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FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

Fellow Association Members: Our Association continues to move forward! Membership is up! Comments on our newsletter and website are overwhelmingly positive! I could not be happier about the great leadership team I have the privilege of working with to keep the MSC Association viable and relevant to all of our members. After a year of being your chairman, it strikes me that some personal but very public “thank you” notes are in order.

First, to our Chairman Emeritus, Colonel Ed Nugent, for his tireless efforts to stay in touch with our most senior members and their survivors. Ed makes it a personal mission to contact as many as he can to see how they are doing and what we, as an Association, can do for them. I can only imagine what that means to those he calls. This is no easy task. Many of our members have transitioned from their own homes to living with relatives or other arrangements. Addresses change and phone numbers get disconnected, making it very difficult to stay in touch. In the near future, we will be asking our Life Members (and anybody else who would like to do so), to update their contact information, to include an alternate point of contact should we be unable to reach the member. We hope most of our members, and especially our life members, will take advantage of our request for information to help us maintain contact.

Next, to our keeper of the Honor Roll, Colonel John Riley. When I look at the number of hits on our web site, the Honor Roll pages are always at or near the top, so I know how important his efforts are to our membership. John digests all of the notifications we get, and does his level best to accurately record the names of MSCs who have departed this life. He is so good that occasionally, when we get one wrong, he brings them back to life! We get no official death notifications, so our Board members scour the notices in AF Times and other publications, but most of those are “name only” and none include Corps designations. We appreciate everyone’s input to make timely updates in recognition of our deceased brethren.

That leads me to a big thank you to Colonel Ray Inman and his entire team of members who assist survivors of our deceased members. As soon as we hear of a death, Ray and his team take action to contact survivors and provide information and points of contact for benefits and services. I would like to remind you all that the sooner we know about a death, the more we can do for those left behind.

While there are many others who make our Association “work” so well, my last thank you for this issue goes to Major Wayne Terry, our newsletter editor. I know his efforts are a “labor of love,” but I cannot tell you how much I appreciate what he does for our membership. The newsletter is our single most popular benefit, according to the comments I get. So thank you, Wayne, for consistently publishing a timely, quality product for our members.

In closing, let me assure you that plans for the 2011 Biennial Reunion are progressing nicely. Colonel Deb Cavanaugh and Colonel Tim Morgan are leading that effort, and rumor has it that we will have a special guest speaker you won’t want to miss; America’s toughest sheriff, Joe Arpaio! This year’s format is being adjusted slightly to accommodate many who have requested we wrap up our program by noon Sunday so they can get back home for whatever it is they have to do on Monday morning. That means the informal dinner will be Thursday evening, with “dinner on your own” Friday night, the more formal dinner on Saturday evening, and something new – a Sunday brunch followed by the Memorial Service. Plan accordingly and we look forward to a great turnout. We are not quite ready to take reservations, but we are doing our best to ensure registration and room rates will be at or lower than the 2009 rates of \$145 and \$135 respectively. Follow our progress on the web at <http://mscassociation.org> and look for registration forms in our next newsletter.

Jim Moreland, Chairman of the MSC Association Board of Directors

FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD

Winter, Christmas, and New Years are just around the corner. It seems like only yesterday we were in the middle of summer, but we just celebrated Thanksgiving Day – one of my favorite holidays.

What did Thanksgiving Day mean to you? Traditionally, we believe that Thanksgiving is a feast similar to the one shared by the Pilgrims and Indians of Plymouth where they celebrated their harvest and other blessings. Although rich in legend and symbolism, it is a day appointed for giving thanks for divine goodness.

To me Thanksgiving Day is a special day to spend with family and friends and to reflect on our many blessings. Too often we don’t take the time to say “Thanks to God”. We take for granted our good health, family, friends, freedom, and the opportunity to live in this great nation. If you take a dollar bill out of your pocket and look on the back side, you will see these words: “IN GOD WE TRUST.” I put my trust in God and thank Him for His abundant goodness.

Clista and I spent the month of August with our good friends Sid and Audrey Brandler camping among the pine trees at the Air Force Academy. What an awesome experience! We were able to visit and break bread with many of our longtime Air Force friends living in the Colorado Springs

area. Staying at the Academy brought back many memories of when I was a cadet. Not as an Air Force Academy cadet, but as an ROTC cadet. In the mid 60's, as a St. Louis University ROTC cadet, I was fortunate to take a field trip to the Academy. The Air Force Academy impresses me today as much as it did then.

During our stay at the Academy this summer, we attended services at the beautiful Cadet Chapel. The spires of the Chapel are visible for miles. There are numerous faith chapels under one roof. After Chapel services, and during our month's stay at the Academy, we had an opportunity to speak with a number of cadets. It is possible that one of the cadets we visited with will become an MSC and a member of our Association. You never know.

