



USAF MSC Association **NEWSLETTER**

April 2003

President's Message

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Fellow Members:

It's time to think Gulf Coast and Reunion! We're now less than 6 months away from our Biennial Reunion in Biloxi, MS. Colonels Billy Simmons and Mac McClean have arranged for a great time - golf, fishing, interesting tours, and lots of hospitality. Details and registration information are contained in this issue. I sure hope to see you there. It will be a great event.

As I mentioned in the last issue, the Association wants to bestow Honorary Membership on a deserving individual. It is my understanding that we will have at least two nominees. It wouldn't hurt to nominate some other deserving individuals. Nominations require the support of three members – one primary sponsor and two supporting sponsors. They must be submitted to the Association Secretary, Ken Mackie, by May 15th.

Last month I attended the annual ACHE Congress on Administration in Chicago and the related MSC activities. The Annual Awards Dinner was another outstanding event. For the first time a retiree was recognized for his post-retirement contributions. The USAF MSC Association nominated Col James Polkinghorn, former Corps Chief (1968-1972), for the Commitment to Excellence Award. He was a founding member of the MSC Association and a former Director. We had hoped Col "Polk" would be able to attend the dinner and receive his award. Unfortunately, he has been ill recently and could not travel. I had the honor of accepting the award for Col Polkinghorn from Corps Chief, Col Steve Meigs. Arrangements have been made to present the award to Col Polkinghorn in San Antonio by Steve or his representative.

We hope the recognition of a retired MSC will be an annual event during the Awards Dinner. My thanks to Col Frank Rohrbough for working this issue and to Steve Meigs and his staff (Col Frank Nelson and Lt Col (sel) Pat Dawson for making it a reality. This award helps build a bridge between active duty Corps members and our retired community. It also recognizes accomplishments of those who continue to make contributions.

Other award winners recognized at the dinner included Air Mobility Command nominee, Capt Kenneth Bond, winner of the 2002 Brig Gen Peter C. Bellisario Young Healthcare Administrator Award. He is a TRICARE Flight Commander at Scott AFB, IL. Lt Col John Sell received the 2002 Commitment to Service Award, presented to a field grade officer who has demonstrated sustained superior performance, has made significant contributions to the service of patients and staff, and is a consummate team player. John is assigned as a Medical Program Analyst at HQ USAF in the Pentagon.

The Maj Gen Michael K. Wyrick Commitment to Excellence Award is presented annually to an active duty colonel who is singled out for fostering an environment conducive to teamwork, outstanding accomplishment of the Air Force mission, service to community, and high morale among peers and subordinates. Col Andy Love, Assistant Surgeon General, Medical Programs and Resources, is the 2002 recipient of this award. Andy is a member of the Association and will soon be retiring from active duty. Congratulations to all these outstanding individuals.

For over a year we have been working to add an important feature to the Association's Website. Project CONNECT will "connect" those former MSCs seeking post-service employment with those members who know of positions that are available. Col Mickey Melton, Lt Col Larry Thornhill and our Webmaster, Lt Col Bob Geltz have worked hard to get this up and running. Access and security issues had to be resolved before we could go online. I am pleased to say we're ready to go. Mickey has written an article in this issue explaining Project CONNECT in detail and giving instructions on accessing this portion of the Website. I believe Project CONNECT will provide great assistance to those former MSCs who are not ready to stop working. I'm pleased that the Association is providing this service. My thanks go to Mickey, Larry, and Bob.

Believe it or not, we're already thinking about the 2005 Reunion in San Diego. Col Ken Mackie has stepped up to take the lead in the planning, and we already have volunteers. Col Joe Blakeney and his wife, Shirley, along with Leasel Herrin, widow of Col Danny Herrin recently met with John Riley to get the ball rolling. Thanks to all! We would still love to have some more volunteers in the Southern California area. The more helpers the easier it is for all.

As I write this message, we are still at war with Iraq. Our thoughts and prayers are with those who are serving and placing their lives on the line for all of us. I'm very proud and impressed with all the young adults who are representing their country when I see them being interviewed. I'm adding a special prayer for our medical colleagues who are valiantly supporting and caring for our troops. May they all return home safely.

See you in Biloxi!

Steve Mirick

E-mail: stevem@amsus.org

MSC History

Jimmy Sanders, our MSC Historian, advises that we remain on target in having our first product in the history series ready for the upcoming Biennial Reunion in Biloxi. It is not too late to share what you feel are historically significant items.

