



USAF MSC Association

NEWSLETTER

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FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

I am just speculating, but I think our MSC Association is about to take on new and even more important roles in support of both our active duty and retired members. After studying our by-laws and a number of Government and Air Force directives, there is a strong possibility that our sponsorship of Air Force activities will become even more important than it already is. Our Corps Chief, BGen Mike Miller, has already floated a proposal that the Association take on sponsorship of some additional key awards, and the ever-tightening Government ethics rules indicate we may have a clear path to take on even more responsibility for activity sponsorship than ever before. Some might see this as an inconvenience. I see it as a welcome challenge to our membership to promote one of many of our ongoing missions. My vision for the Association has not changed from day one. We have an important purpose you can think of like this:

- 1) Promote camaraderie. That is, to keep our membership informed and connected in a way no others can accomplish.
- 2) Support our membership in time of need. That is to assist members and spouses when a death or any other life altering experience occurs.
- 3) Maintain the history of our beloved Medical Service Corps. We started with Volume 1 of the Anthology and have plans for two more – the next to be a chronological history of the Corps and another to be a collection of “stories” submitted by individual MSCs, both old and new!
- 4) Support the active duty Corps Chief to the highest degree possible.

This probably all sounds like “old hat” to many, but believe me, we are at a turning point that will forever change our relationship with the active duty force, and I for one think it will be for the better. I don’t mean to be cryptic, but you will have to trust me on this one for awhile as we get all the elements in place for permanent changes.

On a crystal clear note, registrations for the Scottsdale Arizona Reunion this fall are running ahead of schedule. I highly recommend you register soon if you hope to stay “on property”. With America’s toughest Sheriff, Joe Arpaio scheduled to speak to our group along with our usual roster of important information updates; we are expecting a sell-out crowd! The sight-seeing and tour options offer many opportunities to see the local area and spend more time with your Association friends and acquaintances.

Just a short note on an article you will find later in the Newsletter with details on the last HSA graduation at Sheppard AFB Texas in late June 2011. Your Association was well represented. Association members and former Corps Chiefs attending included MGen Mike Wyrick, BGen Don Wagner, and Col Steve Meigs. Your Chairman (me) and your President (Joe Vocks) made the trip, as did former Board Member Mac McClean and his wife Chris. Col John Stephenson and his wife Pamala, who attended every graduation ceremony and presented our Association sponsored Team Builder Award for the past two years were present, and John made some short comments about how much we all appreciate being able to sponsor the award and the Banquet.

One last plug for the biennial reunion – by the time this issue hits your mailbox, there won't be much time left to register. We truly hope to have a record crowd to experience a record program. It is such a personal pleasure for me to meet members that represent our founders and those who represent our future. And hopefully, we will all exchange ideas and information that will energize and encourage us all.

Our Corps is changing, but I personally believe it is changing for the better. And as part of that process, I positively believe our collective experiences can be shared in a way that is helpful to our active duty members who struggle with the tasks at hand, just as we retired members once did.

This will be my last Newsletter article as your Chairman. It has been an extraordinary pleasure to represent you all and lead our wonderful Board of Directors. Truthfully, when you are Chairman of a group of leaders like this one, the job is, for the most part, easy and fun. But most of all it is incredibly rewarding. Thanks for the opportunity to serve!

Jim Moreland, Chairman of the MSC Association Board of Directors

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It's a very dry and hot summer here in Texas while other parts of the country are experiencing floods, wild fires and tornados. Although the weather plays a big part in our activities, this is the time of year when we get together with family and friends, have backyard BBQs, swim, fish, golf, play tennis, and simply enjoy the great outdoors and our loved ones. I know that this is a favorite time of the year for our children as they especially enjoy their summer vacation from school. For those still on active duty, this is the time of year when most PCS's occur creating excitement and anticipation about moving to a new location. Wherever you are and whatever your plans may be, I hope you are experiencing a safe and enjoyable summer.

A milestone was marked in the history of the Medical Service Corps on 30 June 2011. The HSA School located at Sheppard AFB, Texas, for the past 45 years is being relocated to Ft. Sam Houston, Texas. This milestone was featured on the front page of the Wichita Falls *Times Record News* and is reprinted with permission in this newsletter. Jim Moreland and I had the opportunity to represent the Association at the final graduation of MSCs from the HSA course. Brigadier General Don Wagner was the guest speaker. Taking part in this Dining-Out graduation brought back many memories for me. I received my commission as an MSC via the ROTC program at St. Louis University in June 1967. On 1 July 1967 I reported to the hospital at Holloman AFB, New Mexico. My first boss was LT Col Al Schiefer who had been the HSA course supervisor in 1966 when the school closed at Gunter AFB, Alabama, and moved to Sheppard AFB, Texas. When I reported in, one of the first questions he asked me was "When are you going to the HSA course?" I replied with a question, "What is that?" I found out pretty quickly. He made a phone call to his replacement Colonel Chuck McAfee. I was at Sheppard attending the HSA course by that October.

Momentum is building for our reunion. Have you made your reservations to attend our reunion this October in Scottsdale, Arizona? It's a great time to see old friends and to meet new ones. Our project officers Colonels Debra Cavanaugh and Tim Morgan have taken care of every detail to ensure a fun-filled event. Our guest speaker is "America's Toughest Sheriff"– Sheriff Joe Arpaio.

We all owe Colonel Mac McClean a BIG Thank You! Once again he has been very successful in soliciting funds from a number of private corporations to offset the cost of our reunion. Without his efforts we could not have kept the registration fee as low as we did. Thank you, Mac!

Please review the résumés of those candidates who are running for elections to replace four of our Directors whose 6 year-terms expire this October. The election will take place at our Reunion. For those members who are unable to attend, please cast your vote by completing the ballot enclosed in this Newsletter.

I look forward to seeing each of you in Scottsdale!

Joe Vocks, President of the MSC Association Board of Directors

**MAJOR WAYNE G. TERRY, RECIPIENT OF THE USAF MSC ASSOCIATION
2011 COMMITMENT TO EXCELLENCE AWARD (RETIREE CATEGORY)**



The MSC Association successfully nominated Major Wayne Terry for the 2011 Commitment to Excellence Award (Retiree Category). Major Terry distinguished himself while on active duty and has continued to contribute significantly to the military and civilian healthcare sector since his retirement.

