit in five years, and our mission is to provide medical and dental care to rural Vietnamese people around Danang. We will be supporting the Floyd Olsen Memorial Clinic, which is named for an Army captain whose helicopter was shot down on 21 April 1968. Our *“quarters”* while in Danang will be the Furama Resort.

VWAM is a group of Vietnam veterans and non-veterans who are dedicated to bringing healing, reconciliation and renewal to the people of Vietnam. It schedules a minimum of two trips each year to Vietnam as well as trips to Cambodia; the teams consist of medical/health and non medical/health volunteers.

Vietnam Veterans have priority on the trips, and wives of veterans are also welcome. If anyone is interested, and especially if they might know of individuals with the above professional credentials who might be interested, they can contact VWAM directly at www.vwam.com or e-mail me at dcbraendel@gmail.com. In addition to the days they will be providing health care, there are several days during which veterans can visit specific areas where

they served.

Here are two photos from my 2010 trip.



The group picture is that of our group of vets in Hue (*I am on the extreme left*).

The other picture was taken while I was assisting in delivering food to poor rural families with disabled children. The little girl in the second photo is subject to seizures and lives alone during the week while her mom works in Danang several hours drive to the north.

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FROM THE HISTORIAN

Know Our History, Preserve Our History

ASK THE HISTORIAN (Send in your questions.)

Today's Question: A Navy MSC recently asked why the Navy celebrates the birthday of the its MSC as 9 August 1947, which is the date of the Act of Congress that established an MSC in both the Army and the Navy; yet the Army MSC celebrates its birthday on 30 June 1917.

Answer: The short answer is that the Navy, unlike the Army, had no commissioned corps established for the medical administrative and scientific specialties of the MSC until 1947.

Now for the rest of the story:

The answer for this question resides in the evolutionary history of the MSC, in which other dates could also serve as a birthday. The evolution of the Army's MSC began with appointment of an Apothecary General during the Revolution, and continued with establishment of an Ambulance Corps and U.S. Army Medical Storekeepers during the Civil War. In World War I, the requirement for a considerable number of medical officers who were neither physicians, dentists or veterinarians, resulted on 30 June 1917 in formation of "*what, for lack of a better name, was called the Sanitary Corps.*" This corps modernized the Medical Department with the inclusion of officers in a wide variety of administrative and scientific specialties, ranging from accounting, personnel,

medical equipment repair, hospital design, medical supply, patient registrar, and adjutant; to bacteriology, parasitology, physiology, psychology, occupational therapy, sanitary engineering, x-ray, and nutrition. Positions included command of hospital and sanitation detachments, motorized ambulance companies and hospital trains.

After the war, the Sanitary Corps remained a component of the Army Reserve, until 4 August 1947, when Congress consolidated it with the Medical Administrative Corps (*established in 1920*) and the Pharmacy Corps (*established in 1943*) to create the Medical Service Corps as a permanent part of the military establishment. This was the result of lessons learned on the battlefields of our Revolution in the 18th century, the Civil War in 19th century, and World Wars I and II in the 20th century. Indeed, at its peak in WWII, there was a combined total of over 22,600 Sanitary Corps, Medical Administrative Corps and Pharmacy Corps officers in the Army. The success of these medical administrative and scientific specialty officers during the war had a profound effect on Army Medicine and resulted in their consolidation into a permanent corps. Thus, an unbroken chain, from 30 June 1917 to the present day, directly links the Sanitary Corps to the MSC as its oldest antecedent, and is the cause for celebrating its establishment as the birthday of today's Army Medical Service Corps.

Stay Tuned: A question we'll discuss in the next newsletter is *When and how did MSCs start commanding active medical treatment facilities, i.e., hospitals?*

MSCs in the Korean War

Unfortunately, North Korea is in the news again, as it is once again saber rattling and threatening to attack South Korea and the United States. It is well that we reflect on our experience from 1950-1953, when just five years after the end of World War II we were at war again, this time a bitter war with North Korea, in which we had over 33,000 battle deaths, in a fiercely contested fight that concluded with an armistice, not a peace treaty – in reality a war that never really ended.