When I was in college and ROTC, my plans were to be commissioned and work in Accounting. It was not until my senior year that I learned of the critical need the Air Force had for Hospital Administrators. Now some forty plus years later, I'm retired as an Air Force MSC and have the pleasure of being the President of the MSC Association.

The Association offers an excellent opportunity for retired members to keep in touch with numerous friends. It offers young officers the ability to interact with senior officers as well as those who are retired. The Association offers senior officers a chance to mentor younger officers and to network with colleagues who are retired from the Air Force and are employed in the civilian sector.

I encourage each of you to review your membership roster. I'm sure you will discover a colleague whose name is missing. Pick up the phone, send an email, or write an old-fashioned letter to invite them to join YOU as a member of the MSC Association. Surprise someone at Christmas by giving a gift membership!

I hope to see you at our 2011 reunion in Scottsdale, Arizona, 7-9 October. I look forward to renewing friendships and making new ones.

Joe Vocks, President of the MSC Association, Board of Directors

ASSOCIATION WEB SITE ADDS NEWS FEEDS

Last August, we added RSS News Feeds to our Association web site. RSS is the acronym for "Real Simple Syndication". A mouse click on "News of Interest" will take you to a page full of headlines from the AF Retiree News, the Air Force News Service, and the Wall Street Journal. The headlines are updated daily, and clicking on any of them will allow you to read the entire story. When you close the story window, you will be back at the News of Interest/RSS page on our web site. The Association does not control individual stories that appear on the "News of Interest" page, so if you see stories that do not reflect our core values or violate our by-laws, please let us know and we will replace the feed with another. Hope this helps keep you up to date! Our website is www.mscassociation.org.

Contributed by Jim Moreland, Association Chairman

HEALTH COVERAGE FOR ADULT CHILDREN UNDER 26

William M. Copeland, MS, JD, PhD, FACHE

The Affordable Care Act was signed into law earlier this year by President Obama. The rules implementing the dependent care coverage provisions of the Act were issued on May 13, 2010. Under the rules, an employer-sponsored health plan or a company selling individual insurance policies must offer coverage to subscribers' children up to the age of 26, regardless of whether a child lives with his or her parents, attends college, is a dependent for income-tax purposes or receives financial support from the parents.

Coverage is to be available to married and unmarried children alike. The rules generally take effect for insurance plan-years that begin on or after September 23, 2010. The only exception is that health plans can exclude adult children until 2014 if the children have access to insurance through another employer-sponsored health plan.

Many insurance companies have voluntarily agreed to provide dependent coverage immediately, without waiting for the requirement to take effect when they renew their coverage in January 2011. A listing of these companies can be found in the White House Press Release at http://www.whitehouse.gov/sites/default/files/rss_viewer/fact_sheet_young_adults_may10.pdf.

Under the rules, insurers and employers must provide young adults with a 30-day opportunity to enroll in their parents' coverage. Terms of coverage cannot vary based on the age of young adults under 26. Thus, according to the rules, the insurer cannot impose a surcharge on premiums for children 19 to 25.

In addition, the IRS has indicated that the coverage provided to an employee's adult children would generally be tax-free to the employee.

This provision also applies to TRICARE; however, according to the [Military Officers Association of America \(MOAA\)](#), the Defense Department estimates that it will cost each member \$2,400 per year to cover each child over age 21 (or 23 if a full time student). This only applies to TRICARE parents and not to non-military parents because DoD says it cannot spread the cost among other beneficiaries as civilian insurers do.

TELEPHONE MENU BYPASS

Tired of Talking to a Voice Robot? Want to Talk with a Human? Go to www.dialahuman.com for the phone number and menu code/procedure to speak directly to someone. You can select phone number listings in alphabetical or category order (e.g., Automotive, Banks, Cell, Credit, Finance, Government, Hardware, Insurance, Internet, Mobile, Pharmacy, Products, Shipping, Software, Stores, Telephone, Travel, TV/Satellite/Cable, Utilities). There is even a means to add numbers to the list or to report a bad number for the benefit of other users. [Source: www.dialahuman.com May 2010].

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR THE COMMITMENT TO EXCELLENCE AWARD

Annually the Board of Directors reviews your nominations for the Commitment to Excellence Award and submits a nominee for approval by the Corps Chief in January. If you know of any member eligible for this award please submit your nominee to the Secretary ASAP but not later than 15 January 2011. Email nominations to CBrown41@Comcast.net and attach using Word Document or mail to USAF MSC Association, 860 Oak Hills Dr., Monument, CO 80132. The Award Description and Submission Format follows:

COMMITMENT TO EXCELLENCE AWARD DESCRIPTION

Description: The purpose of the Commitment to Excellence Award is to recognize outstanding service by a retired Medical Service Corps officer who has contributed to the advancement of the Association, the Air Force Medical Service Corps and/or the Air Force Medical Service. The period of consideration for this award is the member's service following retirement from active duty.

