



USAF MSC Association **NEWSLETTER**

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The President's Message:

I'm going to use my space to review the Association committees – what they do and who is on them. Then, I want to take a little time and ask for your help and finally, I have a plea for you – so here goes:

Survivor Assistance Program: This committee contacts survivors when there is an MSC death. We offer referral assistance to the survivors and help them connect with the right agencies that can help them in this special time.

Chairman: Ray Inman

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Members: Barry Morrison, George Breault, Al Baskin and Denise Lew

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Membership and Awards: This committee is responsible for two major areas. First is providing programs to help recruit new members and secondly, oversees our awards programs (Honorary Member, nominations for the Air Force Commitment to Excellence Award and other special awards that the Association might establish).

Chairman: Joe Vocks

Members: Sid Brandler, Don Palen and Tyler Sanders

We also have selected (actually, he “volunteered”) Kevin O’Shea as our 2009 Reunion Coordinator. Kevin has just begun planning this event and you can read about it elsewhere in the Newsletter.

OK, so now that you know who’s on the team, now let me encourage you to participate in your Association. We have over 600 members and only a few (as you can see from the names above) are active in our operations. We need you, we need a few hours or less (yes less!) each month to help with committee work and with the Reunion planning. Some of you are still working full time, some are volunteers in your community full time and others spend a few hours a month helping your community in one way or another. I would like to challenge you to consider the Association as one of the community organizations that could use your assistance. If you have an hour a month or so, please contact me and let’s see how you can put your talents to work for your fellow MSCs.

For those of you who have not submitted your disability claim to the VA now is the time. If you were a POW, a Purple Heart recipient, or served in Vietnam, there are special considerations for your claim. I know that some of you don’t think you need to do this because you are either “well”, or you consider that your VA benefits are a handout or even that you don’t deserve them. If that’s you, then you’re wrong. You earned your VA benefits. Congress, the President, DoD and the VA want you to take advantage of those benefits. If you still don’t want to do it, then consider this: when you pass away, your spouse may be eligible for benefits. In fact, your spouse may be eligible right now! So don’t do it for you, do it for your wife or husband. The best way to file a claim with the VA is to contact your VA regional office (just dial 800-827-1000) or contact your state’s veteran service officer (check the blue pages of your phone book or your state government’s web site). Or if you belong to VFW, American Legion, Disabled American Veterans or other major veterans groups, your group may have a service officer that will assist you – just give them a call.

That’s it from Denver. Wishing you all well and have a great spring!

Ralph Charlip, Association President

THE ACTIVE DUTY REPORT / COL DENISE LEW

Greetings to my fellow MSC colleagues! I’m proud to be serving as part of the MSC Association Board of Directors, and I’m thoroughly enjoying the opportunity to interact with the other board members on a regular basis. It’s been a special treat to reacquaint myself with individuals who have personally impacted my career in some way, such as our distinguished MSC Association Secretary, Col (ret) Charlie Brown, who, while serving as the David Grant Medical Center Administrator at Travis AFB, interviewed me in 1984 for my application for an MSC commission.

This is my second tour at the AF Surgeon General’s office, and although a lot has changed since my last assignment here 10-12 years ago, the pace is still as frenzied as ever. During the late 90s, our biggest challenge was orchestrating a massive rightsizing of our Air Force medical facilities as our resources became more constrained, and we endeavored to become more efficient. The way we provided healthcare had evolved dramatically since our comparatively robust structure of the 80s,

and the end of the Cold War brought drastic cuts to our defense health program soon after the first Persian Gulf War.

Today, the challenge is very similar, but we now have the additional task of balancing our efforts at optimizing our resources while at the same time fighting a war. Both Operation ENDURING FREEDOM and Operation IRAQI FREEDOM have strained the expeditionary Air Force model that we follow to ensure fair distribution of deployment taskings. It's becoming more and more commonplace for our MSCs to deploy. Our total force partners in the Air Force Reserve and the Air National Guard are serving side by side with our active duty MSCs, and we no longer consider them "weekend warriors" as they are just as involved in supporting our expeditionary operations as our active force.

In addition to the war, we have several other factors impacting our Corps and the way we do business. The heightened attention on patient safety, the increasing drain on our healthcare resources, the rapid advancement in information technology and electronic health records, the effect of 9/11 on our homeland defense posture, the expansion of joint operations, the scrutiny on our care for wounded warriors – these and many other factors have directly resulted in a demand for the expertise our MSCs bring to the table.

After six months in my new job as the MSC Corps Director and the Chief of Manpower and Organization, I've now got a clearer picture on some of the challenges we face. Fortunately, my predecessor, Col (ret) Brian Acker, already had a new MSC Strategic Plan in place to help guide us. The plan has three goals: 1) Adapt and sustain force structure commensurate with total force requirements, 2) Develop MSC officers for the challenges of the 21st century, and 3) Enhance Corps prominence through advancing the Air Force Medical Service mission.

For goal #1, we have some work to do to validate whether we have the right number and grade of MSCs assigned at all locations, especially after 10 years of gradual manpower cuts at all levels. We want to ensure we have the right distribution so we can not only get the job done, but also create the right environments for our younger MSCs to develop into the leaders we need to take over our senior level and pinnacle positions in the future.

For goal #2, we are taking a close look at all our education and training opportunities. We want to make sure our initial skills training in the Health Services Administration course is effectively preparing our new accessions for their first jobs as MSCs. Our Readiness Skills Verification training materials need to be updated to better prepare our MSCs for current roles they are filling in deployed locations. One example is to add training on stability operations, as many of our deployers are serving as mentors for developing countries in building or rebuilding their national healthcare system. We also constantly evolve our mid-career opportunities for training fellowships, advanced academic degree programs, and "Education With Industry" fellowships to keep pace with our other federal and civilian counterparts, and to take advantage of benchmark programs and processes from both public and private sector healthcare and other industries.

Under goal #3, we are focusing on reemphasizing our prominence as professional healthcare management professionals, particularly in roles equivalent to private sector Chief Executive Officers and Chief Operating Officers. We also need to look into ways to retain our most experienced, seasoned senior MSCs, as we tend to lose the large majority of our Colonels closer to 20 years of service rather than 30 years of service.