He was recognized for his extraordinary service to the Association and military community at the Air Force Awards Banquet held in Chicago this past March in conjunction with the ACHE Congress. The current Corps Chief, Brigadier General Michael Miller and former Corps Chief, Major General Michael Wyrick, made the presentation to Major Terry.

Congratulations Wayne for this well-deserved recognition.

This is the eighth year in a row that the Association has nominated an Air Force MSC retiree to the Corps Chief and in turn the nominee has been awarded the Commitment to Excellence Award in the Retiree Category.

As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the
Highest appreciation is not to utter words, but to live by them.

~ John F. Kennedy ~

HEALTH SERVICES ADMINISTRATION: GRADUATED AND GONE

After 45 years, Sheppard program moves to San Antonio

By Stacy Johnson, Wichita Falls TX Times Record News
Thursday, June 30, 2011
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Today's graduation of the Health Services Administration course at Sheppard Air Force Base's 882nd Training Group marks the end of a 45-year chapter in medical service corps training at Sheppard. The class is one of the last medical training courses to move to Fort Sam Houston in San Antonio as part of a recommendation from the 2005 Base Realignment and Closure Round to consolidate medical training across the military service branches.

Maj. Sean Marshall, director of Medical Service Corps training at Sheppard, said the transition will allow for cost savings and will reduce redundancy among the different branches, but is definitely bittersweet. "It's 45 years we've been here, it's incredible ... I've been here at Sheppard for three years. What a wonderful community. They literally take care of us," Marshall said. "This will provide a lot of cost savings and it's going to be very beneficial to the services to train jointly."

Marshall said the health services administration schoolhouse has been open at Sheppard since 1966 and has trained more than 5,100 medical service corps officers in 147 classes. Officers train for four weeks in the initial course and spend two weeks learning more about their area of expertise, such as handling administration duties at hospitals, resource management, information services, readiness to deploying medical personnel, Tricare operations, managing group practices and supplying the equipment needed by medical personnel.

"I like to refer to our docs like our pilots in the Air Force," Marshall said. "We've got to support the docs so they can treat the patient. Our job is incredibly important. We take care of the paperwork and the equipment, and if you can't get the equipment to the doctor, they can't take care of the patient."

Second Lt. Aaron Valentz said he felt honored and privileged to be part of the last class to graduate at Sheppard. He said he will be working in Tricare operations and patient administration in North Carolina. "It feels like we're a part of history, and it feels like a privilege and an honor," Valentz said.

Retired Brigadier General Don Wagner, guest speaker for today's graduation and deputy commander at the health services administration schoolhouse from 1973 to 1975, said he hopes to impart a few final thoughts for the graduates of today's class. "I want to do three things ... I want to do the minimal amount of reminiscing so that they can understand the true importance of what's going on here. They are new to town and new to the Air Force medical service corps. While philosophically they understand it, I'm not sure they appreciate the emotion of it. I also want to talk a bit about the shoulders on which they're standing, the folks that have gone before – there were over 5,000 students and 147 classes since 1966. "And finally I want to leave some thoughts about continuing to perform with excellence and confidence in their field," Wagner said. "There have been literally thousands who have come through Wichita Falls – every nurse, every doctor, every administrator in the Air Force came through here."

He said even though the impact on Wichita Falls is considerable, the move to consolidate medical training will not only save money but will also provide more efficient training for all medical personnel. "There's little value to having separate programs for all the services, so this consolidation will be economical as well as more efficient," Wagner said.

WILL ROGERS – HUMORIST

Several months ago we ran an article entitled “The Wisdom of Will Rogers. It listed 13 sage statements which are ageless. We even received commentaries and kudos for this Will Roger’s words of wisdom article. Well, another set of Will Roger’s simple but brilliant and full of truths statements have come our way via the internet. Enjoy! [Editor].

ABOUT GROWING OLDER



~ Eventually you will reach a point where you stop lying about your age and start bragging about it.

~ The older we get, the fewer things seem worth waiting in line for.

~ Some people try to turn back their odometers. Not me; I want people to know “why” I look this way. I’ve traveled a long way, and some of the roads weren’t paved.

~ When you are dissatisfied and would like to go back to youth, think of Algebra.

~You know you are getting old when everything either dries up or leaks.

~ I don’t know how I got over the hill without getting to the top.

~ One of the many things no one tells you about aging is that it is such a nice change from being young.

~ One must wait until evening to see how splendid the day has been.

~ Being young is beautiful, but being old is comfortable.

~ Long ago, when men cursed and beat the ground with sticks, it was called witchcraft. Today, it’s called golf.

~ If you don’t learn to laugh at trouble, you won’t have anything to laugh about when you are old.

REUNION UPDATE

Deb Cavanaugh and Tim Morgan, our Association Reunion Coordinators, have really outdone themselves and have organized a reunion that is expected to be second to none to recognize the 20th Anniversary of the Air Force MSC Association at their 2011 Reunion. In the next six pages, Deb and Tim have provided you with updated information for you, our Association members, to insure a most pleasurable event. The material is clearly laid out to assist you in making your detailed planning for your upcoming visit to the Cottonwoods Resort in Scottsdale, Arizona. [Editor]

2011 MSC REUNION/BIENNIAL MEETING

Scottsdale in 2011! Celebration of the 20th anniversary of the MSC Association will be in Scottsdale, Arizona, and registration is now open! The reunion will be at the Scottsdale Cottonwood Resort from October 6-9, 2011. Join us for a rustic adventure in the old west and enjoy the beautiful (mid 80s to high 90s) fall weather of Arizona. In addition to the meetings, banquets and the traditional memorial service, a number of popular tours have been arranged. And as always, the hospitality suite will be open to provide a great venue for getting reacquainted with old friends and making new ones. The hospitality suite will be in a hacienda style house on the resort property.



Things are different in the desert. The sky is bigger. The stars are brighter. The sunsets stop you in your tracks. It's a feeling that can't be conjured, landscaped or kindled with twinkling bulbs. America's sixth-largest city still has real cowboys and rugged mountains and the kind of cactus most people see only in cartoons. Phoenix is the gateway to the Grand Canyon, and its history is a testament to the spirit of Puebloans, ranchers, miners and visionaries.



