



SCA eNews

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

Message from the President:

We are into the Holiday Season, and I hope you had a great Thanksgiving. The combination of family, friends and football always makes for an enjoyable holiday weekend. This season and always, we are thankful for this great Nation we live in and for all the women and men who serve and have served in our military.

As we prepare for Christmas, Hanukkah and the New Year, 2018 promises to be an exciting year for your Silver Caduceus Association. It is a Reunion year, and as reported in the last newsletter the Reunion will be held in San Antonio, and a new date has been set for 24 - 27 October 2018. Our venue for 2018, the Holiday Inn Airport, offered extra incentives for this date, and the date worked well with the Fort Sam Houston Golf Club for Friday's tournament. The Reunion committee is working hard to put together a quality program with a focus on a series of updates and pertinent information for members and spouses alike. They are looking at topics such as survivor benefits, wills, and powers of attorney. Registration information will be coming out early next year.

As of 3 November we have 565 members having added twelve new members in the last six months. The roster now contains 392 Regular, 168 Lifetime, 3 Associate and 2 Honorary members. There are approximately 157 members pending renewal by 31 December this year, and renewal notices have been sent. I encourage each of you to renew your membership. Our membership is our strength. Remember, a one year membership is \$15, five years is \$50 and every MSC officer and Warrant Officer is eligible for Lifetime Membership for \$350. If you know of a member who has not renewed or an MSC, active or retired, who is not a member of the Silver Caduceus Association please contact them and encourage them to join. Renewals may be sent to the Silver Caduceus Association, P.O. Box 39514, San Antonio, TX 78218.

The website committee continues to lay the groundwork for our new look, and the website should go live early next year. See Kyle Campbell's message below and stay tuned!

Chuck

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of present and former MSC
officers

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Request for input from the President Elect:

Howdy, all. I trust you're well as 2017 rapidly fades away and 2018 prepares to make its presence known.

I have a question for you. During my time as the Corps Chief and as a member of the Board of Directors have been relentless in asking why an Army MSC would join our ranks. I'd like to get the wisdom of the whole, so I'll ask that question more broadly. What one-line reason do you, or would you, give an Army MSC that would induce him or her to join the SCA. Please write me at david.a.rubenstein@gmail.com with your reply.

SCA Leadership Award:



COL (R) Mary Garr presenting the certificate the SCA MSC Leadership award to CPT Merle L. Gilbert at the Captain's Career Course graduation 17 November 2017.

CPT Merle L. Gilbert completed his bachelor's degree in Biochemistry and doctorate in Pharmacology at the University of Washington in Seattle, WA. He later served as a postdoctoral fellow at Oregon Health and Sciences University in Portland, OR and received a direct commission in the Medical Service Corps in 2015.

CPT Gilbert is currently assigned as a Research Biochemist to the US Army Medical Research Institute of Infectious Diseases (USAMRIID) at Ft. Detrick, MD. In 2015, he served as OIC of the USAMRIID Genomics Laboratory in Liberia during the West Africa Ebola Outbreak. CPT Gilbert supported Centers for Disease Control and Prevention efforts to identify the origin of 15 new Ebola cases that emerged as Liberia was on its way to being declared Ebola-free. Since then, his research activities have focused on testing and evaluation of novel antimicrobial compounds with activity against potential biological warfare agents.

CPT Gilbert also currently serves as the OIC for mobile operations in support of the Joint Mobile Emerging Disease Intervention Clinical Capability (JMEDICC) program. During suspected Ebola outbreaks in Uganda, this mobile clinical treatment and laboratory platform will deploy and support 28 physicians, nurses, laboratory staff, and support personnel in the field. The JMEDICC team will conduct Phase II clinical trials for investigational new drugs designed to treat Ebola virus infections. These clinical trial data will be used to support new drug applications for Food and Drug Administration regulatory approval.

During his enlisted service as a Korean linguist, CPT Gilbert led tactical intelligence collection teams against foreign language targets. His teams intercepted, translated, and analyzed signals intelligence in support of brigade combat teams in the 2nd Infantry Division (Republic of Korea) and the 25th Infantry Division (Schofield Barracks, HI), as well as 1st Special Forces Group (Joint Base Lewis-McChord, WA).

CPT Gilbert's awards and decorations include: Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal (4 BOLC), Army Achievement Medal (1 SOLC), National Defense Service Medal (w/bronze star), Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Korea Defense Service Medal, Ranger Tab, Senior Parachutist Badge, Air Assault Badge, and Korean Parachutist Badge.