As we roll up our sleeves and tackle these goals, we can gain tremendous insights from the past as we face the challenges of the future. We look forward to forging stronger relationships with those who have paved the way for us – our fellow members of the MSC Association who have stories to tell and wisdom to share from the time they were on active duty. We look forward to more opportunities to interact with each other, connecting in a continuum of excellence and adding to our proud Medical Service Corps heritage.

Col Denise Lew, Col, USAF, MSC, FACHE,
Director Medical Service Corps & Chief, Manpower and Organization (AF/SG1A)

EXPOSING HEALTH CARE FRAUD: THE FEDERAL FALSE CLAIMS ACT

The relator files a False Claims Act (FCA) suit (also called a “qui tam” suit) on behalf of the United States. It is filed under seal (not a public document), along with a disclosure statement providing evidence to the government.

While under seal, the government investigates the allegations, and decides whether to intervene. During this period, the defendant may not even be aware of the case. If the government intervenes, the government is the primary prosecutor (although the relator still has input), and the relator receives 15-25% of any recovery. If the government does not intervene, the relator can still go forward with the suit and, if successful, receives 25-30% of any recovery.

To prove an FCA violation, the relator must show that the defendant was responsible for a false claim to the Federal Government. The relator initially presents this evidence in a “disclosure statement,” submitted to the Government when the complaint is filed. This disclosure statement sets forth all of the evidence the relator possesses regarding the false claim, and generally points the Government to additional persons or documents that would substantiate the allegations.

The evidence provided needs to be as detailed as possible. It is not sufficient to base a complaint on rumors of wrongdoing; there should be specific allegations showing the time, date, place and content of any false claim. It is also helpful to have documentation supporting the allegations.

The false claim must be shown by the civil standard – preponderance of the evidence (more likely than not); it does not have to be shown by the criminal standard – beyond a reasonable doubt. The relator does not have to show specific intent to defraud. The statute defines “knowingly” to include acting with “deliberate ignorance” or “reckless disregard” of the truth or falsity of the information.

The 1986 amendments to the FCA clarified and relaxed these burdens of proof, in part to prevent the ostrich or “head in the sand” defense. For example, a physician signing off on an HCFA 1500 form would find it difficult to defend an FCA violation by claiming that he knew nothing of the billing practice and left it all to his staff.

Anyone with knowledge of the illegal conduct can bring an FCA suit. This is often a current or former employee of a defendant. However, if the relator “planned and initiated” the false claims violation, the award to the relator may be reduced; if the relator is criminally convicted for his or her role, they must be dismissed from the suit.

However, there are limits on bringing an FCA suit; you must bring the case six years from the date of the false claim, or within three years after the Government knows or should have known of the false claim, but in no event later than ten years after the false claim. In addition, if the allegations in the FCA suit were already “publicly disclosed,” the relator has to be the “original source” of the

allegations who brought the information to the Government before filing an action. One cannot bring an FCA suit where the allegations are already the subject of a civil suit or administrative civil monetary penalty proceeding where the Government is a party.

Filing a suit is not without risk, however. Once the Government decides whether to intervene, the case is unsealed. At that point, service of the complaint is made on the defendant and the defendant knows the identity of the relator. This may lead to retaliation by a defendant. However, a section of the FCA provides strong protections for whistleblowers; whether or not the relator proves the underlying FCA violation, this provision provides significant protection to the relator. In addition, if the defendant prevails in the suit, and the court finds the suit was clearly frivolous, vexatious or brought for harassment, then the court may find the relator liable for the defendant's expenses and fees.

Healthcare fraud has become one of the primary targets of FCA suits. Not only has the number of FCA cases risen dramatically since 1986, but also there is a distinct trend toward healthcare fraud cases. In 1994, only 18% of the cases involved healthcare fraud; of the current cases, in excess of 50% involve healthcare fraud.

I have been counsel in a number of FCA suits. If you are aware of healthcare fraud, and you would like to discuss the potential for an FCA suit, I would be pleased to talk to you about it.

William M. Copeland, MS, JD, PhD, FACHE
General Counsel to the USAF MSC Association

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Your membership committee is comprised of Col (Ret) Joe Vocks, Chairman; Col (Ret) Sid Brandler; Col (Ret) Ed Nugent; LTC (Ret) Don Palen; and Major Tyler Sanders. We would like to challenge each of you to recruit one new member. Why are you a member? What does your membership mean to you? Do you belong because of the networking opportunities, friendships, staying current with the happenings within the Corps, the newsletters, the membership roster, or the biannual reunions? The only way for this organization to thrive and grow is through your involvement.

Your membership committee is committed to helping you grow the membership. We plan to make presentations at all HAS classes and the ACHE Congress. We plan to work with the senior MAJORCOM MSCs to offer membership to all active duty Captains, Majors, Lt Colonels, and Colonels. We also plan to contact all retired MSCs who are not members. We need your help; we need you to recruit one new member.

Joe Vocks, Chairman of the Membership Committee

WHAT IS A FRIEND

A True Friend is someone who thinks it is not a permanent condition when you really mess up.

Author: George Kassabaum

Contributor: Wally Jarboe

Editor's Note: We are taking a bit of liberty and transferring from the Air Force Medical Service Corps Fall 2007 Newsletter, Volume 07.3, an article written by Col Denise Lew, who shared her vision of the active duty MSC mission and closed by outlining her experiences at the October 2007 MSC Association Reunion in San Antonio – even putting in a recruiting plug for active duty members to join the Association. Thanks Denise.



**Greetings from the Director, Medical Service Corps
& Chief, Manpower and Organization:
Col Denise Lew**

Let me first comment on what a pleasure and honor it is to serve all of you as the Corps Director. I am humbled to be in this auspicious position, and hope I can make a difference to the quality of your career experience and effect positive improvements to Corps prominence during my tenure.

In my first few weeks, I've been in absolute awe of how much deliberate planning and tremendous effort collectively has been put forth by our senior leadership. I was totally impressed by how the design of our force development structure effectively influences our assignment process. With our total force so closely tied to validated requirements to support our readiness platform, and with the level of skill knowledge and experience necessary to fulfill the demanding requirements of the positions we fill, finding the right person for the job is a daunting task. We do incredibly well given the constraints of our assignment process and the constant change and pressures we face in our evolving environment.