A block of 75 casitas have been set aside for the reunion at a special daily rate of \$109, plus tax. Hotel reservations must be made no later than 4 September 2011 online at www.scottsdalecottonwoods.com, Reservations/Groups (group code: 1010usafmedical) or https://reservations.ihotelier.com/crs/g_reservation.cfm?groupID=477360&hotelID=15415, or by calling the Scottsdale Cottonwoods Resort directly at 480.991.1414. The resort will honor the reunion rate of \$109, plus tax, three days pre and post reunion, on a space available basis. Contact Chelsea Hoffman, Reservations/Group Coordinator, 480-443-5817 choffman@scottsdalecottonwoods.com, if there are any reservation concerns. The resort is handicap accessible. Be sure to let us know if you require any special accommodations. Registration is easier than ever! You can register on line at www.mscassociation.org and pay by credit card or you can mail in the enclosed registration form.

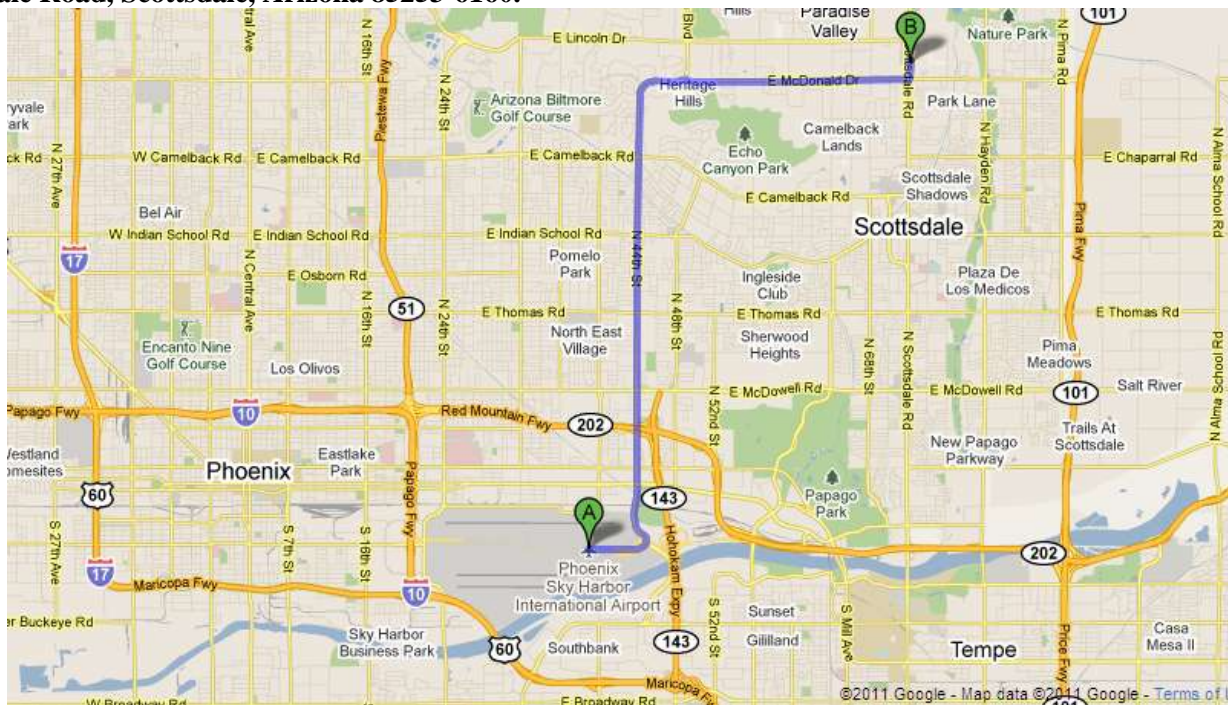
Registration must be received no later than 1 September. Besides our membership and general meetings, there will be a Western themed BBQ Thursday evening. Saturday evening we'll have our formal banquet and celebrate with dancing. A memorial service will be held Sunday morning to remember those members who have passed away since our last meeting followed by a buffet breakfast. Monday, 10 October, is Columbus Day holiday. So, consider staying an extra day to enjoy the weather, scenery and camaraderie. In addition to the awesome location in which to host the 2011 Biennial Reunion, we

have an interesting and diverse group of speakers for you. Brigadier General Michael W. Miller, Assistant Surgeon General, Strategic Medical Plans, Programs and Budget, and Chief of the Medical Service Corps, will update us on the status of the Corps and his perspective of the changes and challenges being faced today. Al Middleton, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense, Health Budgets and Financial Policy, will address healthcare issues from the Pentagon perspective. Maricopa County Sheriff Joe Arpaio, known as America's Toughest Sheriff, will share his thoughts on current events. Sheriff Arpaio, the tough-guy sheriff who created tent city and long ago started making his prisoners wear pink underwear, was not sympathetic when inmates complained about the Arizona heat. He told them "its 120 degrees in Iraq and the soldiers are living in tents and they didn't commit any crimes."

Great optional tours have been planned to highlight the unique culture and ambiance of Arizona. The schedule has been arranged to allow full participation in the meetings, tours and events. A description of the tour options follows the registration form.

If all of these activities don't keep you busy enough, we suggest you visit <http://www.visitphoenix.com> and www.scottsdaleowntown.com to check out all the other options for dining, entertainment, galleries, shops, maps, etc. There is a trolley that departs from the Scottsdale Cottonwoods Resort every 45 minutes and provides free transportation throughout Old Town Scottsdale. If you have any questions or special needs we can assist you with, shoot us an email at 2011Reunion@mscassociation.org.

The green pin (A) on the map below shows the location of our Reunion, The Cottonwoods Resort, 6160 North Scottsdale Road, Scottsdale, Arizona 85253-6160.



From Sky Harbor Airport avoiding Freeways, proceed East on Sky Harbor Blvd for 7/10 of a mile. Keep left at the fork and follow signs for 44th street. Merge onto South 44th Street and continue for approximately 6 miles. Continue on to East McDonald Drive for 7/10 of a mile. Turn right to stay on East McDonald Drive for another 2.9 miles. Turn left onto North Scottsdale Road for 3/10 of a mile. Make a U-turn at East Rose Lane. The Resort is on the right at 6160 North Scottsdale Road (10.6 miles | 24 minutes).



