



USAF MSC Association **NEWSLETTER**

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_____ Chairman's Message

Fellow Members-

Spring is finally here and our Biennial Reunion is less than six months away. I hope you are planning on participating. San Diego is a great city and the weather is always pleasant. Ken Mackie is putting a lot of effort into making this a great event for all of us. Additional information and a registration form are contained elsewhere in the newsletter.

I hope some of you will nominate or endorse worthy candidates for Honorary Membership in the Association. We bestowed this recognition on two stellar individuals at the previous two Reunions and it was a real highlight. CMSgt Ray Smith was recognized at our meeting in 2001 and Lt Gen Paul Myers became an Honorary Member at our 2003 Reunion. Nomination criteria are detailed in this issue of the Newsletter and also available on the Association Website (www.msassoc.org). Please consider this form of recognition. Nominations need to be submitted to our secretary, Ralph Charlip, by 15 June 2005.

Once again I had the privilege of participating in the Air Force MSC activities during the ACHE Congress on Administration in Chicago. The MSC Association again helped sponsor the annual Air Force Dinner and Awards evening by soliciting donations from commercial enterprises to help with expenses. Most of these contributions come from companies employing or led by some of our retired colleagues. The 2005 gala was outstanding and I'm proud we played a role in its success. A good number of retired MSCs attended the dinner. It was a great opportunity for us "old timers" to interact and visit with today's Medical Service Corps professionals.

The Association successfully nominated Lt Col (Ret) Jimmy Sanders for the 2004 MSC Commitment to Excellence Award (Retiree Category). Jimmy was nominated and selected for his research and authorship of Excellence from Birth: The Professional Evolution of the United States Air Force Medical Service Corps. Jimmy spent over four years working on this massive historical undertaking. It will soon be off the presses and should be a valuable resource for the Corps. He is currently Professor of Health Sciences and Public Administration at Troy University. Maj Gen (Ret) Mike Wyrick presented the award. Jimmy's wife, Linda, and son were in attendance to see this worthy recognition.

I would also like to congratulate board member Col Brian Acker for his award of the Commitment to Excellence Award (Active Duty). This is notable recognition by his peers for Brian's outstanding career. He's currently serving as Director of the Medical Service Corps, Bolling AFB, DC. Brian joined the Association board last year when Steve Meigs retired and has been a big contributor to our efforts. Other award recipients included: Lt Col Patrick Dawson, Commitment to Service Award and Capt Antonio Love, Young Health Care Administrator of the Year. Pat is an association member and is currently serving as Commander, 366th Medical Support Squadron, Mountain Home AFB, ID. Capt Love is stationed at Shaw AFB, SC as a Managed Care Flight Commander. Congratulations to these two outstanding officers.

The Air Force Dinner had a celebratory atmosphere, not just for recognizing the above outstanding individuals, but also to rejoice in the selection of current Corps Chief, Col Patricia C. Lewis, for promotion to Brigadier General. It is great to have the Corps led by a "star" once again. It is a milestone for Pat's career and for the Corps as our first female Chief. I congratulate her on behalf of the entire membership of the AF MSC Association.

Finally, I'm pleased to announce that Maj (Ret) Wayne Terry will be the next editor of the USAF MSC Association Newsletter. As I announced in the last issue, Art Small has decided to relinquish his duties as editor after eight years. He has done an outstanding job and we are most grateful. It takes a lot of effort to coordinate and publish the newsletter three times a year. Wayne will assist Art with the August issue and then assume responsibility. Again, thanks to Art for his great work and thanks to Wayne for volunteering to replace him.

I wish all of you a great Spring and Summer and hope to see you in San Diego in October. God Bless our troops!

Warmest regards,

Steve Mirick

President's Message

Fellow Members:

Spring is in the air and the wildflowers of Texas are in full bloom. The bluebonnets and the Indian Paint Brush are sights to behold along many of the Texas Highways and Ranch Roads in Central Texas. If you've never seen Texas Wildflowers in full bloom, you have to come to Texas

in April some year. I can assure you, you'll witness Spring at its best. Of course, cherry blossoms around the Tidal Basin in DC are hard to beat.