As many of you know, our toughest new challenge has been to absorb the impact of the ever-increasing In-Lieu-Of, or ILO deployments agreed upon by our CSAF to help support the Army. These are critical to the Air Force as we not only assist our Army counterparts who have borne the lion's share of the burden supporting OIF/OEF deployments, but this also helps the Air Force uphold its prominence in today's war efforts as our Service's overall role has been frankly overshadowed by our sister services. Unfortunately, this has normally involved 365-day deployments, which have been rare for Air Force medics since the Vietnam days and before we became an all-volunteer force. We are very grateful to those who have stepped up to the challenge, and we regret having to rely on the non-volunteer process to fill all the taskings. We are doing all we can to mitigate the effects of these taskings, and appreciate everyone's understanding and support.

Lastly, I have to admit the title of "Director of the Medical Service Corps" is somewhat disconcerting to me, as I see my role more as the "Director of the MSC Support Office." Our office is here to support you not the other way around. I welcome your input on whatever subject you choose to bring up and commit to you that our office will give everything careful consideration and advocate for changes that make sense for the good of the Corps and the AFMS.

MSC Association Reunion:

I had the pleasure of attending the 2007 Biennial Reunion of the MSC Association in San Antonio. Although first chartered 16 years ago as a retiree association, the organization now includes anyone who has even been an Air Force Medical Service Corps officer, including active duty, veterans, reserve, guard and retirees.

Being my first reunion, I didn't know what to expect. On the surface, it appeared to be a retiree vacation package with several tours and social events planned throughout the three days of the event. Turns out a good portion of the reunion agenda was just that, geared toward providing an opportunity for long-time friends to tour area attractions and enjoy fun activities together. The formal meeting portions were primarily focused on Association business and retiree benefits, and of not much interest or applicability to active duty members.

What I didn't expect was the absolute thrill it was to meet and interact with many, many MSCs whom I've known or worked with in the past, and most I hadn't seen for 15-20 years. I also met many more individuals who were MSCs before I was on active duty, some of whom I'd heard about as "legends" of their time, and they all had fascinating stories to share about our MSC history and what they did back when they were on active duty. The attendees included several senior leaders, including seven former Corps Chiefs spanning back three decades.

I also met the very first female MSC in the 58 year history of the Corps, Lt Libby Mayhugh (Class 53-C) and Capt Elaine Brauer (Class 62-C) both of whom had to separate from the Air Force when they got married and became pregnant. How times have changed! Having been a single mother for more than half my career, it made me appreciate how fortunate I was to have had the privilege of continuing my career and remain part of our Corps as the acceptance of women in the military has become more flexible.

The most important takeaway from the meeting was what a benefit it is to have former MSC leaders willing to take the time and put so much effort in creating this MSC Association – OUR Association – in order to offer us a chance to reflect on the rich MSC history of which we're all a part, and to allow for interaction between generations of MSCs. The Association helps us preserve the legacy in keeping us all connected, with a chance to pass on stories first hand, talk about the great times we've shared during our careers, and enable us to shake the hands of those who paved the way for all of us.

Recommend to all MSCs on active duty to consider trying to attend the next Reunion, scheduled for October 2009 [In Charleston, South Carolina]. Alternatively, reach out and seek retired or former MSCs in your local area and invite them to meetings or socials with active duty MSCs. Finally, consider joining the Association and sustain the connection with your fellow colleagues, past and present. I assure you, it's worth it, and you will appreciate it more and more as the years go by, no matter how many years you spend as an MSC and where your career takes you. The Association website is: www.mscassociation.org.

SURVIVOR INFORMATION & NOTIFICATION PROGRAM

A reminder that the Survivor Information and Notification Program remains in place and continues to be proven effective in allowing the Association to express in a personal and sensitive manner its condolences to the surviving spouse and offer information which might assist a surviving spouse during the loss of a loved one. To insure that the Program remains viable and effective, it relies upon you – the membership – to participate. Upon learning of an Association Member's death you need to notify the Honor Role Manager and/or Secretary soonest so the information may be passed to the necessary personnel. Members may also phone or email a State/Regional Coordinator directly with an information email to the Honor Roll Manager and/or Secretary. A list of State/Regional Coordinators and their area(s) of responsibility follows.

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Update provided by Ray Inman, Chairman of the Survivor Information Program Committee

WEB SITE HONORS AIR FORCE HEROES

SAN ANTONIO (AFPN) -- A nonprofit organization's Web site is letting people pay tribute to Air Force heroes.

A section in the Air Force Memorial Foundation's Web site, titled Air Force Heroes, allows people to honor an Airman with a paragraph about what makes them extraordinary.

With the recent dedication of the Air Force memorial, the Web site is a great resource for people to recognize Air Force Heroes. "It is a great opportunity for people to see those who may have slipped through the cracks in regards to recognition," Major Tebrugge said.

Major Tebrugge thinks the Web site has been underused because it is new and not many people know about it.

"It is very important to recognize the proud heritage we have and the sacrifices and contributions of those who pioneered ahead of us," she said. "It makes you proud to see a collective

representation of the similar values that we all share as Airmen and how they are displayed in different ways."

People interested in posting a tribute, or browsing the tributes that have already been posted, can visit the Web site at www.airforcememorial.org/heroes/. It's important to note that the reference to Airman includes Air Force members of any rank.

By Staff Sgt Jeremy Larlee, Air Force Print News. Release No. 8-12-06, 24 Aug 2006.

WALKING THE DOG

A woman was flying from Seattle to San Francisco. Unexpectedly, the plane was diverted to Sacramento along the way. The flight attendant explained that there would be a delay, and if the passengers wanted to get off the aircraft the plane would re-board in 50 minutes.

Everybody got off the plane except one lady who was blind. The man had noticed her as he walked by and could tell the lady was blind because her Seeing Eye dog lay quietly underneath the seats in front of her throughout the entire flight.

He could also tell she had flown this very flight before because the pilot approached her, and calling her by name, said, "Kathy, we are in Sacramento for almost an hour. Would you like to get off and stretch your legs?" The blind lady replied, "No thanks, but maybe Buddy would like to stretch his legs."

Picture this:

All the people in the gate area came to a complete standstill when they looked up and saw the pilot walk off the plane with a Seeing Eye dog! The pilot was even wearing sunglasses. People scattered. They not only tried to change planes, but they were trying to change airlines!



This is a true story.

Have a great day and remember, things aren't always as
They appear.

A day without laughter is a day wasted!!

Contributed by Wally Jarboe

"This nation will remain the land of the free only so long
As it is the home of the Brave."