Qualifying for Award: Candidates for the Commitment to Excellence Award must:

- Be a member in good standing in the Association,
- Be nominated by an active member of the Association,
- Be a recognized leader among Association members,
- Have made significant contribution to the advancement of the Association, the Air Force Medical Service Corps and/or the Air Force Medical Service after retiring from the Air Force.
- Be a consummate team player, and role model for others in the Association and Medical Service Corps.

Recognizing the Award Winner: The award winner will be notified directly by the Chief, Medical Service Corps, and be recognized at the Annual MSC Awards Dinner held in conjunction with the annual American College of Healthcare Executive's Congress on Administration. The Chief, Medical Service Corps, will determine the appropriate type of recognition that is to be given to the award recipient.

**USAF MEDICAL SERVICE CORPS ASSOCIATION'S COMMITMENT TO
EXCELLENCE/SERVICE AWARD NOMINATION FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2011**

Use continuation sheets as necessary (put the nominee's rank and name at the top center of each continuation page and number them).

Use only one nomination for each person. Letters of support from other Association members should be included in lieu of duplicate nominations. If letters of support are used, the individual nominating the candidate should compile the entire package and submit it at one time.

Please note: The period for this award is for service AFTER the person's retirement from active duty/Guard or Reserve, so please focus your narrative accordingly.

Name of Person Submitting Nomination: _____

Phone number (include area code): _____

Date joined the MSC Association: _____

Nominee Information

Rank: _____ Last Name: _____
First Name: _____ Middle Initial: _____

Date joined the MSC Association: _____ (if you don't have this, information will be entered by the Association Secretary)

Describe the nominee's contributions after he/she retired from the Air Force, including Guard/Reserve, in one or more of the following areas:

MSC Association (offices held, committee membership, etc – be specific):

USAF Medical Service Corps:

USAF Medical Service:

Military Service Members or Veterans:

Describe how the nominee is a consummate team player, and role model for others in the Association and Medical Service Corps:

Describe the individual's community and public service following retirement:

PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEWEST LIFE MEMBER AND HEALTH SERVICES ADMINISTRATION (HSA) COURSE AWARD WINNER!

Class 2010-D Team Builder Award Winner: Congratulations to Capt Stuart D. Fillmore, the Health Services Administration Course "Team Builder" Award winner. Our Association sponsors the Team Builder Award and each winner becomes a "Lifetime" member of the Association.



Capt Fillmore is married to his wife Kaycee, and they have two children, Audrey, and Dean Bradley. Capt Fillmore claims Cedar City, Utah, as his hometown. His first assignment is with the 1st Special Ops Medical Group, Hurlburt Field, Florida, where he is serving as the Medical Readiness Flight Commander.

He is a Line Transfer, having served previously as a Financial Analyst at the Financial Analysis Office, Nellis AFB, NV, and as Flight Commander, Financial Services, 99 CPTS, Nellis AFB, NV.

Capt Fillmore graduated from Utah State University with a BS in Business Administration.

Please join us in welcoming Capt Fillmore to the Association. He is off to a great start!

SPECIAL MILITARY SOCIAL SECURITY RATE

Military.Com Benefits | Week of 29 January 2007

When a veteran applies for Social Security benefits, they should take their DD-214 with them. Social Security then computes the extra benefit and it is added to the monthly payments. In many cases, the Social Security office asks for a copy of your DD-214 and this benefit is computed automatically – but, not always.

If you are a veteran who is collecting Social Security and you're not sure whether you are receiving this benefit, call your local Social Security office and ask them to check your account. If you are not getting the benefit, take a copy of your DD-214 with you to your local Social Security office and apply. They will compute your new benefit and you will receive a larger monthly check plus retroactive benefits computed from the time you started collecting Social Security. Remember, military retirees and government retirees who use military time to compute "time in service" do not qualify for this benefit.

For more information, on this subject, visit <http://www.ssa.gov/retire2/military.htm>. To view the Electronic Fact Sheet pertaining to Military Service and Social Security, visit <http://www.ssa.gov/pubs 10017.html>.

Live Simply, Love Generously, Care Deeply, and Speak Kindly.

THE BIRTHPLACE OF VETERANS DAY

Emporia, Kansas, gave us a day for all who served.

By Jeff Stoffer – 9 Nov 2010 | Extracted from the American Legion 10 Nov 2010 Online Update

Active-duty personnel, Reservists, students, Gold Star Mothers and veterans from all wars made November 11, 1953, something different.

Too young for World War I and too old for World War II, Alvin King never served in the U.S. Armed Forces. He was a cobbler. But he was a cobbler in Emporia, Kansas, in the patriotic heart of America, where honor for those who've served runs deep as the roots of the oaks and sycamores that line the city streets.