It would be especially helpful if you might know of published sources that would relate to our MSC history project. You can reach Jimmy by phone at 334-613-6851 or e-mail paradox@zebra.net.

Newsletter Secretary's Column.

The annual roster will be assembled and published this summer.

Members who have changed email addresses, other addresses, phone numbers, etc. need to let me know so I can update the roster information. The association's dedicated email address is: MSCAsso@prodigy.net.

The US Postal Service will deliver mail to USAF MSC Association, 3225 Riviera Ct, Fairfield, CA 94534-7126.

Incidentally, if you have problems downloading the roster or newsletter from the web, let me know and I'll put you on the hard-copy-only list, but remember the timeliness of conventional mail delivery is inconsistent and takes up to 8 weeks in some circumstances!

We are always looking for newsworthy items for inclusion in the newsletter. Material can be sent to the same addresses, above.

Members who receive the newsletter via the Postal Service will be able to check dues currency on the mailing label. Others are notified by email.

Project Connect

As many of you know, we've been working on a project to "connect" MSCs (both active duty and retired) that may be either looking for a job/job change or seeking an experienced retired MSC employee to fill a civilian medical administrative position. Additionally, the project offers an opportunity for MSCs to stay "connected" with each other to assist with resume review, mentoring, active duty to retired transition/employment advice, etc. Once MSCs retire they take valuable experience, management skills and desired attributes with them to the civilian sector. These skills are highly sought after by employers within the civilian sector...and in many cases these civilian employers are retired MSCs seeking to fill vacancies with other qualified/experienced MSCs; hence the birth of "**Project Connect**".

The **USAF MSC Association** graciously accepted this project and offered to create a link on their web site to facilitate this project. It is now activated with access instructions below. Please note that access to this link on the MSC Association web site is open to everyone for a limited period of time including non-members. At some time in the future access codes will change allowing utilization/access to be limited to USAF MSC Association members only, but we are

going to give everyone ample opportunity to review the site and decide if membership in the “Association” is something that interests you. **Please note: Membership in the USAF MSC Association is NOT limited to retirees only; it is open to ALL MSCs, active duty, guard, reserve and retired.**

If you are not a USAF MSC Association member, you can easily join by contacting Col Ken Mackie at kjmackie@prodigy.net or Col Steve Mirick at steven@amsus.org. They will assure you get the necessary enrollment information; or visit the Association web site at www.mscassociation.org. Membership is only \$20 per year. Association membership is a great way to hear what’s happening within our Corps, stay networked and in touch with other MSCs, get a great “newsletter” keeping everyone informed about important issues/events/activities, get everyone’s contact information, participate in or hear about reunions, find out who “taps” has been played for, be able to continue to use features such as “Project Connect”, etc. Remember, all MSCs can access the Project Connect feature on the Association web site for a limited period of time. At some future time, as determined appropriate by the Association board members, access will be limited to MSC Association members only. Access instructions follow. Thank you.

Website Access Instructions

MSC Association members who wish to gain access to Project Connect must do the following:

1. Log onto the association web site at **www.mscassociation.org**
2. Click on the “Project Connect” button on the left
3. Click again on “Link to Project Connect”
4. For a short period, as we deploy this initiative, use

Username: usaf

Password: msc

This will give you full access to the features and benefits of Project Connect.

You will then be presented with an Employment Listings screen divided into two parts – Job Openings and Positions Wanted.

From here you can perform the following functions:

1. View a summary of current Job Openings and Positions Wanted.
2. Select an individual Job Opening or Position Wanted, and view the complete details.
 - a. Click on the Position Title to get full details of a Job Opening
 - b. Click on the Looking For Title to get full details of a person Looking for a Job
3. View, add, modify, or delete Job Openings or Positions Wanted that YOU have posted.
 - a. Click on My Job Openings or My Positions Wanted to go to the Post Job Openings and Positions Wanted screen.

The following is a summary list of the specific functions that can be performed from the Post Job Openings and Positions Wanted screen:

- a. Post a new Job Opening
- b. Post a new Position Wanted
- c. Expire a Job Posting NOW

- d. Modify a Job Posting
- e. Expire a Job Wanted NOW
- f. Modify a Job Wanted
- g. Return to Employment Listings
- h. Log out

