

SCA eNews



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 our members

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From our President

Greetings Team SCA! Checking in from sunny Temple, Texas. I hope you and your Families are doing well and staying safe.

I wanted to start off by introducing you to your Board of Directors and Committee Chairs. Many of these names are familiar as we retained some of our key leaders and SCA "plank holders" as well as inviting some new talent to join our team.

2021-2023 Board of Directors:

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2021-2023 Committee Chairs:

Membership/Scholarship - COL(Ret) Roger Williams

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At our core, the SCA remains a Social, Informational and Philanthropic organization focused on promoting the history and traditions of the Medical Service Corps, enhancing the education of our Army, and reinforcing camaraderie among our members. Over the next two years we will focus on continuing to build our great Legacy. We will do this by pursuing five primary goals:

1. Execute a thorough After-Action Review of the 2021 Reunion and prepare for Reunion 2023.
2. Stay relevant and grow our Association to over 1,000 members (Current membership is 723 Active Members).
3. Communicate with internal and external audiences.
4. Philanthropy through our scholarship program.
5. Connect and support the "Field," through partnering with Silver Caduceus organizations.

With my respect,
Colonel Robert F. Howe, USA Retired
President, Silver Caduceus Association

Greetings Silver Caduceus Association,

It is my distinct honor to provide the state of the Medical Service Corps (MSC). We continue to thrive because of the dedication and commitment of MSC leaders both past and present across the globe. Thank you for your continued efforts to support those MSC officers serving today. It is greatly appreciated!

The MSC mission is to provide agile, adaptable, doctrinally grounded, and leader developed MSC officers focused on operational medicine, supporting the warfighters, and strengthening the military health system. The MSC enables the Army's mission to deploy, fight, and win decisively against any adversary, anytime, and anywhere. Our work enables the Army in joint, multi-domain, and large-scale combat operations to preserve Soldier lethality and survivability. The MSC Strategic Plan is nested with Army Medicine's Strategic Plan that focuses our efforts on People, Readiness, Modernization, Reform, and Strengthening Alliances & Partnerships.

The MSC is healthy, thriving, and leading from the front! We have over 9,300 officers (Compo I, II, III) serving in over 21 Countries. We continue to compete extremely well for promotions, senior nominative command, centralized selection list command, senior service college (resident and distance education), and assignment to strategic billets. Our deliberate focus on leader development and talent management has set conditions to ensure that our highly qualified officers are in the right assignment at the right time.

Thank you for continuing to promote the vast history and time honored traditions of the MSC. Your support of continuing education, social, and recreational activities, builds camaraderie among our MSC officers and makes our Corps stronger. I am truly honored to serve as the 19th Chief, MSC and grateful for your continued service and support!

DENNIS P. LEMASTER
Major General, USA
19th Chief, Medical Service Corps

SCA Scholarship Program

The 2022 SCA Scholarship information and application form have been posted to our website. Please note that the application deadline has been extended to the 31st of July 2022. All applicant's

paperwork for this year's program can be received any time prior to 1 August 2022. This is a permanent change to the Scholarship Program's application deadline. Below is the link for scholarship information and application form on the SCA website.

<https://www.silvercaduceusassociation.org/about/scholarships>

Also, **as a reminder, our scholarship program continues to be funded entirely by donations, and it** has been successful over the years due to the generous contributions of our SCA members and other individuals who support the SCA goal of enhancing continued education. Donations are tax-deductible and will make it possible for us to continue to award scholarships to SCA family members.

We now have options available for you to donate to the scholarship fund. There is a dedicated scholarship donation button on the SCA website home page that allows for online credit card donations. You can use that button or bypass the home page altogether by clicking on the following link: <https://www.silvercaduceusassociation.org/donations> and it will take you directly to the donation page.

You still have the option of writing a check and mailing it to the SCA. Simply make the check payable to the SCA and note on the "For" line that it is for the SCA scholarship program. Then mail your check to SCA, Inc., P.O. Box 18218, San Antonio, TX 78218.

If you have any questions concerning the SCA Scholarship Program, feel free to contact the Scholarship Committee Chairman, Roger Williams at rogerfwill@aol.com.