~ Elmer Davis ~

**ASSOCIATION SUPPORT FOR THE ANNUAL AIR FORCE MEDICAL SERVICE
CORPS AWARDS DINNER AND AIR FORCE DAY AT THE ACHE
CONGRESS ON HEALTHCARE LEADERSHIP**

The Association is a prime supporter of the USAF MSC annual awards dinner which is held in conjunction with the ACHE Congress on Healthcare Leadership. During the dinner, awards are presented to the top MSC's for the previous year – both junior and senior officers. In addition, the Air Force ACHE Regent presents awards to the individuals for their support of ACHE. And finally, and of special interest to the Association, the Commitment to Excellence Award in the Retiree category is presented.

The Association not only helps sponsor the dinner, but we also nominate an individual for the Commitment to Excellence Award. The senior Association elected officer present also assists in the presentation of the award to the award winner.

This year's dinner was no exception – a great event hosted by the Corps Chief, BG Patricia Lewis. Attending the dinner were other dignitaries including the Air Force Surgeon General and two previous Corps Chiefs – BG Donald Wagner and Colonel Don Good. Col Bill Head, former Chairman of ACHE and the first military Chairman, was also present.

Colonel Ray “Mac” McClean was this year's winner of the Commitment to Excellence Award (Retiree). Presenting his award along with the Corps Chief was Lt Col Ralph Charlip, Association President. Also attending and representing the Association was Col Jim Moreland, Vice President.

The day after the dinner, General Lewis hosted “Air Force Day” and Colonel Moreland was allowed some time to talk about the Association and encourage active duty members to join. Through his personal recruiting efforts, Col Moreland also signed up a new member and was successful in having one of our inactive members resubmit their dues.

All in all, our activities in support of the Air Force at the Congress on Healthcare Leadership were beneficial not only to the Air Force but to the Association.

MSC ASSOCIATION DUES ARE DUE!!

There were several articles in last December's Newsletter about renewing our annual dues, converting to Lifetime Memberships, notifying the Association of changes to your contact information, etc.

Dues are always due during the month of January for that year. In February, emails are normally sent to delinquent members. We are all busy and a reminder is nice. This February checks kept coming at a good clip, so we did not try to email those of you who were delinquent until 1 Mar 2008. Emails reached everyone but a few and those were followed up with a post card.

While many have responded, approximately 100 of you have not. Your current status as of 17 March 2008 is on your Newsletter mailing address label – Dues paid through XXXX. This is your last chance to get your dues in before the “absolute deadline date of 1 May 2008.” If dues are not received by 1 May 2008 then you will be moved to the inactive list. If you paid your dues after 17

March 2008, please disregard as we had to go to publication on 17 March 2008. For dues info see below or for any questions contact the Secretary at 1-866-818-2110 toll free or email at afmsscassociation@comcast.net.

Send dues to: USAF MSC Association, Inc., 860 Oak Hills Dr., Monument, CO 80132. While you're at it, send in any changes to your contact information that varies with the April 2008 Roster! Thanks everyone.

Additional Dues Information is contained on page 25 next to the form entitled "2008 Membership Renewal Form.

Charles Brown, Association Secretary

OUR STORIES NEED TO BE TOLD – CONTINUED

Commencing in our April 2007 MSC Newsletter was the beginning of providing stories told by members of our readership that occurred sometime during their careers as Air Force Medical Service Corps Officers. The following story is but yet another example of the stories that need to be told. In this story, Bob Holley relates the names of many of our MSC legends – some living; some having gone off to their greater rewards [Ed].

The Robert C. Holley Story

In 1961, I was reassigned to the 2nd Air Evacuation Group at Rhein Main AFB, Germany. Lt Col William Plock was the commander that was responsible for all patient evacuations within Europe. Another air evacuation unit at Rhein Main was responsible for the flights back to the U.S. Lt Col Ralph Thompson commanded it. We were flying on the C-131 and C-54 aircraft in-theater and the C-121 aircraft back to the U.S.

The USSR at that time decided to build a wall through Germany that was known as the Berlin Wall. We were put on full alert and thought we would go to war since they had tried to block the U.S. from Berlin before. All dependent travel to Germany was discontinued and I had to spend one year without my family before tensions eased. On my first mission the fog was so dense that you could not see the ground even when we got down to 200 feet. When we finally got to 100 feet and could see the treetops, we were lined up straight at the Rhein Main control tower a few hundred yards away. Nevertheless, the pilots veered away and they got a good laugh at my fright. MSCs got \$110 per month hazardous duty pay and I earned mine.

A year later we were flying through France when lightning struck the nose of the C-131 aircraft. A ball of electricity came rolling down the aircraft and went out the tail section. It split the nose radar cone, blew out all the radios and electronics. Fortunately, we had only a few patients or passengers on board that day. The medical crew aboard A/E flights consisted of two nurses and three medical technicians. One technician from New York would carry one grandfather antique clock back to the U.S. on every trip he took. Someone said he was storing them to put in an antique store when he got out of the Air Force. He must be a rich man today.

Most of the aeromedical evacuation squadrons in Europe, Pacific, and USA were responsible for an area and there was little central control of patient flow to various hospitals. The powers in Washington, DC, decided to activate an Aeromedical Evacuation Wing at Scott AFB, Illinois, with medics and pilots assigned only to that duty. In 1964, Col Ralph Thompson was reassigned to Scott to set up a new command post for that operation. I went along with him for a new experience working daily for a Line Colonel that was commander of the wing. Even though we had dedicated aircraft to our mission, it became clear that we needed a better configured aircraft for litter patients that led to the eventual purchase of the C-9 Nightingale for A/E use.

By 1966, the Vietnam conflict was hot and heavy. We had more patients than the west coast hospitals could process. It was decided to send some flights on C-141 aircraft from Vietnam to Clark AFB, Philippines, then to Yokota AFB, Japan, Elmendorf AFB, Alaska, on to McGuire AFB, New Jersey, or Dover AFB, Delaware or Andrews AFB, Maryland. I went to Elmendorf to set up a new A/E unit there as we rotated the flight and medical crews at each stop. The patients stayed aboard the plane for 36 hours – from the battlefield to a stateside hospital. Amazingly, we lost very few patients enroute.