Detailed instructions on each of the above functions follows:

a. Post a new Job Opening

- 1. From the Employment Listings screen, click on My Job Openings
- 2. Click on Post a New Job Opening
- 3. Fill in all applicable fields with your data
Note: If you leave the Expiration Date field blank, the posting will remain indefinitely.
- 4. Click on Submit This Job Opening, when you have entered all your data, or
- 5. Click on Cancel to clear all fields and return to the Employment Listings screen

b. Post a New Position Wanted

- 1. From the Employment Listings screen, click on My Job Openings
- 2. Click on Post a New Position Wanted
- 3. Fill in all applicable fields with your data
Note: If you leave the Expiration Date field blank, the posting will remain indefinitely.
- 4. Click on Submit This Position Wanted, when you have entered all your data, or
- 5. Click on Cancel to clear all fields and return to the Employment Listings screen

c. Expire a Job Posting NOW

- 1. Scroll to an Active Job Opening that you have posted.
- 2. Click on Expire this Job Posting NOW
- 3. You will receive a message verifying that the job has been deleted.

d. Modify a Job Posting

- 1. Scroll to the Active Job Opening that you wish to modify.
- 2. Click on Modify This Job Posting
- 3. Change any data that you wish to modify, such as extending the Expiration Date, etc.
- 4. Click on the Modify This Job Opening button at the bottom, when you have completed your changes.
- 5. You will receive a message verifying that the job opening has been modified.

e. Expire a Position Wanted NOW

- 1. Scroll to an Active Position Wanted that you have posted.
- 2. Click on Expire this Position Wanted NOW
- 3. You will receive a message verifying that the position wanted has been deleted.

f. Modify a Job Wanted

- 1. Scroll to an Active Position Wanted that you have posted.
- 2. Click on Modify This Position Wanted
- 3. Change any data that you wish to modify, such as extending the Expiration Date, etc.
- 4. Click on the Modify This Position Wanted button at the bottom, when you have completed your changes.
- 5. You will receive a message verifying that the position wanted has been modified.

g. Return to Employment Listings

- 1. Click on Return to Employment Listings to return to the summary Job Openings and Positions Wanted screen.

h. Log Out

1. Click on Log Out to return to the MSC Association Website Homepage.

Notes: After approximately 30 days, the above username and password will expire.

During this time each member who would like continued access should request a “permanent” username and password by emailing the association secretary, who in turn will forward the request to the web host. A unique username and password will then be assigned and forwarded to the requestor. This will insure that only members and/or authorized persons have access to Project Connect on the Web.

At some future date, the posted job openings and jobs wanted of Project Connect may be made public; however, the privilege of posting will be restricted to members only.

A special thanks goes to LtCol Bob Geltz who put the site together (the systems guru and site manager/administrator), Col Steve Mirick & Col Ken Mackie for providing support and guidance within the Association in support of this Project, and Lt Col Larry Thornhill for birth of the concept.

Mickey J. Melton, Col, USAF, MSC, Ret.

Congratulations:

Capt Kenneth Bond 375th Medical Group, Scott AFB, IL who received the Early Career Healthcare Executive Award from the ACHE Regent for Southern Illinois.

Col James L. Byers 377th Medical Group, Kirkland AFB, NM who received the Senior-Level Healthcare Executive Award from the ACHW Regent for New Mexico.

LtCol Leonard W. Jackson 5th Medical Group, Minot, ND who received the Senior-Healthcare Executive Award from the ACHE Regent for North Dakota.

LtCol .RET. Edward P. Syron Blue Cross of Northeastern Pennsylvania who received the Senior-Level Healthcare Award from the ACHE Regent for Northeastern Pennsylvania.

On 1 February 2003 Maj Gen Archie Berberian Commander New York Air National Guard presented the State Defense of Liberty Medal to Col Arthur H. Small New York Guard Air Division. The inscription on the obtuse side reads" New York State. Presented by the Governor of New York State in grateful appreciation for homeland defense service in response to the 11 September 2001 attack on the World Trade Center New York City".

Welcome New Member

Colonel Thomas A. Peters graduated from the University of Wisconsin – Madison and was commissioned via the AFROTC program in June 1969. His first assignment was as Squadron Section Commander, 811th Medical Group, Loring AFB, Maine (which is north of 85% of the population of Canada). He quickly adjusted and reported to David Grant USAF Medical Center 17 months later, as Aide de Camp to Brig Gen Earl Brannon. Three years, three generals, and an MBA later, he was assigned to Scott AFB, IL as the Medical Center Resource Management Officer. He subsequently moved to the MAC Surgeon's Office, also at Scott for duty as Financial Manager. In 1979, he left active duty to attend Washington University in St. Louis for an MHA degree, but kept up his Scott assignment as an Air Force Reserve individual mobilization augmentee attached to the MAC Surgeon's Office. After positions at the Milwaukee Regional Medical Center and Mt Sinai Medical Center, Milwaukee, he returned to active duty and David Grant USAF Med Cen as Associate Administrator in 1986. The ensuing years took him to Yokota AB, Japan, Bolling AFB DC, Lakenheath RAF, UK, Bolling again, and finally to Wilford Hall USAF Medical Center where he recently retired. He is currently the Vice President of University Health System in San Antonio, where he resides with his wife Jan, a retired Air Force Nurse Corps lieutenant colonel.

SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE FOR MSC OFFSPRING

Association member Brigadier General Donald B. Wagner was the first Air Force Medical Service Corps officer to wear the stars of a general officer. He retired 29 September 1983. At that time he was Deputy Surgeon General for Operations; Commander, Air Force Medical Service Center at Brooks AFB, Texas; and Chief, Medical Service Corps.

To honor General Wagner and to further the interest of all USAF Medical Service Corps officers, The Brigadier General Donald B. Wagner Perpetual Scholarship Fund (a corporation currently chaired by Colonel Edward "Yancey" Walker of Wilford Hall USAF Medical Center) was formed exclusively for charitable, educational purposes, including formulating and directing efforts to obtain and furnish financial support for educational programs by providing scholarship grants to children of United States Air Force Medical Service Corps (MSC) officers (Active, Reserve, Air National Guard, or Retired) who are enrolled in graduate or undergraduate programs in health care management or related fields of study. The educational programs must be at an accredited educational institution of higher learning. Scholarships are for \$1,000 each. Applications are being accepted for the upcoming school year and must be filed no later than July 31. For more information and/or to secure an application, please contact

***The Brigadier General Donald B. Wagner Perpetual Scholarship Fund, P.O. Box 31114,
Honolulu HI 96820.***

USAF MSC Association, Inc.
Biennial Meeting and Reunion
Grand Bay View Hotel
Biloxi, MS
28 September - 2 October 2003
REGISTRATION FORM

Your Name: _____

Address: _____

Guest Name(s): _____ E:Mail: _____

Telephone: Day: _____ Evening: _____

Arrival Date: _____ Time: _____ Departure Date: _____

Are you staying at the Grand Bayview? (Circle One) YES NO

If not, please provide a telephone number where we can contact you _____

<p>Registration Fee: \$120.00 each person Includes: touring materials, activities (except tours), three dinners, hospitality suite, (wine, beer, spirits, soda and snacks) and much more.</p>
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CHECK ENCLOSED: Number Attending _____ x \$120.00 = _____

Make checks payable to the **USAF MSC Association, Inc.** Send payment and this completed form to:

USAF MSC Association, Inc.
3225 Riviera Court
Fairfield, CA 94534-7126

MAKE YOUR OWN HOTEL RESERVATIONS

Grand Bay View Hotel
265 Beach Blvd (across the street from the Grand Casino)
Tel: 800-946-2946 or 228-436-2946

Ask for USAF Medical Services Corps Rate: \$89.00 plus taxes

Registration Deadline: August 28, 2003
Processing Fee for Refunds: \$15
NO REFUNDS AFTER AUGUST 28, 2003

TAPS

Col John Valdo Painter former Chief Medical Service Corps, Dec. 15 02
Survivors include his wife of 43 years, Patricia Glynn Painter, of Bethesda;
three children, Ann Pittman of McLean, Heidi Olson of Gaithersburg and Jack
Painter of Tucson; a sister; and three grandchildren

Col Jasper LaPresto Jr 18 Feb 03

LtCol Clement Benjamin 14 Feb 03

Major Patrick J O'Rourke 2 Feb 03

Major Thompson T Abercombie

Captain Jeffie J Burnett

Col William F Merritt 15Nov 02

LtCol Donald R Childress 12 Nov 02

LtCol Charles R Lafferty 18 Nov 02

LtCol Robert W Parker 7 Nov 02

Maj Malcolm W Day 1 Nov 02

Joan M. Hadley, wife of Col (ret) Neil B. Hadley 10 Dec 02

Col Eugene L. Shanahan

Shirley Davis 17 June 2002 Boise Idaho, survived by her husband Maj. Gene Davis three sons
and four grandchildren

LtCol Charles R Skinner 14 Jan 03

Captain Donald E Walker

Maj Noel Windsor

Col James M. King

Proposed Changes to Association's By-Laws:

Any change to the Association's By-Laws requires notification and vote by the membership. The By-Laws Committee of the Board of Directors offers two changes that will be voted on by the membership at the Biennial Meeting on September 29, 2003 in Biloxi, MS. See NOTE below.

