



USAF MSC Association **NEWSLETTER**

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Fellow Members:

It is with great sadness that I report we recently lost two Medical Service Corps luminaries. Col James W. (Polk) Polkinghorn died July 20th in San Antonio, TX. Col Polkinghorn was our Corps Chief from 1968-1972. During his tenure he focused on Corps professionalism and the development of logical career patterns for junior MSC officers. He pushed for increasing the sponsorship of deserving officers to attend top-notch civilian schools for graduate education in hospital and healthcare administration at both the masters and doctorate levels. His devotion to the enhancement of corps professionalism led to expanding involvement of the Corps and individual MSC officers with the premier professional organization for administrators, the American College of Hospital Administrators. He was also one of this Association's founders. As reported in the last newsletter, Polk was recently honored with the Medical Service Corps' Commitment to Excellence Award from current Corps Chief, Col Steve Meigs. He will be missed. Our heartfelt sympathies go to his wife Katy, and his family.

On June 4th Col William (Bill) Johnson died following a short battle with cancer. Bill was also an Air Force Medical Service Corps pioneer and one of our Association's founders. A recent *Air Force Times* article highlighted his many accomplishments and contributions and they have graciously given permission to reprint it in this issue of the Newsletter. (P.3) Our condolences are extended to his wife, Foey, and his family. We will miss both of these outstanding officers and friends at our upcoming reunion.

Plans for the Biennial Reunion in Biloxi, MS are just about complete. It should be a great time and I urge you to attend. If you haven't sent your registration form or made hotel and travel

reservations, get going! Billy Simmons and Mac McClean have worked hard to ensure we all have fun. Optional social events include a day trip to New Orleans, a tour of the Stennis Space Center, and a Biloxi Historical Tour. Attendees can also go fishing in the Gulf, or play golf at the Keesler AFB Golf Course. In addition to the social events, we will receive an update from Corps Chief and board member, Col Steve Meigs. Frank Rohrbough will again give us an update on legislative issues of interest. We will also hear about the operational aspects of TRICARE from Col John Carlton, Executive Director of DoD Health Services IV. Reunion information and the registration form are contained on the Association website (www.mscassociation.org) and in this issue of the Newsletter. The deadline for sending your registration is August 28, 2003.

I am pleased to announce that your Board of Directors has selected Lt Gen Paul W. Myers, USAF, MC (Ret.) for Honorary Membership in the USAF MSC Association. General Myers served as Air Force Surgeon General from 1978-1982 and was responsible for the promotion of the first MSC officer to general officer rank. He consistently supported the advancement of MSC officers and their assignment to leadership positions traditionally filled by AF physicians. We will formally recognize General Myers during the Reunion in Biloxi. My thanks to Pete Bellisario and Dave Illsley and their committee members for evaluating the nominations and providing a recommendation to the Board.

This issue of the Newsletter includes the slate of candidates running for the Board of Directors along with an absentee ballot for those members who will not be attending the Reunion. I urge you to submit your ballot to Ken Mackie, Association Secretary, if you won't be voting in person in Biloxi. My thanks go to Ben Daughtry and Nick Nicholson for serving as the Nominating Committee.

Ken Mackie has begun making contact with properties in San Diego for the 2005 Reunion. We are still seeking volunteers to help with planning that event. If you live in the Southern California area, please contact Ken. The more people who help, the less strain it is on any one individual.

Hope to see you in Biloxi!

Steve Mirick

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History in Blue

Johnson revolutionized medical service in Air Force

By Robert F. Dorr
Special to the Times

When retired Col. William M. Johnson died June 4 in Powell, Ohio, the Air Force lost a pioneer who helped create its Medical Service Corps. "Bill was the most outstanding medical service corps officer of my generation," said retired Col. Wally Jarboe, 83, of Atlanta. Johnson and Jarboe graduated from the same Officer Candidate School class at Carlisle Barracks, Pa., on Dec. 24, 1941. "He was one of the top graduates in our class and was valued so highly, they kept him on the faculty immediately after graduation," Jarboe said. Johnson began as an enlisted soldier in the 1930s and retired as a senior officer in 1968. On Sept. 18, 1947, the Air Force became an independent service branch and developed its own corps of medical service officers - officers who were not physicians but who operate and administer medical facilities. A significant portion of Johnson's career was interwoven with that of Maj.Gen. Harry Armstrong, the physician who founded the aeromedical research laboratory at Wright Field, Ohio. Armstrong also was the Air Force's second surgeon general, from 1949 to 1954.