USAF MSC ASSOCIATION, INC
2011 BIENNIAL MEETING & REUNION
6-9 OCTOBER 2011
SCOTTSDALE, ARIZONA



Registration must be received by 1 SEPTEMBER 2011(Or register online by 1 Sept at www.msassoc.org)
CALL RESORT DIRECTLY FOR ROOM RESERVATIONS – (480) 991-1414
PLEASE PRINT all information

Rank _____ First Name _____ Last Name _____

Name to be shown on Badge _____

Guest's First Name _____ Last Name _____ Relationship _____

Address _____

Phone Day _____ Evening _____

Staying at the Scottsdale Cottonwoods Resort? (Circle One) YES NO
 If no, please provide a local Scottsdale area or cell phone number _____

There is no partial registration fee; attendance at any part of the reunion requires full registration and associated \$125 fee. Registration fee of \$125.00 includes: meeting materials, name tags, programs, a continental breakfast, refreshments at breaks, 2 cocktail hours, a BBQ dinner on Thursday and a banquet dinner on Saturday, the Sunday memorial service and brunch, music for dancing at the banquet, as well as complete access to the hospitality suite where you're invited to enjoy beverages, snacks and friendship.

Please specify jacket size for each registered attendee (Included in Registration Fee): X-Small _____ Small _____ Med _____ Large _____
 X-Lg _____ 2X-Lg _____ 3X-Lg _____ 4X-Lg _____ 5X-Lg _____ 6X-Lg _____

Meeting & Reunion Number attending _____ x \$125.00 = \$ _____

THURSDAY, 6 OCTOBER 2011

Western-themed buffet dinner Number attending _____ (included)

OPTIONAL TOURS AT ADDITIONAL COST (NOT INCLUDED IN \$125 REGISTRATION FEE)
 (See next 2 pages for details)

FRIDAY, 7 OCTOBER 2011

Heard Museum Number attending _____ x \$48.00 = \$ _____
 Botanical Gardens Number attending _____ x \$49.00 = \$ _____

SATURDAY, 8 OCTOBER 2011

2011 Reunion Banquet Number attending _____ (included)
 (Specify food section for each attendee) Chicken _____ Beef _____ Vegetarian _____
 Frank Lloyd Wright's Taliesin Number attending _____ x \$60.00 = \$ _____
 Lost Dutchman State Park Number attending _____ x \$32.00 = \$ _____

SUNDAY, 9 OCTOBER 2011

Sunday Brunch Number Attending _____ (included)
 Memorial Service Number attending _____ (included)
 Andy Food – A Culinary Studio Number attending _____ x \$132.00 = \$ _____
 Golf at McCormick Ranch Number attending _____ x \$125.00 = \$ _____

CHECK ENCLOSED for total amount of \$ _____

Make checks payable to the **USAF MSC Association, Inc.** and mail payment to: USAF MSC Association, Inc., 860 Oak Hills Drive
 Monument CO 80132-8829 or register on line and pay by credit card at www.msassoc.org.

OPTIONAL TOURS (BOOK AND PAY WHEN YOU REGISTER)

Friday, 7 October 2011

HEARD MUSEUM

Cost per person: \$48
(minimum 10 people)



The Heard Museum is one of the best places to experience the fascinating cultures and art of the Native Americans of the Southwest. Large collections of baskets, Kachina dolls, pottery and textiles are represented. See examples of traditional and contemporary Native American fine art, including paintings and sculpture. Explore the museum galleries, gift shop, and visit the café. Guided tour of museum.

Bus departs at 9:00 am. Includes round trip transportation, admission to the museum, and guided tour of museum.

DESERT BOTANICAL GARDENS

Cost per person: \$49
(minimum 10 people)



The Desert Botanical Garden is a wondrous and captivating way to experience the beauty of the desert without leaving Phoenix. Beautiful every season of the year, the Garden is almost always in bloom. Discover more than 15,000 plants in a natural environment where you may see jackrabbits, desert tortoises, native and migratory birds and jewel-like hummingbirds. The Garden is a living museum, one of only a few botanic gardens in the country accredited by the American Association of Museums.

Bus departs at 2:45 pm. Includes round trip transportation, admission to the Garden and tour booklet for self-guided tour.

Saturday, 8 October 2011

FRANK LLOYD WRIGHT'S TALIESIN WEST

Cost per person: \$60
(minimum 15 people)



Frank Lloyd Wright began building this desert masterpiece in 1937 as his personal winter home, studio, and architectural campus. Visitors are able to experience Wright's brilliant ability to integrate indoor and outdoor spaces. Visit the Cabaret Cinema, Music Pavilion, Seminar Theater, Wright's private office and the famous living room—all linked by dramatic terraces, gardens and walkways overlooking the rugged Sonoran Desert and Valley below. 90 minute guided tour.

Bus departs at 1:00 pm. Includes round trip transportation, admission to Taliesin West, and guided tour.

Saturday, 8 October 2011 (cont.)

LOST DUTCHMAN STATE PARK

Cost per person: \$ 32
(minimum 25 people)



Discovery Interpretive Trail, less than a mile in length (around and back). The terrain is gentle, with a number of short height steps, but suitable for all ages and ability to maneuver or the Native Plant Trail, a 1/2 mile loop on very flat granite surface. The trail guide will give a little history of the mountain and relay some legends and lore of those who have searched for gold. Guided trail hike.

Bus departs at 1:00. Includes round trip transportation, admission and guided trail hike. Bring your hiking shoes!

Sunday, 9 October 2011

ANDY FOOD – A CULINARY STUDIO

Cost per person: \$132
(minimum 12 people)



Imagine having a party where a professional chef guides you through the preparation of a gourmet meal teaches the art of cooking and creates memorable food experience. The Andy Food passion incorporates classic techniques, comfort food favorites, time-honored recipes, and food trends.

