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SCA E-NEWS

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NOTES FROM THE PRESIDENT

One of our goals this year is to share more information with its members, concerning jobs, items of interest, promotions, awards, etc. We currently have two avenues to do this. One is to send the information to me or any of the Board of Directors so that I can publish it in the eNews or the quarterly Newsletter and the other, and perhaps the best route is to send information through our SCA LinkedIn Group. As a member of the LinkedIn 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.

If you are already a LinkedIn member all you need to do to become a member of the SCA Group is to log into LinkedIn, go to the search window and type in "Silver Caduceus Association" and ask to join the group. If you are not currently part of LinkedIn, then you will first need to register on LinkedIn and then follow the process as previously outlined. I strongly urge all our members to submit info to me or post on LinkedIn.

And speaking of keeping in touch with our fellow SCA members I urge you to read the article by our new Membership Coordinator, Roger Williams, concerning the sharing of information on each of you for our fellow members. Unless you ask that more information be shared i.e. address, telephone number, and email address; the only information other SCA members would see would be that you are a

Regular/Lifetime/ or Honorary member. I was not aware of this and have now changed my profile to allow you other ways to contact me.

We have been doing quite well in recruiting new members having added 30 since our September meeting as well as getting over 100 renewals of memberships expiring in Dec 2014. However, almost 90 memberships are currently due for renewal. While recruiting new members is extremely important it is equally important that we retain existing membership. Unfortunately, the next communication with these non-renewals will be to inform them that we must take them from our membership rolls. If by chance you are among those in this category I would plead that you stay in our organization. You are vital to our continued success.

Have received some grief from some of my friends???? that my photo in our first SCA Newsletter was false advertising. Yes, while photo was a "couple" years old it was me.

NEW MEMBERS:

We are pleased to welcome the following new members in Jan/Feb 2015:

Mathew L LoPresti AD CPT	Donald W DeGroff RET LTC
Ernest M Irons RET COL	Wayne A StPierre RET LTC
Douglas B Ashby RET COL	Alfred W Gill RET COL
Robert K Overend RET LTC	Samuel K Rock RET LTC
William M Vance RET COL	Anthony (Tony) Saccaro Jr RET LTC
Paul T Smeltzer RET LTC	J David Dunn RET LTC
Earl Rogers RET LTC	

WE ALSO WANT TO REMEMBER THOSE WHO ARE NO LONGER WITH US

It is with profound sadness that I inform you of the passing of ten Fellow Medical Service Corps Officers. It is always a sad time when one of our loved ones pass on. Please remember these families with a special prayer.

LTC (Ret) Stephen Ryan Speights

NOK: 4 Children San Antonio, TX

LTC (Ret) George L Pierce

NOK: Jimmy Pierce (Son)

Rochester, MN jcpierce61@gmail.com

COL (R) Dana S. Slack

NOK: Carol Thomas (Wife) and 2 Sons.

COL (R) Robert W Thomas.

NOK: Jane Walker (Wife)

CW4 (R) Fred A. Walker, CW4

NOK: Jean House Brock (Daughter)

LTC (R) Charles O. House

COL (RET) Wayne B. Sorensen
COL (R) Thomas S. Luckey
COL (R) Henry, "Hank" P. Capozzi

NOK: Genie Sorensen (Wife)
NOK: Cheryl Gail Luckey, (Wife)
NOK: Ella Capozzi (Former wife and
partner), and 3 children
NOK: Rosalyn Stewart, (Wife)

Finally, one of our members, CPT Thomas Tucker, is doing a project to commemorate our time during Vietnam. I encourage your support of this project. His message follows.

Linn Danielski
SCA President

From: tatuckerii@gmail.com
Date: 03/12/2015 12:37 PM (GMT-06:00)
To: rogerfwill@aol.com
Subject: MSC and the Vietnam War

Sir,

I am the Facebook manager for the SCA and I am requesting that the SCA send out this request to its distro:

In an effort to enable the OTSG and MEDCOM support of the Vietnam War 50th Anniversary Commemoration, we are asking for submissions that tell the story of Medical Service Corps officers in Vietnam. We will accept primary source interviews, research documents, video submissions, and historical context reports as part of this effort. With your help, we can enable this mission and ensure that we truly welcome home our Vietnam Vets. If interested please email tatuckerii@gmail.com

Please let me know if I need to contact another member.