"Armstrong was one of the most important doctors in the Air Force," said Jarboe, "and Bill Johnson was one of the most important Air Force people in the medical field who wasn't a doctor." Together, Armstrong and Johnson are credited with extending the Air Force's thinking about medicine beyond the earth's atmosphere. As a newly independent service branch, the Air Force was tackling up-front challenges that any new organization would face. "To help bridge the transition, some officers in a number of career fields served as 'Special Category, Army, on Duty with the Air Force,'" said retired Col. George Hahn, 80, of Austin, Texas. Hahn was an Army Medical Service Corps officer and later became an Air Force Medical Service Corps officer. "This was not a practical way to continue. It was largely thanks to suggestions and implementations by Bill Johnson that the Air Force got its own people and methods," Hahn said. When Armstrong became surgeon general, he confronted pressure aimed at leaving much of the medical establishment within the Army. Armstrong and Johnson believed strongly that the Air Force should have its own medical community, hospitals and administrators. Johnson initiated and wrote the proposal that created the Air Force Medical Service Corps. Johnson also proposed the creation of the Chief of the Air Force Medical Service Corps post and helped shape the Air Force's hospital administration system.

Because the Air Force's concentrations of troops were smaller, a different arrangement was needed. Johnson organized the establishment of composite medical facilities at smaller bases which could handle medical concerns for service members and their families. In 1954, Johnson moved to Europe with Armstrong when Armstrong became the top medical officer for U.S. Air Forces in Europe. Johnson is credited with administering the Air Force's medical facilities in Europe during a time of expansion early in the Cold War. In the 1950s and 1960s, Johnson helped create many of the rules and procedures for medical oversight of space flight by astronauts. Later in his career, Johnson was the top medical services officer for Military Airlift Command when that command was formed on Jan. 1, 1966. "He designed and implemented a system of aeromedical patient evacuation for the Vietnam war effort," Hahn said. Thousands of wounded soldiers were being evacuated to Saigon and coastal bases, but the Air Force needed to

find a way to quickly transport them back to the United States for more extensive treatment, Hahn said.

"This was a complex and massive undertaking. Johnson oversaw the complete refitting of a fleet of huge cargo planes as flying hospitals, staffed with medical equipment and personnel," Hahn said. Johnson also coordinated the flights, arranged for the receiving hospitals and local transportation, Hahn said. "Because of Bill Johnson's work, countless hundreds, even thousands, of lives were saved," Hahn said. After retirement, Johnson pursued a second career at Ohio State University as assistant dean for veterinary medicine.

(Robert F. Dorr, an Air Force veteran, lives in Oakton, Va. He has written numerous books about the Air Force. His latest is "Air Force One." His e-mail address is robertdorr@aol.com.)

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We remember
Bill Johnson



KUDOS

V. Harry Adrounie has been appointed chairman of the new national Children's Health Committee. The committee comprised of emeritus members of the American Public Health Association will develop a curriculum kit that will be used to educate kindergartners through twelfth grade on a variety of health-related topics. The program will be used throughout the United States.

Frederick J. Graves was installed as commander of region VI, state of Florida, Military Order of the World Wars (MOWW) on 24 May 03. MOWW is a national service organization dedicated to patriotic endeavors. It provides officers, both active and retired, from the seven (7) uniformed services, an opportunity to unite in a strong program to promote national security, patriotism, good citizenship and service to country. Its premier program is in youth development through youth leadership conferences held nationwide.

On 16 May 2003, in the 59th Medical Wing Commander's Conference Room (Wilford Hall Medical Center, Lackland AFB, Texas), Col James Polkinghorn was presented the Maj Gen Michael K. Wyrick Commitment To Excellence Award. Col Polkinghorn was nominated for the award by the Air Force Medical Service Corps Association and is the inaugural recipient of this honor. Col E. Yancey Walker, Commander, 59th Medical Support Group presided over the event which included recognition of Col Polkinghorn's stellar MSC career, a formal presentation with the reading of a recognition letter from Lt Gen Peach Taylor, USAF Surgeon General, a few



thoughts from Col Polkinghorn regarding the past and future of the Corps and a post presentation reception.

Col Polkinghorn's wife of 58 years, Mary Kathryn, accompanied him during the ceremony. The award ceremony drew a number of MSC Officers who were eager to celebrate the accomplishments of the former Corp Chief. In attendance with Col Walker were:

Col Ted Rogers, Lt Col Hendrik (Ric) Antonisse, Lt Col Cathy Erickson, Lt Col Ed Jenkins
Lt Col Amir (Adolph) Edward, Lt Col Regina (Gina) Julian, Lt Col Scott Sanchez,

Lt Col Brian Cramer, Lt Col Tom Haines, Maj Laura Garner, Cpt Gordon Hill, CMSgt Milton (Joe) Vavricek.