- 30 minute demonstration with hors d'oeuvres
- 90 minute hands on cooking
- 60 minutes to socialize and nibble on the food

Nouvelle Southwest Menu

Traditional Southwest ingredients, simple, modern recipes and in a resort-casual ambience

- *Miniature Homemade Flour Tortillas, Chevre Guacamole, Fresh Fish Cakes Over Baby Greens with Tomatillo Vinaigrette, Corn Tortilla, Bread Pudding, Chile-Lime Chicken Machaca, Miniature Mexican Chocolate Cheesecakes*

Bus departs following Memorial Service and buffet breakfast. Includes round trip transportation, all ingredients and equipment, copies of recipes, demonstrations and hands on cooking.

MCCORMICK RANCH

Cost per person: \$125



The Palm Course features ten water holes and showcases many large palm trees. The Palm Course was recently renovated with new greens, sand traps and bridges.

Bus departs following Memorial Service and buffet breakfast. Includes round trip transportation, green fees and cart.

ADDITIONAL SCOTTSDALE INFORMATION

The 2011 reunion is just a few months away and we expect this to be our best reunion ever! We hope you'll join us! What can you expect in Scottsdale besides the scheduled activities?

Admittedly, some October days can still be warm. The average high and low temperatures for the month are 95^o and 80^o, respectively. With this, Bermuda/walking shorts and Florida/polo shirts are the expected fashion. Few, if any, restaurants will turn you away if you're dressed in such. Aside from our memorial service and banquet, if you're in anything else, you're overdressed!

Depending on how you plan on traveling to Scottsdale, here's some advice.

Flying: All major airlines serve Scottsdale:

- AirTran
- Alaska Air
- American
- Continental
- Delta
- Frontier
- JetBlue
- Northwest
- United
- US Airways
- West Jet
- Southwest

Taxi/Shuttle: The estimated taxi fare from the airport to the hotel is approximately \$32, regardless of number of passengers or bags, one way.

Apache Taxi	480-557-7000
AAA/Yellow Cab	480-888-8888
Mayflower Cab	602-955-1355

An airport Super Shuttle service is available for transportation to the hotel, departing every 15 minutes between 9 a.m. and 9 p.m. The one-way fare is \$16/person with potential stops along the way. For more information, call 602-244-9000.

According to the Resort's web site, the Scottsdale Cottonwoods Resort & Suites places you near many exciting area attractions in the heart of Scottsdale. The best of Scottsdale attractions are just outside the Resort and awaiting your exploration.

The resort's 25-acre retreat is just next door to the noteworthy Borgata Shopping Village, an Old World Italian style shopping village which features more than 40 unique shops and eateries including everything from name brand chains to exclusive boutiques. Other nearby shopping includes Old Town Scottsdale, Scottsdale Fashion Square, and Biltmore Fashion Park to name just a few. Scottsdale truly is a shopper's paradise!

If the performing arts interest you, Scottsdale will not disappoint! There are eight major venues nearby including the Kerr Cultural Center, Scottsdale Center for the Arts, Celebrity Theater, and Phoenix Symphony Hall.

For recreation and sports, there are a wide variety of golf courses and clubs, as well as opportunities to go rock climbing and river rafting, take in a football or baseball game, visit Casino Arizona, and more. Plus you can go hiking or jogging on the nature trail adjacent to our property.

The Resort Concierge is available to make recommendations or coordinate arrangements for you to experience any or all of the wide variety of area attractions beyond the pre-arranged tours we have listed here.

**GENERAL ELECTION BALLOT FOR THE ELECTION OF
FOUR ADDITIONAL BOARD MEMBERS**

BOARD OF DIRECTORS ABSENTEE BALLOT

For the General Membership Meeting in Scottsdale, Arizona, to be held during the 6-9 Oct 2011 Reunion, the Association's Board of Directors is submitting six applicants as nominees to replace four departing Board Members. All members submitting applications were screened by the Board for eligibility and are listed below to be voted on by the Membership. The Membership is to vote for four and their terms will be 2011-2017. A brief biography of each nominee is provided on the pages following.

NOTE: For those of you attending the Scottsdale Reunion do not fill out this ballot as you will vote on the candidates at the Reunion. For those of you, who will not be attending the Reunion, please submit your absentee ballot to the Association Secretary not later than 15 September 2011. The address is USAF MSC Association, 860 Oak Hills Drive, Monument, CO 80132.

PLEASE VOTE – IT'S YOUR ASSOCIATION!

NOMINEES (Vote for 4)

___ Col Al I. Baskin

___ Col Randy B. Borg

___ Lt Col Charles S. (Sam) Bowker

___ Col Denise K. Lew

___ Col Kevin P. N. O'Shea

___ Maj Jennifer E. Riggins

Write In _____

Signature

Print Name

Date

(All Absentee Ballots must be signed and received by 15 September 2011 to be valid)

APPLICATION FOR NOMINATION TO AFMSCA BOARD

NAME/GRADE: Alan I. Baskin
Col, USAF, MSC, (Ret.)

EMPLOYMENT: 1/79 to Present - Principal/Enrolled Agent Baskin & Associates - Accounting and Tax Consulting for Individuals, Corporations, Partnerships and Small Business. Services include Income Tax Planning and Preparation. Financial Statement Preparation and Review, Development and Implementation of Accounting Systems, Cost Analysis Financial Analysis and Investment Planning, and Audit Representation

11/96 to 1/31/10 - Adjunct Faculty - University of Phoenix – Graduate School of Business, San Diego, California - Accounting & Finance Courses

1/79 - 9/83 - Chief Financial Officer and Director San Diego COM - (Computer Output Microfilm Services Bureau) acquired by Public Company

6/71 - 1/79 - Controller - Cordura Corporations International Technical Book Publishers

EDUCATION: MBA 1974 (Quantitative Analysis & International Business), Seton Hall University, South Orange, New Jersey
BA Accounting 1971, UPSALA College, East Orange, New Jersey
Annual Continuing Education to meet Professional Requirements

CREDENTIALS: EA Enrolled Agent
CMA Certified Management Accountant #406
CPA Exam completed 1972
Series 8 Securities License

MILITARY SERVICE: 1/1977 – 1/2007 – United States Air Force Reserves
Various Hospital Administration assignments including HQ USAF SGP, Commander of two Medical Units, Deputy Commander, and Senior Administrator for four units. Retired January 2007 at the Rank of Colonel.