King knew just about everyone in Lyon County. He paid especially close attention to those with Blue Star Banners in their windows. "He was just a small-town businessman who had a deep interest in the guys going in," said Lee Stolfus, adjutant of Emporia's American Legion Post 5. "He knew them all personally, and their parents."

King fixed shoes free of charge for those lacking the money to pay, including war orphans and widows. He played Santa Claus for schoolchildren, assembled care packages for troops overseas and served actively in the American War Dads.

But his community spirit ultimately reached far beyond Emporia. He is credited with ultimately giving us Veterans Day.

World War II and the Korean War had claimed the lives of more than 100 sons of Lyon County by 1953. Among them was Medal-of-Honor recipient Marine Sergeant, Grant Timmerman, a tank commander, who gave his life shielding his men from a live grenade. And there was King's nephew, Private John Cooper – killed instantly in Germany from a Nazi artillery shell, just before Christmas 1944.

Armistice Day – established in 1938 to recognize the end of World War I – did not sufficiently honor all who fought afterward, says King and his fellow Emporians. So, for 11 November 1953, they decided to overhaul the observance into an "All Veterans Day." King would be chairman.

A parade was the central feature. Marching along Commercial Street were a Marine Corps color guard, an American Legion bugle corps, troops from the 137th Infantry, a Naval Reserve unit, recruiters, high-school bands, Army mothers, Navy mothers, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, baton twirlers and veterans from all 20th century wars thus far. Marine fighter planes swooped and soared. Whistles and sirens howled until 11 AM, when a moment of prayer was observed for the peace that came in 1918. Then it was off to the civic auditorium for a free meal, served in GI chow-line style, followed by a wheelchair basketball game, a free movie, a smoker and a dance.

Kansas Governor. Edward F. Arn, attended and said, "This is a wonderful thing. It should be done in every city of the nation."

And so, the following spring, U.S. Representative Ed Rees of Emporia, introduced legislation in Congress to change Armistice Day to Veterans Day for all of America.

On 8 October 1954, President Eisenhower signed a proclamation that stated: "On that day, let us solemnly remember the sacrifices of all those who fought so valiantly, on the seas, in the air, and on foreign shores, to preserve our heritage of freedom."

CONSTRUCTION OF NEW WILFORD HALL TO BEGIN

By Sue Campbell
59th Medical Wing Public Affairs 10/12/2010
LACKLAND AIR FORCE BASE, Texas --



Artist rendering of the Wilford Hall Ambulatory Surgical Center. Construction on the first wing of the new ASC is scheduled to begin in March 2011. The 681,000-square foot facility will be four wings, each three stories tall with a basement. The center will be constructed in three phases and house more than 40 outpatient clinics and services when completed. (Courtesy image)

Construction of the new Wilford Hall Ambulatory Surgical Center will soon begin on Lackland Air Force Base. Funding for phase one of the new medical facility was approved in fiscal year 2010 and the construction contract was awarded on September 3. "This is the biggest thing to happen to the Wilford Hall medical campus in 35 years, probably since the mid-1970's when the clinic addition occurred," said Rich Anaya, director of Facilities Management for the 59th Medical Wing. "The entire medical campus is being redesigned to support the 59th MDW's new ambulatory surgical and clinical function. The new campus and facilities will be ultra-modern, patient friendly, more accessible, and more energy efficient."

Phase one of construction includes the first wing of a 681,000-square foot facility and a 1,000-car parking garage. The new state-of-the-art ambulatory surgical center, or ASC, will be four wings, each three stories tall with a basement. The center will be constructed in three phases and house more than 40 outpatient clinics and services when completed. Both the ASC and the parking garage will be constructed in parking lot B and part of lot A, in front of the existing Wilford Hall Medical Center. However, Mr. Anaya explained that, because of planned additional temporary parking lots, parking availability will be maintained at the current level throughout the construction. "Parking and access during construction is very important. The 59th MDW has already constructed some new temporary parking lots and there's more to come," he said. "They'll be farther out, but we plan to provide increased shuttle service to help move patients and staff." The parking garage construction is scheduled to begin in late 2010 and will close part of the hospital parking lot, the Highway 90 gate and part of the Wilford Hall Loop between the Highway 90 gate and Bergquist Drive.

Construction on the first wing of the new ASC is scheduled to begin in March 2011. The completion date of the entire ASC is projected for late-2017. "The current Wilford Hall Medical Center building will be demolished sometime after the new ASC is complete and fully operational. The landscaping in front of old Wilford Hall, including the flagpole and 100-year-old oak trees, will remain in front of the new ASC as a connection to our historical past," said Mr. Anaya.

