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SCA E-NEWS; NOV 1, 2011

Dear Fellow SCA Member;

1. **SCA New Members:** We welcomed the following new members in October;

COL, (Ret) Robert S. Driskill
COL, (Ret) Joe L. Guinn
MAJ, (Ret) Nancy H. Mooney
CPT Hali J. Picciano
COL Frederick A. Swiderski

2. **Plant A Seed Today To Grow The SCA:** Ed Lynch, Chairman of the SCA Recruitment and Marketing Program shares his thoughts and solicits your help. "Bigger Is Better!". As the Silver Caduceus Association enters the last Quarter of 2011, it not only is time for all members to check and renew their membership status, if required, but also the time to accept the challenge for each member to recruit a new member. Certainly each member can think of one MSC Officer they have been associated with who isn't on our membership roll and would be a great asset to the organization. Reach out and contact them and extend the invite to join the SCA! Growing the SCA significantly benefits all of us in expanding the MSC fellowship to all who support our goals and in solidifying the organization's ability to develop and operate programs beneficial to all members. We are developing our recruitment and marketing effort to grow the SCA, particularly among the Active Duty and recently retired or separated MSC population. The Chairperson of this effort is Ed Lynch and his team. Any suggestions to improve this effort are welcome. Send Ed you thoughts to eflynch@consolidated.net. Let's all get out there and get busy adding a new member!

3. **Membership Renewal -- 2011 Expiration Date:** SCA Members with 2011 Membership Expiration Dates are encouraged to renew their membership early rather than wait to the end of the year when the membership will expire. We want to spread the workload for our Membership Chairman. I am urging you to avoid the Que, as we have 150 members with 2011 expiration dates; moreover, I request that you do not wait until the end of the year to pay your membership dues. You are also encouraged to pay your membership dues for multiple years. Contact Jim Whitmire, jwhitmire@satx.rr.com, if you have questions relating to your expiration date. Annual membership renewal is \$15.00. Please remit your membership dues to; SCA, Post Office Box 39514, San Antonio, Texas, 78218. Additionally, I wish to thank many of you who have chosen to renew your membership with a multi-year renewal.

4. Social Gatherings: Camaraderie represents the “Lifeblood” and binding strength of the Silver Caduceus Association. We are encouraging Social Gatherings on a regional/geographical basis and strong support for the SCA Partnership with the Silver Caduceus Societies Program. A very successful Social Gathering was held in San Antonio, and planning is underway for a follow-on event. A Social Gathering for the National Capital Region is being planned for early 2012. Initiatives are also being explored to forge SCA relationships with the Silver Caduceus Societies at Fort Bragg and Fort Hood. SCA Representatives are needed to plan and coordinate these events at other Posts/Installations. Please step forward and contact Thad Krupka, TKRUPKA@EARTHLINK.NET , to let him know of your desire to get involved and to work with this vital SCA Program.

5. SCA 2012 Reunion: Mark your calendars for September 26-30, 2012 and start making plans to attend. You have probably started putting your vacation and travel plans together for 2012, and I do not want you to forget to incorporate the SCA Reunion in your schedule. Mike McGinley and the 2012 SCA Reunion Planning Committee are very busy putting together an exciting and enjoyable SCA Reunion Program; moreover, you do not want to miss this reunion. Wednesday Evening has been set aside for MSC Disciplines/Career Fields to hold their Social Gatherings.

6. A Thought To Ponder: People with a positive attitude are influenced by what goes on within them. People with a negative attitude are influenced by what goes on around them. (Keith Harrett)

7. LTC (Ret) Gerald Swenson’s Interment Service: The Interment Service for LTC, (Ret) Gerald (Jerry) Swenson at Arlington National Cemetery is scheduled to be held on Friday, November 4, 2011 at 11:00 AM. Please note the attached letter from Mrs. Sandy Swenson.

8. In Memoriam: It is with sadness that I inform you of the passing of the following Medical Service Corps Officers;

LTC, (Ret) Thomas D. Casey
LTC, (Ret) Gordon Dowery
LTC, (Ret) Joseph E. Gill
1LT Ashley I. White Stumpf, KIA
COL, (Ret) James F. Walker

Warm regards,

George A. Waters, Jr.
President, SCA