6/1964 – 1/1977 - US Navy and Navy Reserves – Construction Surveyor (Seabees)

PROFESSIONAL MILITARY EDUCATION: Air War College 1994 SEMINAR
Air Command and Staff 1990 ECI
Squadron Officer School 1980 ECI

APPLICATION FOR NOMINATION TO AFMSCA BOARD

Name/Grade: Randy B. Borg Col (Ret.), USAF, MSC, FACHE

Education: MBA, Florida Institute of Tech.
BS, Industrial Admin., Iowa State Univ.
Air War College (Correspondence).
Air Command and Staff College (Correspondence).
Squadron Officers School (Correspondence).
Interagency Institute for Federal Healthcare Executives.

Professional Experience:

28 years of active duty as an AF MSC; retired in 2008. Assignments included two at HQ AFPC, HQ AETC's Chief of Education and Training, Administrator of both Keesler and Wilford Hall Medical Centers, and 6 years in USAFE. Now serving as Vice President for Spectrum Healthcare Resources, Inc., responsible for business development involving frequent interaction with HQ MTF and contracting staff.

Board/Commitment

Experience: Member, Senior MSC Council.
Member, 59th Medical Wing Board of Directors.

Reason for Volunteering: After retiring from 28 years of active duty as an MSC, I am eager to continue contributing to the MSC through the MSC Association. I have been a member of the Association for several years; and, through Board membership I will be able to enhance my involvement, and the opportunities for me to give back to the MSC. My close connections with the AF through my position with Spectrum, as a life member of the AF Association, and as a MOAA member will broaden my ability to serve on the Board from multiple perspectives.

APPLICATION FOR NOMINATION TO AFMSCA BOARD.

Name/Grade: Charles S. (Sam) Bowker, LTCOL, USAF, MSC (Ret.)

Education: BBA Accounting, University of Massachusetts;
MA Health Facilities Management, Webster College;
Squadron Officer's School, Air Command and Staff College, Air University; and,
Multiple Management and Leadership Seminars.

Professional Experience, Military: Twenty two years (1962-1984) USAF Air Force experience at Hospital, Major Air Command, HQ USAF and the School of Health Care Sciences. These assignments included duty in Air Training Command, Strategic Air Command, Tactical Air Command, United States Air Forces Europe (USAFE), Air Force Manpower and Personnel Center and Air Force Systems Command. I was on the USAFE Inspector General Team.

Professional Experience, Civilian: Twenty four years (1984 – 2008) in hospital and mental health center administration serving as either Chief Operating Officer or Chief Financial Officer. I was privileged to be instrumental in forming a managed care company and a benefits coalition and subsequently serving as an officer or board member. I was twice elected as the President of the Chief Financial Officer's Consortium of the Texas Community Mental Health and Mental Retardation Center Association.

Volunteer Activities: I was President of an Optimist Club and President of the San Antonio Area Optimist Club Presidents. I currently serve on our Home Owner's Association Board; on my church's finance and audit committees. I also chair the golf tournament committee for my church. We have netted \$18,000 for each of the last three years.

Why I Want To Serve On the Board: A number of my friends whom I respect and who are on the Board have encouraged me to apply. I am a Life Member of the Association and feel I can contribute to its forward progress by serving. My lovely wife Barbara is supporting and encouraging me to apply.

APPLICATION FOR NOMINATION TO AFMSCA BOARD

Name/Grade: Denise K. Lew, Colonel (Ret), USAF, MSC, FACHE

Education: BA (Health Arts & Sciences), University of California, Berkeley, 1981.
MPA, California State University – East Bay, 1984.

Military Experience: Active duty MSC - 26 years.
MSC Corps Director and AF/SG Division Chief (2007 to 2011).
Medical Group Commander (2005 to 2007).
TRICARE Regional Office Division Chief (2003-2005).
Medical Support Squadron Commander and Administrator (2001-2003).
AF/SG Managed Care and SG Ops Group Action Officer (1995-1999).
Education with Industry Fellow, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (1994).
Numerous other MTF MSC flight commander roles

Civilian Experience: Consultant with Deloitte Consulting LLP (Feb 2011 to Present).
Volunteer for Loaves & Fishes in Washington DC (2007-2009).
Volunteer for Arlington Food Assistance Center, Arlington VA (2007-2009).

Board/Comm Experience: AF MSC Association Board Member, Active Duty Rep (2007-2011).
Asian Health Care Leaders Association Mentorship Committee (2010-2011).
Asian Health Care Leaders Association Education Committee (2009-2010).
Several ACHE Regents' Advisory Councils (1990-2011).
ACHE Committee on Education.
Wright-Patterson Fisher/Nightingale House Board member (1999-2001).
National Capital Area Health Care Executive Board member (1995-1999).
- Operations Committee – 1 year.
- Treasurer – 3 years.
ACHE Healthcare Executives Group Committee (2001-2004).

Reason for Nomination:

I am a lifetime member of the USAF MSC Association, and have considerable depth of knowledge of the MSC career field from my experience in being the Corps Director and career field manager for almost four years. I am fortunate to have had the opportunity to help implement the goals of the MSC Strategic Plan published in April 2007, and was the owner of the process in updating the MSC Strategic Plan established in 2009. My time as the active duty representative to the AF MSC Association board has also provided me a great deal of insight on the role and operations of the Association. Also, over the course of my career, I have seen the percentage of women comprising the Medical Service Corps grow from 12% when I was first commissioned, to 33% currently, filling roles with increasingly more leadership responsibility as well as being more likely to serve a full career through retirement. Consequently, I believe it's important to increase female representation on the AFMSCA board, especially with having first-hand knowledge of the challenges and opportunities facing female MSCs in a traditional MSC career path.

APPLICATION FOR NOMINATION TO AFMSCA BOARD

Name/Grade: Kevin P. N. O'Shea, Colonel, USAF, MSC (Ret), LFACHE, CPHQ

Education: BA (Sociology), Lenoir-Rhyne University (1977).
MHA, George Washington University (1979).

Military Experience: 26 years active duty
MTF administrator 5 times (Goodfellow, Shaw, Hill, Andrews, and MacDill)
MDSS squadron commander 3 times (Shaw, Hill, and Andrews).
Deputy group commander (MacDill).
Air Staff 2 times (quality assurance, managed care divisions).
Division Chief, HQ USAFE (patient administration).