As my tour in Alaska came to an end, I applied to AFIT to get a Masters degree in Hospital Administration. AFIT gave approval but I did not know how to get a college to accept me. Lt Col Ed Nugent was at Scott AFB at the time I called begging for help. He made many phone calls and contacts and got me accepted at Washington University, St. Louis, MO. His efforts on my behalf were and still are the spirit of the MSC Corp: to serve our country well and to help others in their career up the ranks. There were three other MSCs in that class with me, David Elliot, Larry Mize, and William (Nick) Manderfield. It was a great course under Dr. Jim Hepner and we got paid for doing it!

After college I did an internship at Eglin AFB, Florida, under Cols Danny Herren and Dan Seal. The water, the beaches, and the babes at Ft. Walton were all beautiful. Later, I was assigned to the Military Personnel Center at Randolph AFB, Texas. Major Horace Corley did MSC assignments; Don Wagner and I did all the physician assignments. We all worked for Cols Mac Woolf and Pat Gray, which were the finest officers the AF ever produced. Both are probably cheering the MSC Corp on from their heavenly position. One day Col Woolf came by the office and asked us all to go with him to Pat Gray's house on base. Col Gray had been TDY all week and Mac knew his habit of making love to his beautiful wife, Joan, upon return. Six of us, along with Mac McClean, rang the doorbell 15 minutes after Pat's arrival. No one answered so we went in the unlocked door calling out very loudly. Finally, a mad Pat and a red faced Joan came down the stairs and ushered us out the door.

I had found an off base house and I sent for my family, as we had been apart for two months. We had no furniture yet but I made pallets on the floor. The day my family arrived, all the staff brought food in shifts each staying until the next group arrived. This went on for hours until 3 o'clock in the morning. The next day I found out that they had made a duty roster for that prank.

My next assignment was to Pope AFB, North Carolina, as Commander of the 1st A/E Squadron that was a tactical unit to deploy with army troops to forward areas. We had our own vehicles, radios and tents to be airlifted where needed. For two years all we did was train and were only deployed for exercises. As I left the unit the troops gave me a Freddie Fender record called "Wasted Days and Wasted Nights".

As a Lt Col I went to the Air War College at Maxwell AFB, AL. It was a tough course with officers from all allied countries. My childhood sweetheart wife found out she had breast cancer during this time. She was operated on and her breast removed along with 22 lymph nodes. The Colonel promotion list was announced and I was the only Lt Col out of 320 eligible at the college not promoted. Somehow we got through that course and I was assigned to the USAF Surgeon General's Office at Bolling AFB, DC. Lt. Gen. Paul Myers and Maj Gen Garth Dettinger visited and made sure my wife got good care at Walter Reed Army Hospital. Unfortunately, she did not recover and went to be with the Lord in 1981, only after I made promotion and she had pinned the eagle on me.

I retired in 1982, which is 25 years ago. I am now 75 years old, remarried and living in Southport, Florida, just north of Panama City. I look upon the Air Force Medical Service Corps as my family and am saddened that it will be consolidated under DoD. But we are noted for handling hard times and changes of command and I am sure we will excel as always! Come to see us if you are this way.

Col Robert C. Holley, USAF, MSC (Ret)
12 March 2007

Editor's Note: For those of who may not be aware, at a military theater, the National Anthem is played before every movie.

FROM A CHAPLAIN IN IRAQ

I recently attended a showing of 'Superman 3,' here at LSA Anaconda. We have a large auditorium we use for movies as well as memorial services and other large gatherings. As is the custom back in the States, we stood and snapped to attention when the National Anthem began before the main feature.

All was going as planned until about three-quarters of the way through the National Anthem, the music stopped.

Now, what would happen if this occurred with 1,000 18-22 year-olds back in the States? I imagine there would be hoots, catcalls, laughter, a few rude comments; and everyone would sit down and call for a movie. Of course, that is, if they had stood for the National Anthem in the first place.

Here, the 1,000 Soldiers continued to stand at attention, eyes fixed forward. The music started again. The soldiers continued to quietly stand at attention. And, again, at the same point, the music stopped.

What would you expect to happen? Even here I would imagine laughter, as everyone finally sat down and expected the movie to start.

But here, you could have heard a pin drop. Every Soldier continued to stand at attention. Suddenly there was a lone voice, then a dozen, and quickly the room was filled with the voices of a thousand soldiers, finishing where the recording left off:

“And the rockets red glare,
The bombs bursting in air,
Gave proof through the night
That our flag was still there.
Oh, say does that Star-Spangled Banner yet wave,
O'er the land of the free
and the home of the brave?’

Written by Chaplain Jim Higgins on 5/14/07. LSA Anaconda is at the Balad Airport in Iraq, north of Baghdad.

Remember them as they fight for you! Pass this along as a reminder to others to be ever in prayer for all our soldiers serving us here at home and abroad.

For many have already paid the ultimate price....

It was the most inspiring moment I have had here in Iraq. I wanted you to know what kinds of soldiers are serving you here.

THE HANOI TAXI RETIRED

This is the C-141 aircraft that became famous as the “Hanoi Taxi” (Tail # 66-0177). It was the first aeromed MISSION into Hanoi when the American prisoners of war were released. After this momentous event on 12 February 1973, she rejoined the MAC fleet and flew the line like all the other C-141s, rarely gathering so much as a passing glance by anyone. While she was not the only C-141 to participate in “Operation Homecoming” missions – she was the first.

In May of 2006 177, nicknamed “One-Seven-Seven” was retired from active service and was the last of the 285 C-141s built by Lockheed to leave active service. But, back on 12 February 1973, she flew 100 POWs out of Hanoi; some of them tasting freedom for the first time in six years. Each POW placed their shot-down date on the face of the oxygen panel of “One-Seven-Seven” during their flight to Clark AB in the Philippines.

For her final retirement ceremony, many of the remaining/surviving POWs she brought home back in February 1973 were assembled at Wright-Patterson for a special ceremony and her penultimate flight where this gracious lady would take this special group of former North Viet Nam (NVN) POWs on one last Wright-Patterson fly-by flight. Most of the former NVN POWs are now senior citizens, but their enthusiasm, emotions, and excitement were visibly evident during this special flight and retirement ceremony.

Following this ceremony, she was then flown to her final destination – Dayton, Ohio – where she will spend the remainder of her days at the Air Force Museum.