MSCs were an important part of the Army Medicine team in Korea. One of those MSCs was Stanley Weintraub, a professor, historian and biographer, who as a young MSC lieutenant was assigned to the POW hospital at Koje-do Korea that treated nearly 90,000 patients, all the while faced with relentless resistance by Communist Korean prisoners. He later published an account of that experience in *War in the Wards: Korea's Unknown Battle in a Prisoner of War Hospital Camp*.

As the war reached a stalemate the U.S. began screening the prisoners to separate those who did not want to be repatriated to the North. Lieutenant Weintraub witnessed firsthand the implacable fanaticism of the North Korean and Chinese Communist POWs who viciously fought that process with rocks, clubs, spears and any other way they could, including kidnapping the U.S. camp commander, a U.S. Army brigadier general.



Stanley and
Rodelle Weintraub

It was necessary to deploy armor and airborne troops to defeat the resistance.

The fighting raged throughout the POW camp, including the hospital. Wientraub described the scene in one ward where “*seven hundred amputees still resist fanatically. They have aluminum litter poles, honed to razor sharpness at one end, and also a supply of wooden tent poles whittled to a point. As infantrymen close in, they heave a fusillade of crude grenades made of casting plaster studded with fragments of barbed wire and nails. Exploding tear-gas canisters fill the ward with pungent white smoke; and then, cutting their way into the ward with wire shears, GIs stream through the openings in the barbed wire, ignoring the trash-blocked gates.*”

After the war Weintraub, professor, historian and biographer, completed a Ph.D. in English at Pennsylvania State University, and was on the Penn State faculty until his retirement in 2000 as the Evan Hugh Professor Emeritus and Director of the Institute for the Arts and Humanistic Studies. A prolific writer, he is the author of over 40 books and lives today with his wife, Rodelle, in Newark, Delaware.

Published MSC Histories: Two books of interest to MSCs are posted in their entirety on the internet:

The History of the U.S. Army Medical Service Corps, by COL Richard V.N. Ginn, is posted on the website of the Office of Medical History, Office of the Surgeon General, U.S. Army at <http://history.amedd.army.mil/>

It is distributed at no cost to members of active, reserve and National Guard units as CMH Pub 30-19 (hardbound) and CMH Pub 30-19-1 (*softbound*). Submit unit requisitions to the U.S. Army Publications Distribution Center, 1655 Woodson Road, St. Louis, MO 63114-6181.

It is also available for purchase from the Government Printing Office; Price: \$42 (softbound) GPO Stock Number 008-029- 00308-2.

Internet: [HTTP://bookstore.gpo.gov](http://bookstore.gpo.gov)

Phone: (toll free) 866-512-1800 (D.C. area) 202-512-1800

Mail: Superintendent of Documents, P.O. Box 371954, Pittsburgh, PA 15250

In Their Own Words: The 498th Air Ambulance Company in Iraq, 2003, is a collection of interviews I conducted with members 498th Air Ambulance Company upon their return from Iraq where they were attached to the Marines for the run up to Baghdad and the opening phase of Operation Iraqi Freedom (*OIF 1*).

It is posted at <http://history.amedd.army.mil/> under Books and Documents, Operation Iraqi Freedom.

MEMBERSHIP AND DUES

Our current membership total is 489.

To join the SCA or to renew your membership follow the instructions on our SCA website at www.silvercaduceusassociation.com or contact Jim Whitmire, our Membership Director, at jwhitmire@satx.rr.com Jim notes that the SCA still gets a number of returned emails and letters that were sent to SCA members. Please ensure that your email and postal addresses are correct on the Website Members List.

Forward changes to jwhitmire@satx.rr.com or by mail to SCA, P.O. Box

39514, San Antonio, TX 78218. Jim needs to update the official SCA hard copy of your record, and does not know when updates are done by folks themselves on the website.

Dues: First year dues for new members is \$25. Renewal is \$15 per year. Please send your dues to the above address.

SCA Directory: Our list of members is posted at www.SilverCaduceusAssociation.com Update your personal data if you have not done so recently.