Board/Committee Experience: Regent, American College of Healthcare Executives (ACHE), Air Force Central Region (1997 – 2002).
Three ACHE Regent's Advisory Councils (1999 – Present).
ACHE Credentials Committee (1997 – 2000).
Board of Directors, USAF MSC Association, Inc. (1998 – 2000).
Secretary and Board of Directors, National Capital Healthcare Executives (1998 – 1999).
Board of Directors, Hospice of San Angelo (1997 – 1999).
Institutional Ethics Committee, Concho Valley Regional Hospital (1998 – 1999).

Awards Young Federal Health Care Administrator of the Year, Association of Military Surgeons of the Surgeons of the United States (1991).
Governor's Award, ACHE (2002).
Regent's Award, Senior-Level Healthcare Executive, ACHE, Air Force regions (2005).
Regent's Award, Sr-Level Healthcare Executive, ACHE, Air Force Eastern Region (1996).

Reason for Nomin I have been an association member for over 13 years now and previously served on its board as the active duty representative, when I last served at the Air Staff in the late 1990s. More recently, I became actively re-involved with the Association and its board when I served as project officer for the Association's 2009 reunion here in Charleston, South Carolina. (For those of you who attended, I hope you came to appreciate shrimp and grits!) Serving as the reunion's project officer showed me I still need something more in my life to keep me focused and challenged. I can't think of any better place to devote that energy than by serving on the Association's board. Ideally, I'd like to serve as its secretary. Unfortunately, a previously scheduled personal engagement prevents me from attending this year's reunion.

I am so appreciative of my Air Force career. The Air Force and the Corps took what I readily admit was a young, insecure kid and helped me develop into a goal-oriented individual. I'd like to offer something in return to both these major influences in my life and I can think of no better way than by asking you to let me to serve you on the association's board of directors. Thank you.

APPLICATION FOR NOMINATION TO AFMSCA BOARD

Name: Jennifer E. Riggins, Maj, USAF, MSC, CFAAMA

Grade: 0-4 (selected for promotion to 0-5)

Education: BS Business Administration, Columbia College, Columbia, MO (1992).
BS Paralegal Studies, William Woods University, Fulton, MO (1996).
MS Healthcare Administration, Webster University, St. Louis, MO (2003).
Squadron Officer School, non-residence (2003).
Air Command and Staff College, non-residence, (2007).

Professional Experience:

2008- Present: Medical Inspector, Air Force Inspector General, Kirtland AFB, NM.
(PCS Aug 2011, will be Group Administrator at Shaw, AFB, SC).
2005-2008: Course Director/Instructor Group Practice Management, Sheppard AFB, TX.
2004-2005: Group Practice Manager, Family Practice Clinic, RAF Lakenheath, UK.
2001-2004: Patient Admin Flt CC/Operations Officer, Lackland AFB, TX.
1998-2001: Supervisor Business Ops, Emergency Services, University of MO, Columbia, MO.
1995-1998: Supervisor Workers' Comp Claims, AP Green Industries, Mexico, MO.
1988-1995: Patient Account Rep, University of MO Hospital & Clinics, Columbia, MO.

Military Service:

2001-present United States Air Force, Medical Service Corp (MSC) Officer.
1998-2001 United States Army Reserve, 7227 Medical Support Unit (MSU), Columbia, MO, Commissioned, 2LT MSC.
1988-1998 United States Army Reserve, 5503d US Army Hospital/7227 MSU, Columbia, MO.
Enlisted military occupational specialties of: personnel, finance, and medical records.

Board Experience:

2010-present: American Academy of Medical Administrators (AAMA) Air Force Service Representative.
2008-2010: AAMA Communications Chair.
2008-2011: AAMA MSC Annual Dinner coordinator.
2002-2004: MCS Mentoring Event Coordinator, Wilford Hall.
1988-2000: Event coordinator for annual reserve unit holiday party and family summer social event.
Also coordinated the unit social activities for every annual tour.

Statement: After serving on active duty for 10 years, I feel that my selection as the Air Force Service Representative for AAMA the past several years has been very rewarding. In this role I am given the opportunity to interface with many AF AAMA members and senior level AFMS leaders as I plan, coordinate and execute multiple events for this organization supporting healthcare administration. Recently I was told by AAMA that I am a "proven leader with a track record of success". Because it is a two year appointment, I will step down from this role in Jan 2012. In my search for other opportunities that will enhance my professional growth, it came to my attention that the MSCA board position will become vacant this fall. I believe that my skill set and experience would enhance my ability to serve on the MSCA Board. As the MSCA focuses on ensuring that the history of the AF MSC is preserved, while continuing to grow and attract new members, an active duty board member with the experience, passion and dedication to the Association would complement the board composition. I look forward to being awarded that opportunity.



SOUNDING TAPS

Lt Col	Daniel P. Cahill	Feb 2011
*Major	Jessie C. Edwards	10 May 2011
Lt Col	Thomas E. Fenwell	14 Jun 2011
Major	Leo C. Hedley	18 Mar 2011
Major	Glenn Holand	22 May 2011
Col	Bruce Jones	March 2011
*Major	James L. King	13 Apr 2011
*Col	Edward S. Nugent	19 July 2011
Col	Alan D. Pinkus	25 Apr 2011
*Lt Col	Don J. Spiers	March 2011
Captain	Dale A. Stephenson	March 2011
Lt Col	Herbert E. Straughn	Feb 2011

***Denotes Life Member Status**

IN MEMORIAM

As we were putting the finishing touches on the August newsletter, we received very sad news about our Chairman Emeritus. It is with deep regret that I pass on to you the news of Colonel Edward S. Nugent's death. After a short illness, Ed was placed into Hospice care and passed away peacefully with his family and friends at his side the morning of 19 July 2011 in Marietta, Georgia. Over the past six years, I have served on the Board with Ed, and have come to know him and consider him a good friend. We never served together on active duty, but I feel like I have known him my whole life. Ed was one of the Association's founding members, and has served in a variety of roles on our Board. We will spread the word about Ed in our August Newsletter, but we wanted to share the news immediately for those who have current email addresses on file with the Association. Obviously, we wanted to get the word out as soon as possible. Ed requested burial at Arlington National Cemetery, and his family relates that transfer and ceremony will take at least two months to put together. Please keep Ed and his family, including his brother Jerry Nugent (Colonel, USAF, MSC, Retired) and friends in your thoughts and prayers. We will have more about Ed's life and career in the Newsletter after the August edition.