The 2005 Base Realignment and Closure law directs that all Wilford Hall Medical Center inpatient functions be relocated to Brooke Army Medical Center at Fort Sam Houston by September 15, 2011, creating the jointly-staffed and jointly-led San Antonio Military Medical Center, or SAMMC.

"Although the ASC construction is not BRAC-funded, the jointly-staffed and jointly-led ambulatory surgical center will be a major platform of the new San Antonio Military Health System, post BRAC," said Mr. Anaya.

Patients and staff can obtain the latest news about construction and road closures on the Wilford Hall Medical Center web site at www.whmc.af.mil. Additionally, articles will be published in local military newspapers and posters will be displayed at various locations in the hospital. "During the next five years, our beneficiaries are going to see quite a transition take place as our inpatient services and staff move to the future San Antonio Military Medical Center and the new Wilford Hall Ambulatory Surgical Center is built," said 59th Medical Wing Commander Maj. Gen. Tom Travis. "I'm very excited that we will be able to offer enhanced care, focused on patient requirements and needs, in modern, state-of-the-art facilities."

YOU CAN LEAVE THE MILITARY, BUT IT NEVER REALLY LEAVES YOU

By Ken Burger, The Charleston Post and Courier, who provided permission to reprint.

Occasionally, I venture back out to the air base where I'm greeted by an imposing security guard who looks carefully at my identification card, hands it back and says, "Have a good day, tech sergeant." Every time I go back onto Charleston Air Force Base it feels good to be called by my previous rank, but odd to be in civilian clothes, walking among the servicemen and servicewomen going about their duties as I once did, years ago.

The military, for all its flaws, is a comfort zone for anyone who has ever worn the uniform. It's a place where you know the rules and know they are enforced; a place where everybody is busy but not too busy to take care of business. Because there exists behind the gates of every military facility an institutional understanding of respect, order, uniformity, accountability and dedication that becomes part of your marrow and never, ever leaves you.

Personally, I miss the fact that you always knew where you stood in the military, and who you were dealing with. That's because you could read somebody's uniform from 20 feet away and know the score. Service personnel wear their careers on their sleeves, so to speak. When you approach each other, you can read their name tag, examine their rank and, if they are in dress uniform, read their ribbons and know where they've served.

I miss all those little things you take for granted when you're in the ranks, like breaking starch on a set of fatigues fresh from the laundry and standing in a perfectly straight line that looks like a mirror as it stretches to the endless horizon. I miss the sight of troops marching in the early morning mist, the sound of boot heels thumping in unison on the sidewalks, the bark of sergeants and the sing-song answers from the squads as they pass by in review.

To romanticize military service is to be far removed from its reality, because it's very serious business, especially in times of war. But I miss the salutes I'd throw at officers and the crisp returns as we crisscrossed on the flight line. I miss the smell of jet fuel hanging heavily on the night air and the sound of engines roaring down runways and disappearing into the clouds. I even miss the hurry-up-and-wait mentality that enlisted men gripe about constantly, a masterful invention that bonded people more than they'll ever know or admit.

I miss people taking off their hats when they enter a building, speaking directly and clearly to others and never showing disrespect for rank, race, religion or gender. Mostly I miss being a small cog in a machine so complex it constantly circumnavigates the Earth and so simple it feeds everyone on time, three times a day, on the ground, in the air or at sea. Mostly, I don't know anyone who has served who regrets it, and doesn't feel a sense of pride when they pass through those gates and re-enter the world they left behind with their youth.

Face it guys [and gals], we all miss it. Whether you had one tour or a career, it shaped your life.

One Nation under GOD.

Furnished by Ken Mackie, USAF, MSC, Col (Ret)



SOUNDING TAPS

*Major	John G. Brady	8 Sep 2010
Major	Robert C. Greaser	3 June 2010
*Colonel	Austin S. Hall	2008
Lt Col	John E. Hoffman, Jr.	Sep 2010
*Colonel	Bernard Korn	1 July 2010
Lt Colonel	Walter V. McIntyre	14 Oct 2010
Lt Colonel	Robert H. Mair, Jr.	Sep 2010
Captain	George W. Prosser	22 July 2010
Colonel	Charles E. Sagner, Jr.	Aug 2010
*CWO4	Ralph O. Settle, Jr.	Unknown
*Lt Colonel	Leonard M. Seymour, Jr.	8 Aug 2010

*Denotes Life Member Status

Persistence is what makes the impossible possible, the possible likely,
and the likely definite

IN MEMORIAM

Colonel Bernard Korn, affectionately known as Barney, passed away on 1 July 2010 at the age of 96 in Pensacola, Florida. His distinguished military career culminated with his Pentagon assignment as the Chief of the Air Force Medical Service Corps.