The two changes are as follows:

Change #1: Expand the eligibility for membership to include any MSC who ever held an Air Force MSC commission.

Rationale: This change will expand membership eligibility in the association if approved to any former MSC who wishes to become a member. The Committee believes that the association should be inclusive allowing anyone who ever held a MSC commission to be eligible for membership and participate as a full member of the association.

Change #2: Delete the provision that limits the Treasurer's duties by requiring two signatures of corporate officers when disbursing a check written for more than \$250.

Rationale: Article VI, Section 1 gives the Board broad authority to adopt rules and regulations to conduct their meetings and manage the corporation. The Board should be able to adopt rules governing spending limitations of officers and monetary thresholds that require two signatures on checks. This provision is considered too restrictive for the Treasurer and should be eliminated from the Bylaws

NOTE:

Article XIII of the Bylaws States:

"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 set out in the notice of such meeting."

Board Candidates Being Sought

Next Fall, at the 2003 Reunion in Biloxi, Miss., the Association will be electing four members of the Board of Directors. We must begin the process of selecting candidates to fill these positions. Col (ret) Ben Daughtry and Col (ret) Nick Nicholson have graciously offered to serve as a nominating committee. We need to select candidates before the next issue of the Newsletter so we can notify the membership. An absentee ballot will be included in the Summer Newsletter for those members who are unable to attend the reunion in Biloxi.

All that is needed to be considered for nomination is to send an e-mail to Ben Daughtry ccgconsulting@msm.com or postal mail (17511 Whites Store Road, Boyds, MD 20841-9601) prior to 30 May 2003. Please include your name, grade, education, professional experience (military and civilian), experience on boards/committees similar to the Association, and a brief

statement (not more than ¼ page) as to why you want to serve on the board. Please follow that format as briefly as possible for easy reading by the membership.

In this electronic era, it is highly desirable that candidates have computer/e-mail capability including the ability to download documents. The Board of Directors conducts much of its business electronically. We look forward to hearing from you and appreciate your willingness to serve the Association.

SELECTION PROCESS FOR HONORARY MEMBERSHIP IN THE USAF MSC ASSOCIATION, INC.

Eligibility Criteria for Honorary Membership

Honorary membership may be bestowed upon any person who has made a notable contribution to the USAF Medical Service Corps and who is not otherwise eligible for membership in the Association, at the discretion of the Board of Directors. Such honorary member may be any individual who has contributed to the advancement, growth, professionalism and success of the Medical Service Corps or its members. Such honorary member shall have no voting privileges and shall not be required to pay dues.

Nomination and Selection Process

Any member of the Association may nominate a candidate for Honorary Membership in the Association to the Membership and Awards Committee at any time.

The nominee must have the sponsorship of three current members of the Association, a primary sponsor and two other supporting sponsors. The nomination must be submitted in letter format and signed by the primary sponsor. Letters signed by supporting sponsors must also be included. The letter must contain the specific contributions the nominee has made to enhance or advance the mission of the Air Force Medical Service Corps and/or directly supported Corps members. A brief (1/2 page or less) biography of the nominee must be included with the letter of nomination.

The nomination package will be submitted to the Association Secretary who will forward it to the Chair of the Membership and Awards Committee for review and consideration by the committee members. The Membership and Awards Committee will recommend approval or disapproval of the candidate to the Association Board of Directors. If the Membership and Awards Committee recommends disapproval of the nomination, justification for this recommendation will be included. The Board of Directors will make the final determination as to acceptance of Honorary Membership. If selected, the new Honorary Member will be inducted at the next regular meeting of the Association.

USAF MSC Association, Inc.
3225 Rivera Court
Fairfield CA 94533-7126
MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION or RENEWAL FORM

Date: _____ Phone Number _____

Name: _____ Rank: _____

Address: _____

Spouse's Name: _____

Applicant's DOB _____

Email address: _____

Date of Retirement (if retired), or date of retirement eligibility: _____

Is this a **NEW** application or a **RENEWAL** (circle one)

Current status: Active Duty USAFR/ANG Retired

Dues Payment Plan: Annual - **\$20.00** Life - **See schedule below**

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 of Applicant) _____ (Date) _____

LIFE MEMBERSHIP DUES SCHEDULE

(Payable in Four Quarterly Installments)

<u>Age in Years</u>	<u>Amount</u>
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

Send completed application **with dues payment** to Col Ken Mackie, Association Secretary, address at top of page. (Make check payable to: USAF MSC Association)