This notice has already been posted on our Website Honor Roll page, and information will be added there about any funeral or memorial services as we receive it — Jim Moreland

Major Jessie C. Edwards passed away on 10 May 2011 after a brief battle with pancreatic cancer. Services were conducted at the Kindred Funeral Home in Englewood, Ohio, followed by burial with full military honors at the Dayton National Cemetery. Major Edwards (service dates: 1946-1967), a Life Member of the MSC Association, passed away on 10 May 2011 in Surprise, AZ. After varied assignments worldwide, his capstone assignment was in the Air Force Surgeon General's Office where he developed the manpower standards that guided the AFMS for over 30 years. Jessie was a cofounder of the Physician Assistant (PA) Program at the University of Nebraska Medical College (UNMC), where he continued as a diehard advocate of military medicine. He was instrumental in ensuring military PAs were granted UNMC college credit and degrees. Maj Edwards is the Air Force PA Company Grade Officer of the year Award namesake.

Elaine Kaplan, wife of Burt Kaplan, Col, MSC (Ret), passed away in early February 2011 and was buried at the National Cemetery at Otis AFB on Cape Cod, MA. Burt advised that his wife Elaine was a genuine full-time wife, mother and homemaker who accompanied him on his many assignments, setting up homes at 12 duty stations and four more homes after retirement. In closing, Burt said "...Needless to say, I miss her terribly."

Major Glenn Holland (Ret) and his wife Lorie, residents of Joplin, Missouri, were victims of the recent Joplin, Missouri, tornadoes that ravaged that area on 22 May 2011. Glenn and Lorie had just returned from a week-long vacation at Disney World in Florida, celebrating their 15th wedding anniversary. Their joint funeral was conducted on Saturday 4 June 2011 at the Ozark Christian College Chapel.

Jean Notdurft, wife of Norman Notdurft, Lt Col, MSC (Ret), passed away on 12 June 2011. Her passing came very quickly and unexpectedly.

Thanks to the board and all the members of the USAF MSC Association for the card expressing sympathy and condolences regarding our son Richard. You are all special to us. Thanks again -

*The family of
Richard Alan McClean
Is grateful to God
For his life,
For your friendship,
And for your
Kindness and prayers
Chris and Mac McClean*

In preparing this Newsletter item, I wish to convey to you that Ed Nugent was a brave soldier who served his nation faithfully for over 30 years. I had the distinct pleasure of working with Ed at HQ MAC on the MAC IG team, the 10th Aeromedical Evacuation Group during the RVN conflict, and even after our military hitches were over, he and I served together in Saudi Arabia. And finally, I had the pleasure and honor of serving with him on the Air Force MSC Association Board these past six years. We go back a long way. Ed was a mentor, a taskmaster and a friend. I shall miss Ed's sage advice, as I'm sure you all will as well. The Scottsdale Reunion will not be the same without him manning the Hospitality Suite. On this his final C-141 aeromed mission, we wish him God speed. – Wayne Terry

Remember yesterday, dream about tomorrow,
but live for today,
As the years pass by so quickly.

Please be advised a last moment item was presented for inclusion into the August MSC Association Newsletter. The Association By-Laws require some minor corrections, and these recommended changes require membership approval.

RECOMMENDED CHANGES TO THE ASSOCIATION BY LAWS

The AF MSC Association's By-laws state in Article XIII – Amendments: "... by-laws may be altered, amended or repealed and new by-laws may be adopted by a vote of the members representing a majority of the members present at the biennial membership meeting..." For those attending the 2011 Biennial Reunion in Scottsdale, Arizona, 6-9 October 2011, please familiarize yourself with these recommendations. The recommended changes with discussion follow:

a) Article VI – Board of Directors; 5 Special Meetings

"Special meetings of the directors may be called at the request of the president, or if there be more than one (1) director, any two directors."

Discussion: Confusing

Recommended Rewrite: "Special meetings of the directors may be called at the request of the **chairman**, president **or two or more directors**

b) Article V – Board of Directors; 14(b) Standing Committees

*"There shall be standing committees, to include By-Laws, Investment, Membership and Awards, to **conduct of ordinary business of the organization**"*

Discussion: Recommend the replacement of the "of" that proceeds *ordinary business* with "the."

Recommended Rewrite: "*There shall be standing committees, to include By-Laws, Investment, Membership and Awards, to **conduct the ordinary business of the organization***"

c) Article IV – Meetings; 2. Biennial Meeting

"The Secretary shall cause to be mailed to every member in good standing, at his or her address as it appears in the membership records (manual or electronic) of this organization a notice advising of the time and place of such meetings."

Discussion: In an effort to clarify and provide for electronic delivery of the meeting notice, recommend the By-laws be changed to reflect this action.

Recommended Rewrite: "*The secretary shall cause to be delivered to every member in good standing, to his or her postal address or electronic mail address as it appears in the membership records (manual or electronic) of this organization, a notice advising of the time and place of such meeting.*"

d) Article V – Voting section; 3. Voting

"...votes shall be viva voce."

Discussion:

viva voce [vīvə vō ch ā; vīvə vōsē]

Adjective: (esp. of an examination) oral rather than written.

Adverb: orally rather than in writing.

Noun (also viva) Brit. an oral examination, typically for an academic qualification.
ORIGIN mid 16th cent.: from Medieval Latin, literally ‘with the living voice.’

Recommended Rewrite: “...*voting shall be by voice vote.*”

e) Article XIII – Amendments

*“These by-laws may be altered, amended or repealed and new by-laws may be adopted by a vote of the members representing a majority of the members present at any biennial membership meeting or at any special membership meeting when the proposed **amendment as been** sent out in the notice of such meeting.”*

Discussion: Correct a spelling error by changing “*as*” to “*has*.”

Recommended Rewrite: “...*amendment **has been** sent out in the notice...*”

We look forward to seeing you in Scottsdale 6 thru 9 October!

[Editor]