CPT Thomas Tucker
Member 659

Getting to Know Your Board of Directors

CW4 (Ret) Dudley M Brown

My military career spans a period of more than thirty years. I entered the Army on 24 Feb. 1958 by invitation from President Eisenhower. I was enlisted for ten years until 16 Oct 1968 the remainder was spent as a Warrant Officer until retirement on 1 Feb 1989.

My initial two years as a draftee were spent as a Medical Corpsman with an ambulance company in Wertheim Germany .In April 1961,at my request ,I was recalled to active duty from the Army Reserve for training as a Medical Equipment Repairman .Upon completion of training I again requested to be recalled to active duty . My request was again honored with an assignment to Fitzsimons General Hospital. In April 1963 I was reassigned to the 31st Field Hospital in Korat Thailand for a one year assignment. My return assignment was to the Maintenance School to attend the Advanced Medical Equipment Repair course .On completion of the course In Dec 1964 I was reassigned to the Maintenance Branch at Fitzsimons where I progressed to the grade of Sargent First Class (E7) and then appointed to Warrant Officer on 16 Oct 1968.

My Warrant Officer assignments started as the Shops Officer for the Combined Maintenance Branch at Walter Reed. In June 1971 I was assigned to the 5th General Hospital in Stuttgart Germany as the Maintenance Branch Chief .On my return to CONUS in the summer of 1974 I was assigned as the Director of Maintenance at Fitzsimons until Mar 1977. My next assignment was as the Director of Maintenance at the Medical Depot (USAMMCE) in Pirmasens , Germany .When I returned to CONUS in 1980 I was assigned as the Chief of the Maintenance Branch at U S Army Hospital Fort Campbell KY. I had requested this as a retirement assignment .After being involved with the construction of and making the move into the New Blanchfield Community Hospital, I was asked to go Tripler as the Director of Maintenance. In July 1984 I went to Tripler and was again involved with a major construction and relocation project. At the completion of this relocation phase in Dec 1986 I returned to William Beaumont Army Medical Center in El Paso TX as The Director of Maintenance. On 1 Feb 1989 I retired to Clarksville TN.

Military Education: The Army Maintenance Management Course at Ft Lee VA in1970 and The Warrant Officer Senior Course in 1977.

Civilian Education: B S Degree in Technical Management from Regis College in Denver CO.

After retirement from the Army I accepted a position as Director of Engineering/Facility Manager with Muhlenberg Community Hospital in Greenville KY. Not unlike the Army the job came with additional hats. I was also the Director of Safety, Risk Management, and Security. After Five years when my wife (Lois) retired from teaching I resigned. We then loaded up the R V and roamed the country for two years.

In Oct 1996 I took a position with BMAR and Associates as a Project Manager .The duties consisted of managing small "under a million dollar" construction and renovation projects. My projects were all Government contracts in Department of Defense medical facilities. I did this until 30 June 2000 at which time I retired.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL REMINDER: We are well into the new year and it is time for a reminder that many of your memberships in SCA may have expired. At the end of 2014 more than 190 memberships fell into this category. As we continue our efforts to recruit new members it is extremely important that we keep our current members active. Please consider renewing your membership for multiple years, if you are renewed speak to your friends about their status.

SILVER CADUCEUS ASSOCIATION EXCELLENCE IN LEADERSHIP AWARD

Congratulations to Captain Sierra A. Symonette, PSY.D. for her selection to receive the Silver Caduceus Association Excellence in Leadership Award upon his graduation of the Captain Career Course on 21 Nov. 2014. **Hooah.**

In addition to the award Captain Symonette will receive a free one year membership in the Silver Caduceus Association.



CPT Symonette graduated from the United States Military Academy at West Point, New York in May 2004 with a Bachelors of Science and commissioned as a Military Intelligence Officer. In her first assignment, CPT Symonette served as a Tactical Unmanned Aerial Vehicle Platoon Leader in both C/312th MI BN and A/1BSTB, 1BCT, 1CD at Fort Hood Texas. She then served as a Company Executive Officer for A/1BSTB, 1BCT, 1CD and a Battle Captain for 1BSTB, 1BCT, 1CD while deployed to Camp Taji, Iraq in support of Operation IRAQI FREEDOM from 2006-2008. CPT Symonette served as a Brigade Assistant S2 with the 4BCT, 4ID at Fort Carson and deployed to FOB Fenty, Jalalabad, Afghanistan in support of Operation ENDURING FREEDOM from 2009-2010.

