

# 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 its members.

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## 2023 SCA Reunion



Marriott San Antonio Airport hotel

Our 2023 SCA reunion will be 25-28 Oct 2023 in San Antonio at the Marriott San Antonio Airport hotel located at 77 NE Interstate 410 Loop San Antonio, Texas 78216

The Marriott Airport Hotel that just completed a \$36 million renovation and we were able to negotiate a special rate of \$139 per night. That rate will also be available to those who want to spend additional days at hotel before or after. There is also free parking and hotel shuttle to airport, etc. You can book your room by calling the hotel at 1 800 228 9290 or on line at https://www.marriott.com/event-reservations/reservationlink.mi?id=1674142278947&key=GRP&app=resvlink

When booking your room, it is important that you inform the agent taking your reservation that this is for the Silver Caduceus Association. We have a contract with the hotel to book a specific number of rooms. Failure to reach this goal will cost the SCA a penalty.

Details regarding recreational activities including the golf tournament, registration form, reunion program, etc. are currently being developed. I will get those to you when they are available.

### **Meet our Corps Chief**



MAJOR GENERAL MICHAEL J. TALLEY COMMANDING GENERAL U.S. ARMY MEDICAL CENTER OF EXCELLENCE AND 20TH CHIEF, U.S. ARMY MEDICAL SERVICE CORPS Major General Michael J. Talley assumed duties as the 46th Commanding General and Commandant of the U.S. Army Medical Center of Excellence on 23 June 2022. He was appointed as the 20th Chief of the U.S. Army Medical Service Corps by order of the Secretary of the Army on 28 November 2022. He volunteered for military service as a combat medic in 1983, serving with the 1st Infantry Division, 197th Separate Infantry Brigade, and William Beaumont Army Medical Center prior to his discharge in 1989. MG Talley earned a Bachelor of Science degree with honors from the University of Texas at El Paso and commissioned as a Distinguished Military Graduate in 1991. He holds two Master of Military Arts and Sciences degrees from the Command and General Staff College, a Master of Strategic Studies degree from the Army War College, and a Master of Arts degree from Webster University. MG Talley most recently served as the Deputy Commanding General (Operations), U.S. Army Medical Command and has led in several command and key staff assignments, to include: Commanding General, U.S. Army Medical Research and Development Command & Fort Detrick; Deputy Commanding General, Regional Health Command Atlantic: Army Forces Command Surgeon: Commander, 44th Medical Brigade & Task Force MED, CJTF-Civil Support; Assistant Deputy Chief of Staff G-3/5/7, OTSG & USAMEDCOM; Commander, 6th Medical Logistics Management Center; Commander, Defense Distribution Depot Tobyhanna; Senior Task Force O/C, Joint Readiness Training

Center; G3 War Plans Officer, XVIII Airborne Corps; Director/Instructor, Combined Logistics Captains Career Course; Observer/Controller (Project Warrior), Mechanized Infantry Task Force, National Training Center; Troop Commander, 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment; and Logistics Officer, 7th Special Forces Group (Airborne). He served OIF combat tours as the Executive Officer of 261st Medical Battalion (ABN) and S3, 507th Corps Support Group (ABN), in addition to a deployment to Saudi Arabia as the Assistant Program Manager for Health Affairs, Office of the Program Manager, Saudi Arabian National Guard (OPM-SANG) Modernization Program. MG Talley's professional military education includes the Army War College, Command and General Staff College & School of Advanced Military Studies (SAMS), and the Combined Logistics Officer Advanced Course. MG Talley's awards and decorations include the Distinguished Service Medal, Legion of Merit, Bronze Star, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Expert Field Medical Badge, and Master Parachutist badge. He is married to the former Lori Johnson of Washington, D.C.. U.S. Army Medical Center of Excellence

## POCs Needed for SCA 2023 AOC Dinners

The next SCA reunion is scheduled for 25-28 Oct 2023 and will be held here in San Antonio at the Marriott San Antonio Airport hotel. The reunion officially starts on Thursday evening with the no charge reception and buffet open to all registered attendees.

However, for the past several reunions, Wednesday (25 Oct) evening, prior to the opening reception and buffet, has been set aside for individual Areas of Concentration (AOCs) to have the opportunity to meet privately as a group for drinks or dinner. To assist with these social get-togethers the SCA Reunion Committee is looking for individuals to serve as points of contact for the various AOCs that may be interested in setting up their specific social. If you are willing to serve as your AOC point of contact, please provide your name and email address to Roger Williams, our Membership Coordinator, at <u>rogerfwill@aol.com</u>. The names and contact information of all POCs will be listed in future reunion information papers.

### SCA 2022 Scholarship Awardees

The SCA Scholarship Committee met in August of last year to review the scholarship applications that were submitted for the 2022 scholarship year. As a result of their review and with the approval of the SCA Board of Directors, the association awarded six \$1,000 scholarships to the following individuals.

Ms. Cara L. Grady, daughter of COL(R) Patrick W. Grady. Cara is attending the University of Virginia, Charlottesville, majoring in Biology.

Ms. Maya F. Hoiden, daughter of COL(R) Timothy Hoiden (deceased) and Marina Hoiden. Maya is attending Western Washington University, Bellingham, majoring in Biology.

Mr. Ian D. Lecker, nephew of LTC(USAR) Douglas N. Lecker. Ian is attending the University of South Carolina, Columbia, majoring in Computer Engineering.

Ms. Samantha M. Neptune, granddaughter of COL(R) Roger F. Williams. Samantha is attending Colorado State University, Fort Collins, majoring in Theater and Human Development/Family Studies.

Ms. Kate V. Olson, daughter of COL(AD) Christian K. Olson. Kate is attending Southern Utah University, Cedar City, majoring in Biology on a Pre-Dental track.

Ms. Vivian R. Warren, granddaughter of LTC(R) William L. Warren. Vivian is attending the University of Missouri, Columbia, majoring in Health Science.

We congratulate each of the scholarship winners and wish them much success with their continuing education. SCA members who may want to recommend a family member for a scholarship next year can find all the eligibility and application information on the SCA website at

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

#### **SCA Membership Update**

Last November, an email message was sent out to 98 individuals encouraging them to renew their membership that was scheduled to expire on 31 December 2022. As a result of that message, we are now down to 55. While we are always eager to welcome new members into the SCA, retaining our current members is a priority so we want to reduce that figure even further.

Later this month the 55 individuals with a membership that expired on 31 December 2022 will be receiving another email message letting them know that it is not too late to renew. So, if you are one of the 55, be on the lookout for a message and we would love all 55 of you to renew.

We have kept membership fees to \$15 per year and several years ago we added a fiveyear renewal option for just \$50 to encourage multi-year renewals. Also, the SCA no longer limits the number of Lifetime members, so all regular members have the option to renew with a Lifetime membership for a one-time payment of \$350.

You can renew your membership on the SCA website at <u>https://www.silvercaduceusassociation.org/members/renew-membership\_using your</u> credit card or you can make out a check payable to SCA and mail it to SCA, Inc., P.O.

Box 18218, San Antonio, TX 78218. If you send in a check, please enclose a note with any changes in your personal information such as mailing address, military duty status, etc., and give me what you consider your Primary AOC so your SCA profile can be updated as necessary.