Editor Note: While I was not part of the “Operation Homecoming” team, I was part of the run-up to the noble event serving with the 10th Aeromedical Evacuation Group with the Military Airlift Command Pacific AES system during the period 1967-1971. Many of my colleagues participated in this event, and will attest it was probably the major highlight in their career.

Contributed by Ken Mackie and edited by Wayne Terry

ESTATE PLANNING

There was a single guy living at home with his father and working in the family business. When he found out he was going to inherit a fortune when his sickly father died, he decided he needed a wife with which to share his fortune.

One evening at an investment meeting he spotted the most beautiful woman he had ever seen. Her natural beauty took his breath away. "I may look like just an ordinary man," he said to her, "but in just a few years, my father will die and I'll inherit 20 million dollars. "

Impressed, the woman obtained his business card. Three days later she became his stepmother.

It would seem women are so much better at estate planning than men.

THE WAL-MART GREETER

Charley, a new retiree greeter at Wal-Mart, just couldn't seem to get to work on time. Every day he was 5, 10, sometimes 15 minutes late. But he was a good worker; really tidy, clean shaven, sharp minded and a real credit to the company and obviously demonstrating their "older Person Friendly" policies.

One day the boss was in a real quandary about how to deal with it. Finally, he called Charley into the office for a talk. "Charley, I have to tell you, I like your work ethic, you do a bang up job, but you're being late so often is quite bothersome."

"Yes, I know boss, and I am working on it."

"Well good, you are a team player. That's what I like to hear. It's odd though, you're coming in late. I know you're retired from the Armed Forces. What did they say if you came in late there?"

"They said, 'Good morning, General. Tea or coffee this morning, sir?'"

Contributed by Ralph Charlip

A LETTER FROM A MEMBER

Editor's Note: Robert Davidge wrote me earlier this year wanting to include an item in the MSC Newsletter. The following is an exchange between Robert and me.

At 04:54PM 12/28/2007, you wrote:

Wayne I don't know if this is of interest for the newsletter but it is certainly connected to the Corps. I will retire from my civilian career as CEO, Our Lady of the Lake Regional Medical Center, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, in early 2008. Why is that significant? Well, I started out as a 906X0 in 1959 at Homestead AFB and as such was exposed to such leaders as Col Danny Herrin and (then 2Lt) Ray

Inman. With a little encouragement from both of them I pursued night courses and after 4 years AD entered Florida State University graduating in 1963.

I stayed in the enlisted Reserve after separating from AD as sort of a security blanket and for the money of course. After graduation I was planning to attend the University of Florida Law School when Col Herrin again encouraged me to pursue an MHA in Health Care Administration, which I did at U of F. By the way, he was in the audience when I received my Fellowship in ACHE. In 1967 I was commissioned in the AF Reserve as an MSC and began my parallel careers in health care administration. I retired from the Reserve in 1995 having served my final assignment as Mobilization Augmentee to the Chief, Medical Service Corps, BG Pete Bellisario (and briefly MG Mike Wyrick).

How fortunate I have been to rub elbows with the aforementioned and others such as Ray Chappelle, Richard Terry, Frank Rohrbough, George Breault, Al Baskin, Dave Pitts, Jack Murphy and a host of others. Each of whom in their own way helped me to have extremely gratifying careers. Robert Davidge

At 5:11PM 12/28/2007 I wrote:

Robert,

I am pleased to acknowledge your recent email. It certainly is an item of interest worthy of inclusion in the April 2008 Newsletter.

Like you, I too, was a 906X0. I went from Airman Basic to Chief Master Sergeant (90690), and was commissioned as a second lieutenant. Can you imagine that? I went from 2nd Lt to Major and retired to go to work with Ed Nugent and Danny Herrin in Saudi Arabia. While on active duty, I worked with Ray Inman in the Surgeon General's Office (SGO) when he was a major. I didn't know Ray Chappelle or Richard Terry, but also worked in SGO with Frank Rohrbough and George Breault when they were majors. I currently serve on the MSC Assoc Board of Directors, of which Al Baskin is also a Board member. Dave Pitts and Jack Murphy and I served together in the Pentagon in the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs as "Purple Suiters." I'm sure we both know a lot of the same people. For example, I worked with 2d Lt Pat B Gray (Col) and 1st Lt Don Wagner (BGen) at the London Area Air Force Hospital circa 1951-1954. Small world, isn't it?

Thanks for your contribution to the April MSC Newsletter. Wayne Terry

EDITOR'S CORRECTION

In the preparation of the December 2007 MSC Association Newsletter, we had an article entitled "A Gathering of the Chiefs," in which a photo contained six of our former MSC Corps Chiefs and our current Corps Chief Pat Lewis. Regrettably, yours truly identified our current Corp Chief as BGen Pat Davis rather than BGen Pat Lewis. We apologize for this publication error.

Colonel Denise Lew (AF/SG1A) just furnished us with the recent results of the Colonel / Lt Colonel Promotion lists which follows:

COLONEL MSC SELECTEES

LINE		LINE	
7	Robert F. Rocco	10	David Pfaffenbichler
15	Susan S. Baker	5	Lorn W. Heyne
16	Joseph C. Kennedy	2	John M. Lopardi
9	Richard N. Terry	12	William D. Parker
17	Timothy Valladares	4	Kirsten F. Watkins
11	David W. Garrison	3	Jaime L. Rosado, Jr.
14	Jimmy L. Sterling	1	John L. Flynn
13	Jon C. Welch	18	Donald T. Molnar
6	Donald Cole	8	Portia A. Prioleau

COLONEL MSC SELECTEE – BELOW THE ZONE

19 Rachel H. Lefebvre

LT COLONEL MSC SELECTEES

10	Richard K. Smith	8	Robert M. Paz
13	Thomas E. Williford	9	Joselito C. Meneses
19	Jason D. Eitutis	5	Sean P. Murphy
17	Randall C. Lambert	1	Michael R. Holmes
11	Sabina C. Garrett	2	Melanie C. Carino
14	Marvin W. Todd	4	Melissa L. Checotah
15	Brian K. Wyrick	16	John F. Ginnity, Jr.
3	Keith A. Higley	6	Mark R. Meersman
7	Patrick A. Martinez	21	Kathy Pflanz
12	Scot S. Spann	18	Richard T. Broyer
20	Patricia D. Fowler		

LT COLONEL SELECTEE S – BELOW THE ZONE

22	Bryan E. Wooley	23	Andrea C. Vinyard
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Success is not the key to happiness.
 Happiness is the key to success.
 If you love what you are doing,
 You will be successful.