SCA Membership Update: Last year was a very good growth year for the SCA. Membership at the beginning of 2021 was 606 with a breakout of 401 Regular, 201 Lifetime, 2 Associate, and 2 Honorary members. We ended 2021 with a total membership of 746, an overall increase of 140 members, 118 Regular and 22 Lifetime members. While we are pleased with our growth to date, we want to continue to add new members, so I encourage each of you to help recruit at least one MSC officer, active duty, former, retired, reserve, or National Guard, they are all eligible.

Also, Associate memberships are available to other AMEDD Officers, MSC Officers from other military services and to civilian employees who have provided extraordinary support to the Army MSC and the AMEDD for a continued number of years. Such individuals must be nominated by a SCA Regular or Lifetime member in good standing and the nomination is then reviewed by the SCA Board of Directors. If approved, the individuals are offered an Associate Membership. Members in this category will pay the same dues as regular members, will have the right to vote, will be eligible to purchase Life Membership, but will not have the right to hold office.

Individuals interested in joining the SCA can use the below link to complete an application form and pay using their credit card. Or they can download the application and mail the completed form along with a check made out to SCA to SCA, Inc, P.O. Box 18218, San Antonio, TX 78218. Membership is \$15 per year, \$50 for five years or \$350 for a lifetime membership. A \$10 admin fee is applied to all new memberships.

<https://www.silvercaduceusassociation.org/members/join>

In addition to adding new members, we want to retain the members we already have and to do so we would like your feedback. What do you feel our association needs to do to make itself more appealing? Please give it some thought and provide comments directly to our President, Rob Howe at silvercaduceusassociation@gmail.com or to our Membership Coordinator, Roger Williams, at rogerfwill@aol.com.

As a reminder, the purpose of the SCA is to promote the history and traditions of the Medical Service Corps, to enhance continuing education, and to support social and recreational activities for its membership. The SCA Board meets quarterly and would like to have input from the membership, so please provide your comments on how we can improve on what we are currently doing?

If you have questions concerning SCA membership or your current membership status, feel free to contact the Membership Coordinator, Roger Williams at rogerfwill@aol.com



Our Association is 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 800 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, post and search for jobs, share topics of importance to the SCA and keep 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, please email the Group Founder and Moderator, Colonel (ret) Jim Vinci at jamesvinci@icloud.com, and he will immediately process your request to make you a Group Member and give you access. **Again, please make sure you email him and let him know that you have requested to join!**

If you are not currently part of LinkedIn, then you will first need to register on LinkedIn and then you can follow the process as outlined in the previous paragraph above to get on the Group.

We have several hundred of our members of our SCA group signed up and we strongly urge all our members to do the same.

If you have any questions, you can reach to out Colonel Vinci @ 210 945-8797.

Medal of Honor



Colonel Gordon Ray Roberts

Gordon Ray Roberts (born 14 June 1950) is a retired [United States Army](#) officer and a [Medal of Honor](#) recipient for his "conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity in action at the risk of his life above and beyond the call of duty" on 11 July 1969 while an [infantryman](#) with the [1st Battalion, 506th Infantry](#), [101st Airborne Division](#) during the [Vietnam War](#).

Three days after Roberts graduated from high school, he enlisted in the [United States Army](#) in May 1968. He went through training at [Fort Benning, Georgia](#), and then attended [infantry school](#). Roberts was placed in Company B, [1st Battalion, 506th Infantry Regiment](#), [101st Airborne Division](#), and deployed to the [Republic of Vietnam](#) in April 1969.

By 11 July 1969, Roberts had already distinguished himself, being awarded both the [Silver Star](#) and the [Bronze Star](#). On that day, Roberts single-handedly wiped out three machine gun nests, saving the

lives of over 20 fellow soldiers on Hill 996 during [Operation Montgomery Rendezvous](#). Roberts spent 14 months in Vietnam until he returned to the United States in June 1970.

On 2 March 1971, he was awarded the Medal of Honor by President [Richard M. Nixon](#) for his actions on 11 July 1969. Roberts was the youngest living Medal of Honor recipient and the only one still on active duty until 2010, when Army Staff Sergeant [Salvatore Giunta](#) was awarded the medal.