Life Time Membership: The dues structure for SCA Lifetime Membership is as follows:

Ages	Dues	Ages	Dues
< 45 -----	\$ 375	46 - 55 -----	\$ 300
56 - 65 -----	\$ 250	66 - 75 -----	\$ 200
		76 + -----	\$ 125

Jim Whitmire jwhitmire@satx.rr.com

SHORT BURSTS

LTC Podge Reed, Ret. Podge reports that he had a complete lung transplant 18 December 2011. Now he asks, *Can anyone beat 39 pills a day (18 medications) prescribed by a physician? For being good, I am allowed two glasses of wine a year -- one of the small joys of being an organ transplant patient.*

Things are still positive for my new lungs. I am now fifteen months post transplant, and no signs of any rejection. I have finally settled on a steady diet of 39 pills a day, and the blood vampire only takes blood once a month now.

Pmreed4@aol.com

COL Jake Lozada, Ret. The National Puerto Rican Coalition (NPRC) recently recognized COL Lozada, former Assistant Secretary of Veterans Affairs, as a distinguished veteran during the organization's Leadership Luncheon.

Jake currently serves as Member of the National Board of AARP; Member of the Audit and Finance Committee of AARP; Member of the Budget Committee of Andrews Federal Credit Union; Member of the National Board of the Medical Musical Group, Chorale, and Symphony Orchestra (*dedicated to America's Veterans*); and Member of the Board of the Association of University of Puerto Rico Alumni and Friends Abroad. He was recently nominated by President Obama to serve as Member of the Advisory Group on Prevention, Health Promotion, and Integrative and Public Health. Jake also serves as Chair of the Washington DC Hispanic Charity Golf Classic, an event that in the past five years has awarded over \$60,000 in support of scholarships and charity programs. prjake44@verizon.net



COL Jim Vinci, Ret. Jim sent this photo is of himself in 1943 at age five weeks, with his mother, Frances Vinci, and father, LT James D. Vinci, Medical Administrative Corps (MAC).



The MAC was one of the forerunners of the MSC. It totaled over 22,000 Officers in World War II. The MAC OCS conducted at the Medical Field Service School, Carlisle Barracks, Pennsylvania, and Camp Barkeley, near Abilene, Texas, was the third largest OCS in the Army.

A ditty from those days at Camp Barkeley will resonate with any GI:

*Take off those stripes, wipe off that grin
Cut off your hair, shave off that chin.
Polish those shoes, shine that brass
Get on the stick and show some class.
Now double time with all your power,
Then stand in line for half an hour.*

SILVER CADUCEUS SCHOLARSHIP FUND

The SCA Scholarship Program has been successful due to the generous donations of the SCA membership and the dedicated efforts of the SCA Scholarship Committee of George Hammond, Chairman, with Jim Hayes and Ernest Sylvester.

The SCA awarded three \$1,000 scholarships in 2012.

Jenna P. Benzing, nominated by William L. Warren, Member #439

William Cameron Waters, nominated by Henry J. Waters, Life Member #66

Eric Michael Walter, nominated by Don Graydon, Life Member #58

Your tax deductible donations to the fund make it possible to award scholarships to deserving individuals in 2013. Donations should be forwarded to the SCA, Post Office Box 39514, San Antonio, Texas 78218.

We will be accepting scholarship applications for 2013 until 30 June. The

application and letter of instruction is posted on the SCA web site www.silvercadesusacociation.com Members should check the web site prior to making an application to insure that you have the most current application approved by the Board of Directors. The number of scholarship awards made in 2013 will depend on the amount of money available from member donations.

George Hammond
Chairman, Scholarship Committee
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TREASURER'S REPORT

In the first quarter 2013, the SCA received:
\$2,670 in dues,
\$1,775 in Lifetime Memberships, and
\$200 in Scholarship Donations.

The Operating Account Balance is:
\$15,623.17 plus a CD of \$50,000.

The Scholarship Account Balance is:
\$10,136.92 plus a CD of \$10,000.

Our financial outlook at this time appears to be fine.

Tom Barker taxdocllc@elp.rr.com