~ Albert Schweitzer ~

TAPS

*Col Michael Conrad	10 Jan 2008
Major Harvey J. Dominick	Oct 2007
Major Jackson S. Dorsey	5 Jan 2008
Major Kenneth Fletcher	29 Jan 2008
Lt Col Warren S. Hicks, Jr.	27 Nov 2007
Lt Col Charles L. Kennedy	10 Mar 2008
Capt Norman Mayes	29 Nov 2007
Capt Alan G. Pettigrew	22 Oct 2007
Lt Col Jack Simpson	2 Jan 2008
Major Donald B. Smith	9 Oct 2007
Col Thomas L. Smith	13 Jan 2008
Lt Col Robert E. Stickney	20 Nov 2007
Lt Col Gary W. Todd	26 Nov 2007

*Denotes Life Member Status

MEMORIUM SECTION

Ann Ruffing, wife of Col Don Ruffing, one of our former Corps Chiefs, passed away in January 2008 after a long illness. She is survived by her husband, Col Don Ruffing, former Corps Chief. Burial was at Arlington National Cemetery in a private service.

Col Jerry W. Ross passed away on Sunday, 17 February 2008. Col Ross entered the Air Force in 1968 and was commissioned in the Biomedical Science Corps in June 1969. He held numerous positions of ever-increasing responsibility culminating with his appointment as the Biomedical Science Corps Chief in 1995. Burial was in Murfreesboro, Tennessee, on 22 February 2008.

Beatrice L. Stoeckle, widow of Major Edward T. Stoeckle, USAF, MSC (Ret), passed away on 28 February 2008 following surgery and rehabilitation at Coupeville, Washington. She was always proud to be a member – if only by marriage – of the MSC community.

PORTABLE WORLD-WIDE EMAIL ADDRESS

Don't you wish you had an email address that you could access from anywhere without using any mail server? An email address that is portable, so in the event you relocate and have a new ISP (Internet Service Provider), you would not have to notify all of your friends that you have a new email address.

Thanks to the Air Force, such an email address is now available not only to all active duty members, but to retirees and dependents (excluding children), as well.

The process is simple. Using your browser, log on to www.gimail.af.mil and click on the left side of the screen where it states "SIGN UP."

Follow the simple steps and soon you will have an email account with the name of your choice. For example: msecret@gimail.af.mil (that is not a real email address).

To access your email from anywhere using your browser, log on to www.gimail.af.mil and enter your name you used to set up your email account and your password. You're ready to go.

It is portable; it is free; and it's yours for the asking.

Contributed by Art Small

WHEN A VETERAN RETIRES

When a good Veteran leaves the "job" and retires to a better life, many are jealous, some are pleased and yet others, who may have already retired, wonder. We wonder if he knows what they are leaving behind, because we already know. We know, for example, that after a lifetime of camaraderie that few experience, it will remain as a longing for those past times. We know in the Military life there is a fellowship which lasts long after the uniforms are hung up in the back of the closet. We know even if he throws them away, they will be on him with every step and breath that remains in his life. We also know how the very bearing of the man speaks of what he was and in his heart still is.

These are the burdens of the job. You will still look at people suspiciously, still see what others do not see or choose to ignore and always will look at the rest of the Military world with a respect for what they do; only grown in a lifetime of knowing.

Never think for one moment you are escaping from that life. You are only escaping the "job" and merely being allowed to leave "active" duty.

So what I wish for you is that whenever you ease into retirement, in your heart you never forget for one moment that "Blessed are the Peacemakers for they shall be called children of God," and you are still a member of the greatest fraternity the world has ever known.

A veteran – whether active duty, retired, or national guard or reserve – is someone who, at one point in their life, wrote a blank check made payable to "The United States of America," for an amount of "up to and including my life."

To all my Veteran brothers and sisters out there – Thank you for your service to our country!

Contributed by Wally Jarboe

"It is amazing what you can achieve if you don't care who gets the credit."

~ Harry S. Truman ~

KEEP SENDING YOUR NEWSLETTER ITEMS OF INTEREST

I wish to thank the many members who contributed items of interest. You continue to make my task a pleasure. The relevant and stimulating items that you have shared have aided immeasurably in keeping the membership aware of happenings of interest. And, as noted on pages 13-14 of this Newsletter, you may be published. Please keep sending these timely items to your Newsletter Editor, at 2081 Germantown Road, Farmville, VA, 23901-2745; or terrywg@longwood.edu. And, oh yes, I would also welcome your comments and suggestions on ways of improving your Newsletter. Your continuing support is very much appreciated.

THE NEW AIR FORCE MSC ASSOCIATION CHALLENGE COIN NOW AVAILABLE



The new Air Force MSC Association Challenge Coin was introduced at the October 2007 MSC Reunion in San Antonio. They were exceptionally well received by Association members and sold like hot cakes. They are now available to the general membership. The cost is \$10 for one coin and \$17 for two. A color photo of the coin front and back is available on our web page and is also shown here in black

& white for illustration purposes. They will make excellent gifts and will be considered treasured possessions in the future. Order yours now before supplies are exhausted. An application form is provided below for your ordering convenience.

COPIES OF THE MSC HISTORY ARE STILL AVAILABLE

The Association still has copies of the first volume of the MSC History book. Cost is \$12 for Association members and \$20 for others. All funds go to the Association. The publication was created by Lt Col Jimmy Sanders, one of our members, and provides a wonderful insight into the history of the Corps. It makes a great birthday or holiday gift for your favorite MSC! An order form is included and is shown below.

MSC ASSOCIATION SALE ITEM ORDER FORM
Send completed form and a check to:

USAF MSC Association, Inc.
1006 Rosemary Street
Denver, CO 80230-7089

(Phone: 303-344-4360 Email: RX2LS@comcast.net)

HISTORY BOOK (Association members - \$12, Non-members - \$20)
Number of books you wish to order: _____

COINS (One coin - \$10, Two coins - \$17)
Number of coins you wish to order: _____

MOUSE PADS (\$6 each)
Number of mouse pads you wish to order: _____

Name:

Shipping Address:

City, State, Zip:

Phone: (____) _____ (if we have a problem and you don't have email, we will call you)

Email address: _____ (we will let you know when your book is shipped)

“Success is not fatal: It is the courage to continue that counts.”

