



SCA eNews

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Silver Caduceus Association mission:

To Promote the history and traditions of the Medical Service Corps, to enhance the continuing education, support social and recreational activities and reinforce camaraderie among its members.

Ellis Island Medal of Honor

The SCA is proud to announce that one of our MSC colleagues, Jacob Lozada with the Department of Veteran's Affairs in Fairfax, VA, has been selected to receive the Ellis Island Medal of Honor. This award recognizes Americans who have contributed to our National identity while preserving the values and heritage of their ancestors. Last year's honorees included the Honorable Buzz Aldrin, the Honorable John R. Kasich, and Dr. Fareed Zakaria. The Medal will be presented on Saturday, May 12th in the Great Hall on Ellis Island. The EIHS mission is to celebrate patriotism, tolerance, and brotherhood diversity.

Jake states that being a Medical Service Corps Officer was instrumental in his development and success in life. He went on to say that he owes much to the Medical Service Corps, his former colleagues, and mentors including COL George Wahl, COL Jack Danielson, COL Jim Van Statton, and General Enrique Mendez.

Congratulations to Jake on this very prestigious award!

Silver Caduceus Association 2018 Reunion

Please mark your calendars for the 25-27 October for the biannual SCA Reunion. Our gathering will be headquartered at the Holiday Inn – Airport, in San Antonio. Your reunion committee has been working to make this a reunion you will remember and have developed a program that is a bit different from our previous gatherings. The cost for registration is \$45 per SCA Member. If you are not already a member you can join the SCA at the same time you register. There is **no spouse registration fee** and they are encouraged to come.

Additionally, there will be **no registration fee for active duty or active reserve MSC Officers**. All are encourage to register and attend the speaker sessions on Friday and Saturday mornings.

The Holiday Inn - Airport San Antonio is now taking reservations. We have a superb nightly rate of \$105. We have guaranteed a minimum number of room nights. It is important to use discount code SCA when you make your reservations at 210-349-9900 or 888-615-0518 or at website goo.gl/oK1Sog (case sensitive). **When making reservations use group code SCA. It is important that you use this code for the SCA to receive credit for your stay and to meet our guarantee.** Third-party reservation sites will not give us that credit. Please use the hotel's phone number or website at the numbers and URL above. The hotel provides free wi-fi and transportation to/from the San Antonio airport.

Here is the outline for our time together

Wednesday, 24 October:

Evening: dinners by specialty

- This dinner allows each specialty (AOC or MOS) to come together and enjoy an evening out. It's up to specialty members to select a coordinator and arrange their own event.

Thursday, 25 October:

Day trip to Fredericksburg

- This will be a bus trip from the Holiday Inn to Fredericksburg. Attendees will be free to enjoy touring, the museum, wine tasting, and shopping. The cost is \$40 per person.

Evening: welcome reception

- This will be an opportunity to visit with fellow MSC attendees. There will be a cash bar and Mexican-themed buffet. You must be registered to attend.

Friday, 26 October:

Morning: guest speakers, topics include today's Army, AMEDD, and MSC

Afternoon: golf tournament and local bus tours

- The bus tours will include: a tour of Camp Bullis, the cost is \$25 per person and a tour of Fort Sam Houston / Army Residence Community. The ARC has offered to provide the bus for the Ft Sam Houston / ARC tour so this tour is free.

- The cost to participate in golf is variable, please see the Golf Registration form for more specific information.

Evening: Oktoberfest buffet at the Fort Sam Golf Course. The SCA has agreed to buy a keg of beer for this one! The cost for this exciting evening is \$20 per person.

Saturday, 27 October:

Morning: Memorial service and USAA guest speakers. One will focus on retirement and survivor issues. The other will focus on the military's new retirement system and decisions current military members will have to make by year's end. These discussions are also geared for the spouses.

Afternoon: open for your personal activities

Evening: The perennially favorite coat and tie Reunion Banquet will close out the gathering. The meal selections will be pan seared chicken breast or beef London broil. That said, the hotel chef can meet most special or limiting meal requirements. The SCA has agreed to not only provide wine for the meal but to also underwrite this event.

Because of this we are able to offer the banquet to you for only \$25 per person.

Some important additional information:

-Early registration cutoff is 1 August: Your registration letter (with a check for the grand total due) must be postmarked on or before that date or your on-line registration received (and the grand total due paid to PayPal on or before 1 August to qualify). After 1 August the registration rate is \$55. All registrations should be received by 1 October. Included in the packet are copies of the Reunion Registration and Golf Registration sheets (see attachments to this Newsletter). We are offering online registration and allowing you to use PayPal to pay the grand total due. Please visit the SCA website at www.silvercaduceusassociation.org.

-TOURS: Tours are offered on a space available, first to register basis. Space is limited and a required minimum number of riders must register by 1 August for us to contract for the transportation.

Feel free to make copies of the registration forms and provide them to all active, retired, and former MSC friends you know. Encourage them to attend.

If you have any questions please email our Reunion Chairman, Linn Danielski, at ldanielski@satx.rr.com. We are looking forward to seeing you in San Antonio in October!