After her second deployment, CPT Symonette took a break in service to attend the University of Denver's Graduate School of Professional Psychology from 2010-2013. She served as a military psychology intern at Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Washington from 2013-2014 and earned her doctorate degree in November 2014. CPT Symonette is currently serving as a Brigade Behavioral

Health Officer for the 43rd Sustainment Brigade at Fort Carson, Colorado in her first assignment as a military psychologist.

CPT Symonette's military education includes the Military Intelligence Officer Basic Course, AMEDD Captains Career Course, Airborne School, and Aeromedical Psychological Evaluation Course. Her awards and decorations include the Bronze Star Medal, Army Commendation Medal with two oak leaf clusters, Army Achievement Medal, Meritorious Unit Citation, National Defense Service Medal, Afghanistan Campaign Medal, Iraq Campaign Medal with two bronze star devices, Parachutist Badge, and the German Armed Forces Proficiency Badge.

CPT Symonette is originally from Kirtland, New Mexico and a proud member of the Navajo Nation. She is the mother of two children, Sydney (age 6) and Jonas (age 2), and she is married to Major Ben Symonette, who serves in the U.S. Army Special Forces.

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MEMORANDUM FOR Silver Caduceus Association

4 March 2015

SUBJECT: Recommendation for the Silver Caduceus Award for CCC MSC Officer

1. I would like to recommend CPT Sierra Symonette for the Silver Caduceus Award for CCC Class 15-151 .

2. Her accomplishments during class were as follows:

- Her peers almost unanimously evaluated as the #1 student in the small group
- Small Group XO throughout the COA Analysis and COS Rehearsal portion of MDMP; preparing the group to a very successful command post exercise
- One of the true leaders of the group throughout the duration of the course despite not being the group XO
- 93% overall GPA for the course: over 90% in written and oral communication, and 88% on the common core exam
- Scored 343 on the APFT, highest award for a female officer
- Always maintained a commanding presence in the classroom
- Has a great understanding of the principles of Mission Command, by constantly taking initiative and building cohesive teams throughout the small group
- Coached and mentored fellow students including the SG XO
- Always contributed insightful personal experiences that applied to the lesson material

3. CPT Symonette was a phenomenal student, athlete and scholar who truly deserves the MSC award.



CPT, MS
SGL, Small Group 7

From our new SCA Membership Coordinator, Roger Williams

Welcome all New, Renewed and Current Silver Caduceus Association Members. As the new Membership Coordinator, it is my pleasure to take this opportunity to pass on some information I picked up during my orientation that I feel will be helpful to many of our members, new and old.

While every SCA member has their own reasons for joining the organization, I believe one of the more common is the opportunity to continue the camaraderie we shared with our friends and fellow officers whom we served with while on active duty. As a SCA member, being able to reconnect with friends and colleagues who are also members is possible only if we have opted to share some of our member profile information with our fellow members.

All of us joining the SCA have a member profile built on our web page based on the information provided on our membership application form and then the new member's name is added to the membership list. However, individual profiles are designed to disclose just the member's role in the SCA i.e. Regular, Life Member, Board, etc. To release more information the member must make the change him or herself.

Once the member receives a membership card showing their member number and expiration date, they are able to log onto the web page and access their profile. Log in is accomplished by using their email address and a password generated by their member number and membership expiration year. By clicking on "View Your Profile" members get access to their profile information. Here they can make changes as necessary or allow additional personal information to be disclosed. To release more information simply scroll down to the bottom to the Additional Information box and next to "Viewing Preferences" check off all the items you wish to disclose to another member who may want to view your details. In addition to Role, you can check off Rank, Name, Address, Email, Phone Numbers, Spouse or any combination thereof.

The majority of our members have not modified their profile to allow disclosure of additional information. Therefore, if a member sees a former colleague's name on the Member List and clicks on "View Details" for contact information, the member is more than likely going to see just their friend's role within the SCA and as such,

the friend who you lost contact with over the years would not be able to reconnect with you.

I encourage each of you to take the time to review the information currently listed on your profile and consider authorizing the release of some contact information to other members. At a minimum, add enough information to allow an old friend to reach out to you and catch up. Remember, only our SCA members have access to your information.

If you need any assistance feel free to contact me at rogerfwill@aol.com or 210-481-2788