~ Winston Churchill ~

WEB MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE UPDATE

Hold the Presses – a last minute addition to the Newsletter. The Web Management Committee met recently to discuss options for updating our Association's web site. Committee members include Jim Moreland, Chairman, and members Gavin Mason, Kevin Pinette, and Bob Geltz. Initial impressions were that while our web site has a great deal of useful information on it, some things are difficult to find. The current site was developed using software that is no longer being supported, so we discussed alternatives. It was decided we would start by using the free authoring tools available from most Internet Service Providers (ISP). It may also be possible to reduce our total costs by changing ISPs, so we will be comparing packages and prices. Regardless of decisions reached, the site URL (web address) will remain the same. Changing ISPs might result in a short period of time (days) when the site would not be available. We also discussed a request to allow members in good standing to post notices about their businesses and/or services that might be of interest to our membership. The Board agreed to allow this free posting, so we are now accepting requests from members in good standing. The Board also agreed to post job opportunities for our membership. The Committee also welcomes input from Association members about what they would like to see on our web site. Please address ideas and requests for posts to morelandj@saic.com.

Jim Moreland, Chairman, Web Management Committee

BRIEF UPDATE RE 2009 REUNION IN CHARLESTON

As mentioned in the President's message, Kevin O'Shea has volunteered to take on the mission of setting up the 2009 MSC Association Reunion in Charleston, South Carolina. Kevin is in the very preliminary stages of the organizing this event. At a recent MSC Association Board meeting, a decision was made to have the 2009 Association Reunion during the period 10-14 September 2009 rather than traditionally in October. This decision was reached on the basis the hotels in the region are offering affordable and attractive prices to encourage our coming to Charleston in September and also based on significantly increased seasonal rates in October. Several major hotels are under consideration and a final selection will be made in the coming months. We will have more definitive information to share with you in our upcoming August 2008 MSC Association Newsletter [Editor].

What you leave behind is not what is engraved in stone monuments,
But what is woven into the lives of others.

~ Pericles ~

**INTEREST IN PARTICIPATING IN A GROUP CRUISE
ON EVEN YEARS**

Our bi-annual meetings are held on odd years and the question was raised at our San Antonio Reunion whether members would be interested in participating in a group cruise on even years.

At the January board meeting it was decided to ask the membership if there was interest in such an activity. If there is sufficient interest, we will research this issue further.

Military rates and group rates for cruising are lower than individual rates. Cruises on many major cruise lines are available from a number of East coast, West coast and Florida ports.

If this idea appeals to you please provide the Association Secretary with the following information.

Name: _____ Guest: _____

Port of embarkation: East _____ West _____ Florida _____

Cruise duration: One week _____ Two week _____

Time of year: Spring _____ Summer _____ Autumn _____ Fall _____ Winter _____

Replies to: USAF MSC ASSOCIATION

860 Oak Hills Drive

Monument CO 80132-8829

OR

Email: charleswbrown3@msn.com

SPECIAL 2008 NEW MEMBER APPLICATION FORM

If you are renewing your membership, use our RENEWAL form and PLEASE BE SURE TO READ PAGE 2 BEFORE YOU SEND IN YOUR APPLICATION. Send completed application to the address below with dues payment if appropriate (see page 2) and make check payable to USAF MSC Association.

USAF MSC Association, Inc.
860 Oak Hills Drive
Monument, CO 80132-8829
(Email: afmsscassociation@comcast.net)

Name: _____

Current Rank: (if active, Reserve, ANG, or ret): _____ Spouse's Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

If you are using an APO or FPO, please indicate: _____

What city is this for: _____ What country: _____

Phone: () _____ Applicant's DOB: _____

Email address: _____

Retirement date (if retired): _____

Eligibility Status (check all that apply): Is/was Active Duty is/was USAFR/ANG

Retired Former AF MSC (*i.e., not an MSC on AD, AFR/ANG, or Ret*)

Membership Category (see page 2): Life Annual

Dues Category (see page 2)

HSA Graduate within 90 days of graduation

Class Number: ____ Graduation Date: _____ (day/month/year)

Active Duty and Drilling Guardsmen/Reservist grades 01-04

Retired within the last 90 days

Gift Memberships: How Many__ Who For:

Current member converting to Life Membership

None of the Above

IF A CURRENT MEMBER OF THE ASSOCIATION ENCOURAGED YOU TO JOIN, PLEASE TELL US WHO: _____

Membership Directory (check this ONLY if you do NOT want to be listed in the Association's directory)

Do NOT include me in the Association's membership directory.

DUES INFORMATION

Membership Categories:

There are two categories of dues – Life Membership or Annual. Annual dues are \$20 and payable in January of each year. The Life Membership schedule is based on age and is shown below.

**(Payable in Four Quarterly Installments
These amounts do not reflect any discount)**

Age	Amount (\$)
Over 85	Waived
81-85	60
76-80	80
71-75	200
66-70	250
61-65	295
56-60	335
51-55	360
50 & under	395

Dues Category:

The Association offers the following discount:

- Graduates of the Health Services Administration Course: Graduates are provided a one year free membership. An application is required and you must submit the application within 90 days of graduating.**
- Active Duty, Drilling Guardsmen and Reservists in the Grades of 01-04: Annual dues for these individuals are \$15 year if you elect the annual dues payment. There is no discount on Life Dues.**
- Newly Retired MSCs: Newly retired officers are afforded a free one year membership. An application is required and you must submit the application within 90 days of retirement. There is also a \$20 discount off of Life Membership.**
- Gift Memberships: If you purchase two or more memberships for another person, each of the membership is \$15 for the first year only.**
- ANYONE currently an active member of the Association may convert from Annual to Life Membership with a \$20 discount.**

2008 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORM
USE THIS FORM ONLY FOR RENEWALS

Send completed application with dues payment of \$20 to (make check payable to: USAF MSC Association):

USAF MSC Association, Inc.
860 Oak Hills Dr.
Monument, Co 80132-8829
(Phone: 1-866-818-2110 Email: afmscassociation@comcast.net)

Name: _____

Current Rank: _____ Spouse's Name: _____

Address: _____

City State Zip: _____

If you are using an APO or FPO, please indicate:

What city is this for: _____ what country: _____

Phone: () _____

Email address: _____

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

Signature _____ Date _____

THAT'S A WRAP FOLKS – WGT