Your Board of Directors continues to plan for our biennial reunion this October. Ken Mackie has provided a good review of what this reunion is about and how to sign up for it. For more details, see Ken's report in this newsletter. We hope you will join us and make plans to attend this first ever meeting on the west coast. With all that San Diego has to offer, we expect that the reunion will be a fun-filled event for all attendees.

The membership of the Association will be electing five members of the Board of Directors at the 2005 reunion. The slate of candidates will be provided in the Summer (August) issue of the Newsletter. Members who are unable to attend the meeting will be invited to complete an absentee ballot and return it to the Nominating Committee via the Association Secretary (Ralph Charlip).

I am pleased to announce that Colonel Steve Coleman, one of our own who has become a minister following his retirement, has agreed to serve as our Association Chaplain. Steve is the Pastor of the First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Mount Vernon, Washington. After retiring from the Air Force in 1993 and working for five years in private sector health care, he returned to school at the Vanderbilt University Divinity School in Nashville, TN, in 1998. Steve received his MDiv and was ordained in 2001. Steve and his wife Lela moved to Mount Vernon in January 2004 from Milan, TN, where he had served as pastor of the First Christian Church for two and a half years.

Steve has agreed to conduct a formal Memorial Service to recognize our members who have passed away. While we have honored our members at our reunions, this event will provide a more complete ceremony for honoring those who have served the Corps, the Air Force Medical Service and their country over their Air Force careers and following their retirement from active duty. Their service and many contributions deserve special recognition in our hearts and memories.

In March, Lt. Colonel Jimmy Sanders was awarded the Commitment to Excellence Award, at the annual Air Force Award Dinner in Chicago as noted in the chairman's remarks. We are pleased that Jimmy was recognized for his service to the Corps and the Association with the publication of his Anthology of the Medical Service Corps. That Anthology is now available for purchase for \$12 for members and \$20 for non-members. It can be ordered through the Association Secretary Ralph Charlip at AFMSCASSO@aol.com. Also, copies can be ordered at the Reunion.

We regret that there was some confusion on the criteria for this prestigious award. When the Award was agreed to by the Board and the Corps Chief, it was specifically designed to recognize an awardee for service after their Air Force career. We have revised the call for nominations for next year clearly delineating the criteria as for service to the Corps, the Air Force Medical Service, the Association or to Military Service Members/Veterans following retirement from active duty or reserve/guard service. Further, we have expanded the criteria to specifically ask for a description of the nominees' contributions in community or public service and how the nominee is a consummate team player and role model for others in the Association and/or the

Corps. The call for nominations for 2006 will be announced in the fall newsletter.

On a personal note, Diane and I are enjoying retirement in Boerne, TX (which is located 30 miles northwest of San Antonio). We are enjoying being close to family, playing some golf and attending our grandson's youth sporting events – basketball, baseball and soccer.

God Bless you, God Bless our troops, especially our MSCs who are on deployment, and God Bless America.

Frank Rohrbough

Hotel Room Block for San Diego Half Gone!

A full 50% of our room block for the October meeting/reunion of the Air Force MSC Association has already been sold!

Our 2005 meeting site will be the Marriott San Diego Mission Valley Hotel, located at 8757 Rio San Diego Drive. This absolutely first-class property in an ideal setting was selected for its central location, beauty, outstanding facilities and responsiveness to our needs. This Marriott is just 12 minutes from San Diego Airport the San Diego trolley stops directly behind the hotel providing easy access to all that Mission Valley has to offer including its two fantastic shopping malls. It also continues on into Old Town where it connects to downtown and the waterfront.

We have contracted for a block of 80 rooms at the **special rate of \$109+tax**. Rooms are being allocated to members on a first-come basis. If it looks like we will need a larger block, we will negotiate with the Marriott to that end, but we have no assurance that there will be more rooms available at that great rate! Incidentally, special-rate parking for this event is just \$2 per day for both overnight and daily attendance members.

Two options are available for making hotel reservations:

1. Use the reservation phone line **(800) 842-5329** and mention the location –“**Marriott San Diego Mission Valley**” -- and key words for our group which are “**AIR FORCE MSC**”.
2. Alternatively, go to the website www.marriott.com, click on the “**Find and Reserve**” tab, enter the hotel name, desired dates, etc. Our group code for web reservations is “**UAFUFA**.” Web reservations will be confirmed via email.