Post-Vietnam life

Following his first enlistment in the army, Roberts attended the [University of Dayton](#) and received a [bachelor's degree](#) in [sociology](#) in 1974. He married and became the father of a son and a daughter. After eighteen years as a social worker, he returned to the Army and received a direct commission as an officer and entered active duty in 1991. His past assignments include eight years of company and field grade command assignments in Korea, [Fort Bragg](#), Haiti, Fort Gordon and Iraq as well as staff assignments at Hunter Army Airfield, Fort Benning, and Kuwait. From June 2008 through June 2010 he served as the Brigade Commander for Walter Reed Army Medical Center. On 1 July 2010, he began duty as command surgeon for the [1st Sustainment Command \(Theater\)](#) at Fort Bragg, North Carolina. He later assumed duties as the unit's forward Chief of Staff at Camp Arifjan, Kuwait.

Roberts retired from the army on 18 May 2012.

Awards and decorations

In addition to the Medal of Honor, Gordon Roberts's military awards include the [Silver Star](#), the [Bronze Star](#), the [Air Medal](#), the [Army Commendation Medal](#), the [National Defense Service Medal](#), the [Vietnam Service Medal](#), the Republic of [Vietnam Campaign Medal](#), the [Combat Infantryman Badge](#), the [Parachutist Badge](#), and the [Presidential Unit Citation](#).



[Medal of Honor](#)



[Silver Star](#) with one bronze [oak leaf cluster](#)



[Legion of Merit](#)



[Bronze Star Medal](#) with one bronze oak leaf cluster



[Meritorious Service Medal](#) with four bronze oak leaf clusters



[Air Medal](#) with [strike numeral](#) "3"



[Army Commendation Medal](#) with four bronze oak leaf clusters

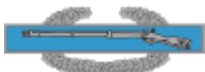


[Army Achievement Medal](#) with four bronze oak leaf clusters



[Presidential Unit Citation](#)

Badges



- [Combat Infantryman Badge](#)



- [Parachutist Badge](#)

Medal of Honor citation



For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity in action at the risk of his life above and beyond the call of duty. Sgt. Roberts distinguished himself while serving as a rifleman in Company B, during combat operations.

Sgt. Roberts' [platoon](#) was maneuvering along a ridge to attack heavily fortified enemy [bunker](#) positions which had pinned down an adjoining friendly company. As the platoon approached the enemy positions, it was suddenly pinned down by heavy [automatic weapons](#) and grenade fire from camouflaged enemy fortifications atop the overlooking hill. Seeing his platoon immobilized and in danger of failing in its mission, Sgt. Roberts crawled rapidly toward the closest enemy bunker. With complete disregard for his safety, he leaped to his feet and charged the bunker, firing as he ran. Despite the intense enemy fire directed at him, Sgt. Roberts silenced the 2-man bunker.

Without hesitation, Sgt. Roberts continued his 1-man assault on a second bunker. As he neared the second bunker, a burst of enemy fire knocked his rifle from his hands. Sgt. Roberts picked up a rifle dropped by a comrade and continued his assault, silencing the bunker.

He continued his charge against a third bunker and destroyed it with well-thrown hand grenades. Although Sgt. Roberts was now cut off from his platoon, he continued his assault against a fourth enemy emplacement. He fought through a heavy hail of fire to join elements of the adjoining company which had been pinned down by the enemy fire.

Although continually exposed to hostile fire, he assisted in moving wounded personnel from exposed positions on the hilltop to an evacuation area before returning to his unit.

By his gallant and selfless actions, Sgt. Roberts contributed directly to saving the lives of his comrades and served as an inspiration to his fellow soldiers in the defeat of the enemy force. Sgt. Roberts' extraordinary heroism in action at the risk of his life were in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflect great credit upon himself, his unit, and the U.S. Army.

Source: Wikipedia

Looking for Korean War Pharmacists

Retired Army pharmacists Colonels John Spain and Mike Heath are leading an effort to record the history of Army Pharmacy. They have no first hand accounts of pharmacy practice during the Korean War. Does anyone know of a Korea War pharmacist with whom they can talk?

Please reply to MG(Ret) David Rubenstein at david.a.rubenstein@gmail.com and COL(Ret) John Spain at johndspain@gmail.com

