



USAF MSC Association **NEWSLETTER**

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Fellow members:

A lot has been happening concerning your association. Board member and Newsletter editor Art Small has recently completed the details to allow distribution of the MSC Association Newsletter electronically to members with valid E-mail addresses. If you have not received an E-mail notification from Art and have an E-mail address, please contact him (msc@nycap.rr.com). Art's initiative will deliver the Newsletter to recipients more quickly and should save printing and postage costs. If you still wish to receive your copy via U.S. Mail, you will still have that option. Thanks for the great work, Art!

I'm happy to report that we have selected a date and site for the 2003 Reunion in Biloxi, Miss. We will be meeting at the Grand Casino Biloxi Hotel from September 28th to October 3rd 2003. Col Billy Simmons, our Reunion Coordinator, has done a great job identifying a venue and negotiating some good rates and amenities for us. As we get closer to the event, we'll provide more information in the Newsletter and on our Website. Mark your calendars, as it promises to be a great time.

Many of you may have seen the E-mail traffic originated by Lt Col (Ret) Larry Thornhill recommending the establishment of an MSC Placement system to connect former MSCs seeking post-service employment with individuals who are seeking or are aware of employment opportunities. I'm excited to report the Board of Directors has wholeheartedly agreed to support this worthwhile idea. Dubbed project "Connect," Larry Thornhill and Col (Ret) Mickey Melton have graciously volunteered to get this project started. Look for Mickey's article in this Newsletter.

Lt Col Jimmy Sanders continues to work on our MSC History project. He hopes to have his first publishable article ready for submission by early May. This first section is tentatively titled "Excellence from Birth: An Overview of the USAF Medical Service Corps." It approaches the

basis and need for the MSC history, outlines major factors influencing early development of the corps, and introduces some of the key MSCs whose early leadership helped fashion the healthcare executive development model we now see operating in the Air Force. According to Jimmy, the final MSC History will include a substantial record relative to The Pharmacy Corps, which was an important root in both the Army and Air Force Medical Service Corps.

Jimmy has asked that you please contact him if you have any photographs, published accounts of achievements in which MSCs played a prominent role, or other material you feel helps paint the story we are trying to capture in the History of the Medical Service Corps. Jimmy may be contacted on our MSC Web Page or by direct e-mail to: paradox@zebra.net.

I recently attended the annual ACHE Congress on Administration in Chicago and was pleased to be able to attend the Air Force MSC activities. The Annual Awards Dinner was a world-class event. Quite a few of our retired members were in attendance. If I tried to list them, I'd miss someone, so I won't even try! Former Corps Chiefs in attendance were Brig Gen Don Wagner, Col Don Good, and Brig Gen Pete Bellisario. The highlight of the evening was the presentation of awards to outstanding MSCs. Air Combat Command nominee, 1st Lt Dale F. Alward received the 2001 Brig Gen Peter C. Bellisario Young Healthcare Administrator Award. Dale is currently assigned as Director of Clinical Engineering, 1st Medical Support Squadron, Langley AFB, VA. Lt Col Dennis L. Beatty received the 2001 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. Dennis currently serves as Medical Support Squadron Commander/Medical Group Administrator at Patrick AFB, FL and is a member of the USAF MSC Association.

The Maj Gen Michael K. Wyrick Commitment to Excellence Award is presented annually to a 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 Donald L. Brown, Deputy Executive Director of TRICARE Southwest, Region 6 in San Antonio, TX, is the 2001 recipient of this award. Congratulations to all these outstanding individuals.

The ACHE Air Force Day Symposium focused on a primary Corps value, Medical Readiness. In light of the 11 September attack, Corps Chief, Col Steve Meigs, used the Symposium to highlight the critical functions MSCs are called upon to perform. AF Surgeon General, Lt Gen Paul K. Carlton, Jr., briefed the audience on the various deployable medical platforms currently being utilized to fulfill the Air Force Medical Readiness Mission. Air Mobility Command Surgeon, Brig Gen Bruce Green, then provided an update on Aeromedical Evacuation operations in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. These briefings were followed by presentations from Col Kevin Pollard and Lt Col John Vinaccio, two MSCs who have recently returned from deployments to Southwest Asia to support our wartime activities, who provided their personal insight and experiences to the audience. Brig Gen Pete Bellisario concluded the symposium by giving an enthusiastic personal perspective to the mostly active duty MSC audience on why they should join the USAF MSC Association. I'm very optimistic that Pete's presentation coupled

with the support and encouragement given by Steve Meigs will increase the number of active duty members in the association.

It was great to participate in the Air Force activities in Chicago. I can assure all of my fellow retirees that our current active duty Corps members are playing their part in advancing the MSC legacy we played a role in building and continue to cherish.

Best wishes,

Steve Mirick

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Project “Connect”

By Col Mickey Melton

Several weeks ago an idea surfaced within the Medical Service Corps (active & retired) network spawning an effort to establish a format and medium for communication of specific healthcare career information and support. This project was/is coined project “Connect”.

Very briefly, project “Connect” is to capitalize on the unique “connection” opportunity of a highly trained & skilled cadre, primarily active duty & retired MSCs. Basically, to “connect” those seeking help with those that can/will/want to help.

Project “Connect” is specifically envisioned to provide:

1. Mentoring interaction.
2. Resume critique & review support.
3. Interaction for those MSC’s seeking civilian healthcare employment.
4. Interaction for those seeking civilian healthcare employees.
5. Employment support/advice/discussion with MSC’s within the civilian healthcare industry that have successfully transitioned from active duty to civilian healthcare careers.