You should plan on arriving on Thursday afternoon/evening (13 October) and departing Monday morning or afternoon (17 October). Or, you may want to extend your stay for a couple of days in beautiful San Diego before and/or after the meeting.

This will be the first West Coast event for our association and we are absolutely confident it will be a winner! Besides its great year-round mild climate, San Diego has lots to offer. Here are just a few items of interest:

The USS Midway museum, a WWII and Cold War attack aircraft carrier is a recent

addition to the harbor. If you've never been aboard one of these huge vessels, this is your chance.

The Reuben H. Fleet Science Center houses the first IMAX Dome Theater where films and astronomy programs immerse visitors in imagery and sound. Deep Sea -- a motion-based simulator -- takes visitors on a journey to the bottom of the sea.

The San Diego Aerospace Museum (ever heard that word before??) includes the International Aerospace Hall of Fame which features a replica of Lindberg's *Spirit of St. Louis*, a Global Hawk unmanned recon bird as well as the only Global Positioning Satellite on public display. A tour of the organic restoration facility is also available.

The San Diego Automotive Museum has more than 80 historic and special-interest vehicles.

The San Diego ZOO is a world famous attraction houses over 4,000 animals from 800 species in enclosures which closely represent their natural environments.

Seaworld is a 165-acre adventure park with shows, marine-life attractions and rides

Three association members are planning the event. Col Ken Mackie will be working with Col Joe Blakeney and Col Alan Baskin, both residents of the San Diego area. They will be using the 2003 Biloxi event as a starting template, incorporating desires expressed in our conference preference survey of last year. For example, this year the timing is changed to a weekend, specifically, Friday, Saturday, Sunday and check out on Monday.

So make your travel plans and hotel reservations soon. Keep an eye on the association website and the August newsletter for updated information on meeting events.

Won't you please join us for this 9th Reunion and enjoy the camaraderie of fellow MSCs and their spouses. We'll have a great time enjoying beautiful southern California and all it offers. It'll provide attendees memories for years to come.

The MSC Association is pleased to present Excellence from Birth, the history of the USAF Medical Service Corps. You can view the book cover and a brief biographical overview of the author, Dr. Jimmy D. Sanders on the Association web site. In addition, you can view a text version of the order form to purchase the book or download it as a PDF file.

This is an excellent anthology about the Corps and we are offering it to the membership for \$12 (\$20 for non-members). Books are expected to be delivered in the next 60 days, so get your reservation in today

CONGRATULATIONS Corps Chief Selected for Brigadier General

Congratulations to association member Colonel Patricia C. Lewis, Assistant Surgeon General for Medical Plans and Programs, and Chief, Medical Service Corps, on her selection for promotion to the rank of brigadier general. She is only the fourth officer in the Medical Service Corps to achieve flag officer status. The association is very proud of Colonel Lewis and her accomplishments.

MSC LT COL SELECTS

AIGNERVAROZ, JOSEPH J
BURKE, MICHAEL S
DIETZ, MICHAEL D
ERICKSON, BRENT J
GARNER, LAURA L
GOODALE, BONNIE E
GOODE, JULIA R
GRANTHAM, FREDERICK H
GREENLEE, NORMAN T
GREENTREE, STEPHEN E
HALE, SCOTT A
HYZY, JEROME J JR

JOHNSON, DAVID L
KLEIN, JOHL K
MCKINNEY, LISA A
MCNULTY, DANIEL S
MORGAN, CHRISTOPHER L
MOUNTS, STEPHEN M
PARSONS, LARRY V
ROBINSON, SHEILA R
SALES, STEPHEN P
STANALAND, CRAIG S
WILDER, DOREEN F