Mary Beth Couser (spouse of Major Dave Couser, USAF, MSC, deceased) advised that Frances Gottlieb, spouse of deceased Colonel Harold Gottlieb passed away on Sunday, 22 August 2010. Her children reported: "It was a difficult time. She fought hard against her cancer but she could not win."

Lotte Diedrich, wife of Lt Col Fred Diedrich, USAF, MSC, Retired, passed away on 12 July 2010 after a long bout with cancer.

IN FLANDERS FIELDS

By Lt Col John McCrae, MD, Canadian Army (1872-1918)

In the spring of 1915 in France, Dr. John McCrae, a surgeon, had spent 17 days taking care of wounded and dying soldiers. He sat on the back of an ambulance and wrote a poem that has become very famous. When he finished it, McCrae threw the poem away. Another officer found it and sent it to newspapers in England. It was published in *Punch* magazine in London in December 1915. It reads:

In Flanders Fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders Fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.

Furnished by Fred Graves, Colonel, USAF, MSC, Retired

"FREEDOM IS NOT FREE"

HAVE YOU LOOKED AT YOUR NEWSLETTER MAILING ADDRESS?

Most members know that the top line in their mailing address on the Newsletter front cover reads **DUES PD THRU XXXX**. If the year is 2009, you are delinquent and will be placed on the Inactive List before the next Newsletter is mailed in April 2011. For those with 2009, by the time you read this you will owe \$30 to \$40 depending on your category (See below) to catch up. We carried our delinquents a long time this year since we had a snafu at our printers and the Dues Pd Thru XXXX line was mismatched with the person in the label. Many thought they were current. However, the address labels on the April Directory and August Newsletter were correct. The Association hates to lose its members but at some point in time we must place members on the inactive list. It is not fair to dues paying members to continue to subsidize nonpaying members. Dues are always paid in January and, of course, if your label reads 2010 your dues are also due.

Dues are \$15/year for members on Active Duty, Drilling Guard or Reserves in the grades of 01 to 04. For all others, which include retirees in the grades of 01 to 04, the dues are \$20/year. We are happy to accept advanced dues through whatever future year you wish to pay them. Many members send in \$40 so as not to be bothered every year. Active members can convert to Life Membership and receive a \$20 discount. Payment can be set up on a quarterly basis. You can contact me, CBrown41@comcast.net, and the Website has details, www.mscassociation.org. Make all checks payable to the AF MSC Association, Inc., and mail to the Association at 860 Oak Hills Drive, Monument, CO, 80132. You may also pay through Pay Pal by going to the Website. Click on Membership and follow the instructions.

Change of Address: Please try to remember the Association when moving. Each time the Newsletter is mailed, we get back about 20+ changes of address notifications from the US Postal Service. From these I can update your address change but others are undeliverable. It costs us 50¢ every time one is forwarded. Please help us to keep our costs down.

Email Addresses: Last but not least, please keep your Email address up to date. This is the quickest and easiest way to contact everyone. We often have occasion to send out notices of events in your area or information to certain groups of folks. Often, half come back as undeliverable. When anyone moves, please try to remember us. Check the April 2010 Member Directory to see if your Email address is correct. In the future, we plan to offer the Newsletter via Email to those who want it. This makes a correct address even more important. Use the Renewal Form following if you have any new contact information. Contact me or send to:

Phone: 1-866-818-2110 (If I am not home leave a message and I will get back to you.)

Mail: AF MSC Association, Inc

860 Oak Hills Dr.

Monument, CO 8013

Email: CBrown41@Comcast.net or info@mscassociation.org

Thanks everyone.

Charlie Brown, Association Secretary

The best way to predict your future is to create it. Anonymous

**2011 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL AND CHANGE OF CONTACT INFO FORM
USE THIS FORM FOR ANNUAL RENEWALS AND CHANGES OF CONTACT
INFORMATION**

Send completed form with dues payment of \$20 to:

**USAF MSC Association, Inc.
860 Oak Hills Dr.
Monument, Co 80132-8829**
(Phone: 1-866-818-2110 email: info@mscassociation.org)

PLEASE NOTE ANY RECENT INFORMATION CHANGES

Name: _____ DOB _____

Rank: _____ Spouse's Name: _____

Status: Active Duty _____ Reserve _____ ANG _____ Retired _____

Address: _____

City State Zip: _____

If using an APO or FPO, please indicate: City _____ Country _____

Email address: _____

Phone: () _____ Method of Payment: Pay Pal _____ Check _____

Declaration: I (agree) (do not agree) to my name, address, phone number, spouse's name and email address being released in the Directory or to other members of the USAF MSC Association, when appropriate.