Please take a few minutes to visit:

http://history.amedd.army.mil/newsletters/AMEDD_history_newsletter_20.pdf .
On page 18 you will find a very positive review of Jim Van Stratton's book, **A Different Face of War**.

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, 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 the group. Once that is done, the Group Manager, Jim Vinci, who initiated and developed the Group, or Kyle Campbell, Group Moderator will receive your request and immediately process it to make you a Group Member and give you access.

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 to get on the Group.

To post an article, start a discussion or comment on a discussion on our SCA LinkedIn site the following steps are recommended:

1. Sign in to LinkedIn
2. Click on "Interests" in the top dock which is a black header and choose "Groups"
3. Click on "My Groups" in the blue dock under the dock described in #2 above
4. Click on "SCA"
5. Click on "Enter a conversation title..."
6. Type your title of article, post or discussion in the first window
7. Type your discussion or post in the second window
8. Go to the extreme right side of the page when finish and click on "POST"

To comment on an article or discussion already posted:

1. Sign in to LinkedIn
2. Click on "Interests" in the top dock which is a black header and choose "Groups"
3. Click on "My Groups" in the blue dock under the dock described in #2 above
4. Click on "SCA"
5. Choose the discussion, article or previous post which you wish to comment, by scrolling down through the various post
6. Click on "comment"
7. Type your comment in the window that appears
8. Go to the extreme right side of the page when finish and click on "POST"

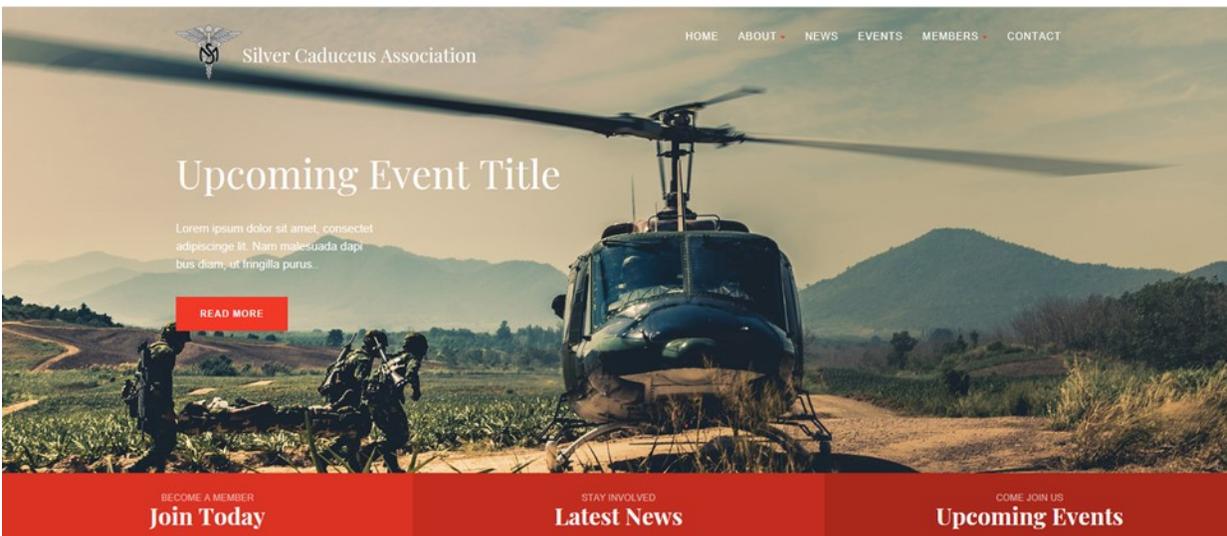
We already have a good core group of almost 200 SCA members signed up and we strongly urge all our members to do the same.

Jim Vinci

Greetings fellow SCA Members

I would like to take the time to personally extend a holiday greeting to each of you and update you on an effort your Board has been undertaking for the past several weeks. The SCA web page is being completely redesigned with a new look and feel designed to provide greater ease of use; greater functionality and a more meaningful way to provide information. Of course we are only as smart as our collective group - meaning if you have pictures, history, blogs, comments etc that you would like to see or share on the SCA web page please feel free to reach out to me directly at kcampbell@fastllc.org. Additionally, the new web page will have the ability to support and service the SCA as well as active duty, reserve and national guard MSC and Silver Caduceus Organizations - a true collaborative site.

Below is a screen shot of our title page -- please be looking for a public release sometime after the NY/2018.



Sincerely,
Kyle Campbell