MSC COLONEL SELECTS

BEATTY, DENNIS L
DAVIS, JAMES M JR
GOVEN, PAUL D
HALL, JULIE A
HELWIG, KENT R
HERREMANS, BRADLEY P
KIDD, JEFFREY S

LONIGRO, ANTHONY S
MACHESKY, STEPHEN A
MCPHERSON, JOANNE P
REESE, DIANE M
ROGERS, LANE T
SCHELL, MICHAEL G

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

V. Harry Adrounie celebrates his 90th Birthday on Monday, April 25, 2005.

New Member: Steven J. Stein LtCol USAF MSC RET

Steve retired from the Medical Service Corps November 2004 after 20 years service. His last position was Deputy Chief Financial Officer in the Office of the AF Surgeon General, Washington, DC. During his career, he completed four overseas tours, including a remote tour as Commander of the 8th Medical Support Squadron and Administrator of the 8th Medical Group, Kunsan Air Base, Korea. He notes that the highlight of his career was serving as the Commander of the 35th Medical Support Squadron and Administrator of the 35th Medical Group, Misawa Air Base, Japan, from 2001-2003.

In December 2004 he began a new position as Chief of the Access and Adequacy Branch at the TRICARE Regional Office West in San Diego. His wife Haimei and a six year old daughter, Anna reside in San Diego.

DID YOU KNOW ...who is the oldest living Corps Chief who is a member of the MSC Association? It's Col Bernard Korn.

DID YOU KNOW...who is the Association's Grey Eagle? It's Lt Col Arch C. Elliott!

DID YOU KNOW...Association Member 1 is still a member of this Association – Ms Florence Johnson. So is Member 2 – Col Wallace Jarboe.

DID YOU KNOW...the newest Association member is Member 1127, Capt Teresa Starks who joined the Association at the end of March 2005.

HELP US FIND “LOST” MEMBERS:

A number of Association members have apparently moved and forgotten to tell us where they are. If you know how to contact them, please call our toll free number (**866-818-2110**) or email AFMSCASSOC@aol.com or write us at 1006 Rosemary St, Denver CO 80230 and let us know so we can update our Directory. The “lost” members are:

Lt Ashwin Chand
Col Mike Hopper

Lt Col Ben Delmonico
Mrs Dorothy Pence

Capt Matt Hartmann

From Larry Thornhill

I wanted to share with everyone a recent experience of mine in the hopes that I can encourage many of you to focus on your health and, hopefully, longevity.

Late last year I received some rather devastating news when my Urologist informed me that I had Prostate Cancer. Shortly after he said “You have cancer”, I quickly shut down all my cognitive systems and immediately was searching for the answer to “Why me”.

Little did I know at the time that I had just been inducted into the Class of 2004, which consisted of roughly 200,000 newly diagnosed men. As with any class there is a certain attrition which consists of approximately 32,000 men each year who die from the disease.

As with most of us, I have considered myself a “Type A” individual most of my life. I immediately began using this behavioral trait to find out about the disease and where my road might be leading.

What I found was intriguing. I learned that a good many of those 32,000 men could probably have avoided being assigned to the departing class of 2004 by simply taking care of themselves the same way we take care of our careers- through preparation and due diligence.

I fortunately have a wife whom I classified as a “nag” for insisting that I get my annual PSA test and the dreaded “finger wave”. That is how I found out the bad news. My 2004 PSA result was higher than my 2003 score, but still under the “gold standard” of 4. Just as a precaution, I had a biopsy of the prostate performed at which time I was informed of my new status. I am pleased to say that the surgeon removed the prostate and found the cancer was still contained in the prostate. As a result I have graduated from “Having Cancer” to “Survivorship Status”. Thank goodness for my wife and her persistence.

Obviously since my own personal experience I have become a bit of a zealot regarding the need for annual testing. I am still amazed when I find close friends who tell me they have been thinking about getting it done, but just haven't found the time to fit it into their busy schedule.

Do yourself a favor and get the simple blood test along with the DRE. You have absolutely no control over whether you get to become a member of this club, but you can control whether you become a lifetime member or just a short time affiliate. Get the tests!
Should anyone have any questions I can be contacted at larry.thornhill@bergerhealth.com

Have a great day and a great life !

MOVING? CHANGING CONTACT INFORMATION????

Please remember your Association when you move, change email addresses, phone numbers, etc. Just drop us a note (email AFMSCASSOC@aol.com) or write us at 1006 Rosemary St, Denver CO 80230 or call us toll free at 866-818-2110!

DUES

The Board of Directors has established that dues are payable in January of each year. Notification is provided by email to those with email addresses and by post card to those without. Reminders are sent each month for 4 months as well as in the December and April Association Newsletters. Please mark your calendars and submit your dues on time. If you have not paid your 2004 or 2005 dues, please do so before the end of April.

