

Presidents Message:

The Silver Caduceus Association Reunion concluded on Saturday, October 1st and it was a grand success. There were 102 SCA members and their spouses in attendance, and I believe all had a great time. I want to extend a hearty thanks to all that contributed to make the Reunion the success it was. Jim Whitmire headed the Reunion committee with the help of many others to include, Leon Childers, Linn Danielski, Darrell Dean, Mary Garr, Johnny Johnson, Thad Krupka, Diane Krupka, T.J. Lantz, Stan Schmid, Phill Swinney, Jim Van Straten, Jim Vinci, Roger Williams, David Rubenstein, Mike McGinley, George Krueger, Michael Williams and Stephen Innanen. Names are not listed in any particular order. I apologize if I missed anyone.

Elections were held, and if you don't know already, I was elected the President of your SCA. While my qualifications are few, I will strive to serve with honor and distinction and am truly humbled by your selection. I do want to thank Linn Danielski for his steadfast service as President of the SCA over the past two years. As for me, I started my military career as a communications officer in the Air Force, but quickly saw the light and switched to the Army after completing Optometry School at Pacific University in Oregon. I finished 30 years in the military in 2008 serving in my last two assignments as Optometry Consultant to The Surgeon General under LTG Jim Peake, and CSBPO and finally MSC Deputy Corps Chief to BG Sheila Baxter. I also want to thank Ed Hollingsworth for offering to serve as Vice President, and to David Rubenstein for agreeing to serve in the newly established position of President-Elect. This change to the Bylaws will ensure the continuity of leadership needed for our organization.

As are all of you, I am extremely proud to have served as a Medical Service Corps Officer. Our Corps was formally established on June 30, 1917, and we will be celebrating our 100th Anniversary next year on June 30, 2017. Silver Caduceus Societies and the Silver Caduceus Association hold Anniversary events every year to commemorate our founding and 2017 will be the BIG ONE. I am already aware that celebrations are being planned in the National Capital Region and in San Antonio. I would encourage these events be planned by our Active Duty MSC community with strong support from our SCA, which includes Active Duty as well as Retired Medical Service Corps Officers. We are one community of brothers and sisters who do and have done so much for the AMEDD, our Army and the Nation. Let's all stand strong and show that we are proud members of the Army Medical Service Corps.

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