A specific draft of project “Connect” was sent to the Medical Service Corps Association with a request to utilize their web site as a “meeting place.” The MSC Association Board of Directors has enthusiastically approved sponsoring project “Connect” on their Website. There are some issues that must still be resolved before project “Connect” is operational. Security/password protection issues must be resolved. The MSC Association Board of Directors elected to restrict use to MSC Association members only (at least initially). When fully operational, “Connect” will offer an outstanding member benefit, especially for our younger colleagues who are still interested in remaining in healthcare following their Air Force career.

Presently, we are working out the details of how an MSC will submit the following information to the web site:

Name:

Contact Email Address:

Contact Phone #:

Current Job Title & Position:

Type of Healthcare Industry Presently Employed:
Geographic Location & Address:
Are you Willing to Mentor When Asked for Help?
Are you Willing to Review Resumes & Provide Feedback?
Do you Want Your Resume Reviewed & Feedback?
Are you Seeking Healthcare Employment / Job Change?
Are You/Your Organization Seeking a Healthcare Employee?

Our Webmaster Bob Geltz is working on the details so each member accessing the web site with his/her pass code, will be able to input the above information individually versus submitting the information to a "clearing" site for input by one person. Additionally, security access issues must be resolved. We will provide more details as this project progresses towards reality. Your patience and support of this project is truly appreciated. Finally, I would encourage you to relay this information on to your non-member MSC colleagues and encourage them to join their Association.

New Member

1st Lt Ashwin Chand is Information Management Flight Commander and Group Executive Officer at the Air Force Hospital, Dyess AFB, Texas. A prior-service airman in the Air Force, AF Reserve and ANG, Ashwin completed his undergraduate degree in Business Management in 1997 and master's degree in Business Administration in 2001, both at University of Texas at Arlington. He was commissioned in March and re-entered active duty in May,

2005 Reunion/Meeting Site

By Ken Mackie
Association Secretary

In the last newsletter we polled the membership for preferences for the meeting site for 2005. Returns were few and far between. Nonetheless, the top two candidates were very close. They were San Diego and Nashville. So, here again you have a chance to shape the 2005 festivities locations. Please let me know which place of those two you want to see as the approved site for 2005. Votes may be recorded by email (MSCAsso@prodigy.net), by snail mail (USAF MSC Asso, 3225 Riviera Ct, Fairfield, CA 94533), by fax, (707-422-0584) or call me at the toll free number (800-484-6749, code 0441).

Roster Information: It's almost that time of year again for the publication of the membership roster. If you have changed address, phone number or email address, let me know so I can update the master list and ensure your timely receipt of association publications and/or communications.

Contact points: email: MSCAsso@prodigy.net

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TAPS

We can only publish the information provided to us. In many instances all we know is that a friend has passed away.

Maj. Robert H. Martin passed away 7 Dec 2001, at Conyers Ga.

Col William E Hughes of Virginia

Lt Col Norris Seldon Brown, Atlanta, GA, 24 July 01

(Correction of previous listing.)

Maj. Jesse F. Scarbrough of Gautier, MS died 8 Jan 2002, in Montgomery AL, after a two year battle with colorectal cancer. He is survived by his wife Eunice, two daughters and one grandson. Interment was in Bloxie National Cemetery.

Kathy Bauman wife of Maj Bernie Bauman of Hemet, CA passed away 27 January 2002. Kathy was a WW11 veteran. All family members were able to be present

Major Thompson T Abcrombie

Lt Col Eugene A Hilty

Lt Col Robert W Sharpe

Lt Col Thomas J White

Ltcol John E. Madigan Mitchell, SD , died February 1999

Joan Gray, Wife of Pat Gray, passed away Wed. 20 March 2002 from cancer.

LtCol Dudley Powell

Colonel Joseph H. Leahy died 12 January 2002 at 82 years of age in a hospice in

Scottsdale, Az. after losing, against overwhelming odds, a battle with Parkinson Disease. He is survived by his wife Lois, two sons and a daughter.

Lt Col Robert L Smith

I knew Bob Smith well. We served together as young Major bachelors at Lackland when it was ODTRC (Indoctrination and Training Center) and obviously before Wilford Hall. We didn't remain bachelors for long, which was a good thing for us and the Base.

Bob was Commander of Troops and a real strict (but fair) Commander who got his toughness from growing up in a tough neighborhood of Baltimore.

We had many interesting times together and kept in touch over the years. Most recently, he came to see me on my 80th birthday in 2000.

Bob was a skilled practical joker. We were shopping for shoes in San Antonio. I tried on several pairs. Later, I found out that he told the clerk to humor me as I was a psychiatric patient and might get violent if provoked.

I will miss him.

Wally Jarboe

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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)

Email Notice

This is a copy of an email sent to all association members having an email address listed in the last membership roster:

This email is a test to determine the correctness of your email address. You need not take any action or reply to this message.

The MSC Association newsletter will be sent electronically to all association members having a valid email address.

The newsletter will be in Adobe Acrobat format. If you do not have Adobe Acrobat Reader installed on your computer you may download the program at this site. www.adobe.com
The program is FREE.

A great advantage to using this method of sending you the association newsletter is timeliness. As you well know bulk mail is very slow and members have commented on the fact that they had not received a copy of the newsletter when friends have had one for several weeks. Using Adobe Acrobat you can enlarge any page on your monitor so that one paragraph will fill the screen. Lastly it will reduce the costs associated in printing and mailing each issue.

We plan to continue mailing newsletters to members without e-mail addresses. Should you feel that you must have a hard copy mailed, please let me know and we'll accommodate you .

If you have a current email address and did not receive this letter, please send an email to MSCASSO@PRODIGY.NET and a copy to MSC@NYCAP.RR.COM. Please include your full name on the subject line. No text is required in the body of the email. We will update the membership roster to include your new address.

If you did not have an email address in the last membership roster and have since acquired one, please follow the instructions above.

Thank you.

Arthur H. Small
Newsletter Editor