HONORARY MEMBERSHIP

It's time again to consider individuals for honorary membership in our Association. In question and answer format, here's everything you need to know to nominate someone.

Who can nominate a person for honorary membership? Any member of the Association

How many sponsors must a nominee have? Three – the primary sponsor and two others (all must be Association members)

What format do I use to nominate someone? Use a letter format addressed to the Board of Directors.

Include a separate letter from each sponsor (that's a total of 6 pages – up to two pages for each sponsor) - and be sure each sponsor signs the nomination letter.

Include a ½ page biography of the nominee.

With the biography, that's a total of 4-7 pages.

Please note, the primary sponsor should submit a complete package; do not depend on the Association Secretary to pull together your nominee's package.

When is the nomination package due? Your package must be received by the Association Secretary (USAF MSC Association, 1006 Rosemary St, Denver CO 80230) by June 15th, 2005. Please mail your package to the street address and do not email them to the Association's email address.

What is the criteria for honorary membership? Each nomination must address one or both of the following areas:

- a. Specific contributions made to enhance or advance the mission of the Air Force Medical Service Corps ***AND/OR***
- b. Specific contributions made to directly support Corps members.

TAPS

LtCol Lawrence DelRosario 8 Oct 04
Col Joe R Kinney
CWO Falling
LtCol Richard Lewis on 4 Oct 04

LtCol Charles J Blanchard
Col Joe R Kinney
Steve Partridge

Board Candidates Being Sought

During the 2005 Biennial Reunion in San Diego, CA, the Association will be electing five members of the Board of Directors. Two of these positions are filled by the Active Duty representative and the Reserve/National Guard representative. The term of office is four years. The nominating committee, chaired by Ben Daughtry, needs to determine a slate before the August Newsletter since that issue will contain an absentee ballot for those Association members who are unable to attend the reunion.

All that is needed to be considered for nomination is to send an e-mail to the Secretary, Ralph Charlip at (AFMSCASSOC@aol.com) or postal mail (1006 Rosemary Street, Denver, CO 80230-7089) not later than 1 June 2005. 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 a ¼ page) as to why you want to serve on the Board. Please follow that format as briefly as possible for ease reading by the membership. Ralph will forward your application to the Nominating Committee.

Note. In this electronic era, it is highly desirable that candidates have computer/e-mail capability including the ability 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.

A scholarship fund has been established in honor of Brigadier General Donald B. Wagner, the first USAF Medical Service Corps officer to attain flag rank. The fund offers one-thousand dollar educational scholarships to Air Force Medical Service Corps officer children pursuing degrees in health care management or related fields. The fund is accepting scholarship applications for the upcoming school year. Anyone desiring a scholarship should complete the attached application and forward completed application package by 15 July 2005 to: The Brigadier General Donald B. Wagner Perpetual Scholarship Fund, P.O. Box 31114, Honolulu HI 96820. Questions can be directed to Col E. Yancey Walker. Email edward.walker@lackland.af.mil Telephone DSN 554-3519/Commercial (210) 292-3519.

USAF MSC ASSOCIATION, INC
BIENNIAL MEETING & REUNION
REGISTRATION FORM
13-16 October 2005

Your Name _____ Rank _____

Address _____

Guest
Name(s) _____

Telephone Number: Day _____ Evening _____

Arrival Date: _____ **Time:** _____

Departure Date: _____

Staying at The San Diego Marriott Mission Valley ? (*Circle One*)
Yes No

If not, provide a local telephone number where you may be
contacted: _____

Registration fee of \$120.00 includes meeting materials, entertainment (except tours),
two dinners, full access to the hospitality suite (beer, wine, soda, snacks), and more.

CHECK ENCLOSED: Number Attending _____ X \$ 120.00 = \$ _____

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

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

Meeting Registration Deadline: September 30, 2005

Make your own hotel reservations at the San Diego Marriott
Mission Valley by calling **(800) 842-5329** and mention key
words for our group which are "**AIR FORCE MSC**". Our
rate is \$109 + tax. **Cutoff for hotel is 13 September.**