Signature _____

Date _____

PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY

THE WISDOM OF WILL ROGERS

1. Never slap a man who's chewing tobacco.
2. Never kick a cow chip on a hot day.
3. There are two theories to arguing with a woman – neither works.
4. Never miss a good chance to shut up.
5. Always drink upstream from the herd.
6. If you find yourself in a hole, stop digging.
7. The fastest way to double your money is to fold it and put it back in your pocket.
8. There are three kinds of men.
 - Those that learn by reading;
 - The few who learn by observation; and,
 - The rest who have to touch the electric fence for themselves.
9. Good judgment comes from experience and a lot comes from bad judgment.
10. If you're riding ahead of the herd, look back every now and then to make sure they're still there.
11. Lettin' the cat outta the bag is a whole lot easier'n puttin' it back.
12. And, Finally – After eating an entire bull, a mountain lion felt so good that he started roaring. He kept up until a hunter came along and shot him!

The moral of the story – When you're full of bull, keep your mouth shut!

SOME RULES KIDS WON'T LEARN IN SCHOOL

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Unfortunately, there are some things that children should be learning in school, but don't. Not all of them have to do with academics. As a modest back-to-school offering, here are some basic rules that may not have found their way into the standard curriculum.

Rule 1: Life is not fair. Get used to it.

Rule 2: The real world won't care as much about your self-esteem as much as your school does. The real world will expect you to accomplish something before you feel good about yourself.

Rule 3: Sorry, you won't make \$40,000 a year right out of high school. And, you won't be a vice president or have a car phone either.

Rule 4: If you think your teacher is tough, wait 'til you get a boss.

Rule 5: Flipping burgers is not beneath your dignity. Your grand-parents had a different word for burger flipping. They called it opportunity.

Rule 6: If you mess up, it's not your parents' fault, so don't whine about mistakes, learn from them.

Rule 7: Before you were born your parents weren't as boring as they are now. They got that way paying your bills; cleaning up your room and listening to you tell them how idealistic you are. And by the way, before you save the rain forest from the parasites of your parents 'generation', try delousing the closet in your bedroom.

Rule 8: Your school may have done away with winners and losers. Life has not. In some schools, they have abolished failing grades and they will give you as many times as you want to get the right answer. This, of course, bears not the slightest resemblance to anything in real life.

Rule 9: Life is not divided into semesters, and you don't get summers off and very few employers are interested in helping you find yourself. Do that on your own time.

Rule 10: Television is not real life. In real life, people actually have to leave the coffee shop to go to jobs.

Rule 11: Be nice to nerds. You may end up working for them.

ROBERT E. LEE RETURNS

Every once in a while, the system goes tilt. In our August 2010 MSC Association Newsletter, we reported that Major Robert E. Passed away in March 2010. Well, Major Robert E. Lee takes exception to our notice of his passing – he is alive and well. He just wanted all his friends and colleagues to know that he is still among us. And, just to reassure the Association he bears no ill will, he has asked to join the Association. He's on the right track in his "new" life.

A LESSON IN SOCIAL STUDIES

In September of 2005, Mrs. Martha Cothren, a social studies school teacher from Little Rock, Arkansas, did something not to be forgotten. On the first day of school, with permission of the school superintendent, the principal and the building supervisor, she had all of the desks removed from her classroom. When the kids came into first period, they walked in; there were no desks. They looked around and said, "Ms Cothren, where's our desks?"

The teacher said, "You can't have a desk until you tell me how you earn the right to sit at a desk."

They thought, "Well, maybe it's our grades."

"No" she said.

“Maybe it’s our behavior.”

And she told them, “No, it’s not even your behavior.”

And so, they came and went, the first period, second period, third period. Still no desks in the classroom. By early afternoon television news crews had started gathering in the classroom to report about this crazy teacher who had taken all the desks out of her classroom.

The final period of the day came and as the puzzled students found seats on the floor of the deskless classroom, Martha Cothren said, “Throughout the day no one has really understood how you earn the desks that sit in this classroom ordinarily. Now I am going to tell you.”

At this point, Mrs. Cothren went over to the door of her classroom and opened it. And, as she did, twenty-seven Veterans, wearing their uniforms, walked into that classroom – each one carrying a school desk. The soldiers began placing the desks in rows, and then they walked over and stood alongside the wall. By the time the last soldier had finished placing the desks, those kids for the first time perhaps in their lives, understood how they earned those desks.

The teacher said, “You didn't earn the right to sit at these desks. These heroes did it for you. They placed the desks here for you, but it’s up to you to sit here responsibly, to learn to be good students and good citizens, because they paid a price for you to have that desk and don’t ever forget it.”

[Editor’s Note]: This is a true story. Check out Google/Snopes for additional specifics. Please consider passing this along so others won't forget that the freedoms we have in this great country were earned by members of our Armed Forces.

HELPFUL HINTS FOR WINTER

De-ice your lock in seconds with hand sanitizer! Put some hand sanitizer gel on the key and lock.

Keep your headlights clear with car wax! Just wipe ordinary car wax on your headlights. It contains special water repellents that will prevent that messy mixture from accumulating on your lights – last up to six weeks.

Squeak-proof your wipers with rubbing alcohol! Wipe the wipers with a cloth saturated with rubbing alcohol or ammonia. This one trick can make badly streaking and squeaking wipers change to near perfect silence and clarity.

Ice-proof your windows with vinegar! Frost on its way? Just fill a spray bottle with three parts of vinegar to one part water and spritz it on all your windows at night. In the morning, they'll be clear of icy mess. Vinegar contains acetic acid, which raises the melting point of water – preventing water from freezing!

Prevent car doors from freezing shut with cooking spray! Spritz cooking oil on the rubber seals around car doors and rub it in with a paper towel. The cooking spray prevents water from melting into the rubber.

Fog-proof your windshield with shaving cream! Spray some shaving cream on the inside of your windshield and wipe it off with paper towels, and the problem is solved!

Contributed by Fred Graves, Col, USAF, MSC (Ret)

THE TRAIN OF LIFE

*Some folks ride the train of life looking out the rear,
Watching miles of life roll by, and marking every year.*

*They sit in sad remembrance, of wasted days gone by,
And curse their life for what it was, and hang their head and cry.*

*But I don't concern myself with that; I took a different vent,
I look forward to what life holds, and not what has been spent.*

*So strap me to the engine, as securely as I can be,
I want to be out on the front, to see what I can see.*

*I want to feel the winds of change, blowing in my face,
I want to see what life unfolds, as I move from place to place.*

*I want to see what's coming up, not looking at the past,
Life's too short for yesterdays, it moves along too fast.*

*So if the ride gets bumpy, while you are looking back,
Go up front, and you may find, your life has jumped the track.*

*It's all right to remember, that's part of history,
But up front's where it's happening, there's so much mystery.*

*The enjoyment of living, is not where we have been,
It's looking ever forward, to another year and ten.*

*It's searching all the byways, never should you refrain,
For if you want to live your life, you gotta drive the train!*

~ Marv Hardin, a retired Navy Corpsman

**“Life’s Railway to Heaven,” performed by Patsy Cline and Willie Nelson
accompanies this poem. Go to <http://allright.com/Poems/TOLRailway/TOL.htm>**

HOW TO STAY YOUNG

- **Throw out nonessential numbers. This includes age, weight and height. Let the doctors worry about the numbers. That is why you pay them.**
- **Keep only cheerful friends. The grouches pull you down.**
- **Keep learning. Learn more about computers, crafts, gardening, whatever! Never let the brain idle. An idle mind is the devil's workshop – and, the devil's name is Alzheimer.**
- **Enjoy the simple things.**
- **Laugh often, long and loud. Laugh until you gasp for breath.**
- **The tears happen. Endure, grieve and move on. The only person who is with us our entire life is ourselves. Be ALIVE while you are alive.**
- **Surround yourself with what you love; whether it's family, friends, pets, keepsakes, music, plants, hobbies or whatever. Your home is your refuge.**
- **Cherish your health. If it is good, preserve it. If it is unstable, improve it. If it is beyond what you can improve, get help.**
- **Don't take guilt trips. Take a trip to the mall, even to the next county, or even to a foreign country, but NOT to where the guilt is.**
- **Tell the people that you love them, at every opportunity.**

**And, always remember life is not measured by the number of breaths we take,
but by the moments that take our breath away!**

Go confidently in the direction of your dreams! Live the life you've imagined.

~ Thoreau ~

THE FIRST THANKSGIVING IN THE NEW AMERICA

A little known piece of trivia is that your Editor was born and raised in Plymouth, Massachusetts, where we all fondly remember the tradition of Thanksgiving first being celebrated in the autumn of 1621 by the recently arrived Pilgrims from England, and members of the Wampanoag tribe and their great Chieftain, Massasoit.

Well, since I have become a Virginian, I have begrudgingly been advised the first Thanksgiving actually occurred in Virginia one year and 17 days prior to the Pilgrim's arrival in Plymouth – on 4 December 1619. Regrettably, a number of Google sources confirm this little known fact. As a former citizen of Plymouth, Massachusetts, I held the belief that I came from the town that held the first Thanksgiving. I guess my only recourse is to say that now that I am a Virginian, I still come from the region of the first Thanksgiving in the new world – the Berkeley Plantation on the James River, Virginia.

Well Folks, we've done it again. And, as Jim said at the outset, this Newsletter has been yet, another labor of love. Do hope you enjoy it!

Thanks for your continuing readership and support, and –

Here's wishing you all a most joyous Yuletide Holiday!

See you next year!

WGT

Saying goodbye is the most difficult thing in life.
And, we never learn to be good at it.