The occasion was made even more special with the attendance of Maj Gen Lee Rodgers, MDW/CC, who welcomed Col Polkinghorn upon his arrival at the Wilford Hall Medical Center. Col & Mrs Polkinghorn expressed their surprise and appreciation for the award in a personal phone call to Col Walker later that day. All-in-all it was a momentous occasion for all in attendance.

E. YANCEY WALKER, III, Col, MSC, FACHE

It was my privilege to have shared a small cubicle with Colonel Polkinghorn at Hq PACAF/SG in the late 1960s, during the buildup of combat activities in Southeast Asia. He was PACAF's senior health services administrator and I was a captain at the time. But office space was severely limited, and he insisted that we work together. It was quite a learning experience for me! One of Polk's first actions upon arrival was to arrange for the tactical aeromedical evacuation group from Pope AFB to be deployed to Vietnam, and integrated with the 9th Aeromed Evac Group. Several tactical casualty staging units were deployed to support them. In retrospect, these decisions undoubtedly saved hundreds of American lives. Polk also worked closely with Colonel Bill Johnson (his counterpart at MAC/SG) to create an integrated aeromed evac system that efficiently transported casualties from the battlefield to CONUS specialty hospitals with minimal delay. This was not easily done, considering the heavy demands upon the airlift system at that time. What tremendous contributions these two officers made to our country! That's just one example of what Colonel Polkinghorn accomplished in our behalf. There are many others, but I'll let others tell their own stories. He was an outstanding officer and a good friend; we'll miss him. John Riley

Proposed Changes to Association's By-Laws:

Any change to the Association's By-Laws requires notification and vote by the membership. (See NOTE below.) 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. 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, if approved will expand membership eligibility in the association 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:

THIS IS NOT A BALLOT. YOU MUST BE PRESENT AT THE BIENNIAL MEETING IN BILOXI TO VOTE ON THESE RECOMMENDATIONS.

"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."

From the Secretary

The USAF MSC Association newsletter is published 3 times each year. In order to read the email version and other MSC Association documents, you must have a program called Acrobat Reader installed in your computer. If you don't have it, you can go to www.adobe.com and click on "download acrobat reader." It's safe and it's free. You can also buy it at a software store such as Best Buy, Comp USA and many others. If you prefer to receive association correspondence by regular US Postal Service mail let me know by return message and I will ensure that option is selected for you. Keep in mind, though, USPS mail takes from 1 to 4 weeks while email is almost instantaneous.

Col Ken Mackie Secretary USAF MSC Association 800-484-6749 (code 0441)

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 _____

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

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 Service Corps Rate: \$89.00 plus taxes
Registration Deadline: August 28, 2003
Processing Fee for Refunds: \$15
NO REFUNDS AFTER AUGUST 28, 2003

CALENDAR

Saturday 9-27-03

Board of Directors Meeting 1400-1700

Sunday 9-28-03

Registration Hospitality Suite 1000-1800
Reception Hospitality Suite 1000-2300
Dinner (Seafood) 1830-2000

Monday 9-29-03

Registration Hospitality Suite 0730-0900
Coffee, Sweet Rolls, Juice 0800-0900
General Membership Meeting (details later) 0900-1015
Break 1015-1030
General Membership Meeting 1030-1200
Lunch (On Your Own)
Shopping, Tours, Golf, Other Activities 1200-1800
No-Host Cocktails 1800-1830
Dinner Traditional Buffet 1830-2030
Hospitality Suite 2030-2300

Tuesday 9-30-03

Activities, Tours, Golf, Fishing, Other 0730
Lunch (On Your Own)
Hospitality Suite 1200-2300
Dinner (On Your Own)

Wednesday 10-1-03

Coffee, Rolls, Juice 0730-0900
General Membership Meeting (details later) 0900-1015
Break 1015-1030
General Membership Meeting (details later) 1030-1200
Lunch (On Your Own) 1200-1300
Activities 1300-1800
No-Host Cocktails 1800-1900
Banquet Dinner (Prim Rib or Fish) 1900-2200
Hospitality Suite 2200-2300

Thursday 10-2-03

Check out and Farewell 0800-1200

* Photos will be taken and available for purchase

SIGHTSEEING TOURS *Hotard Motor Coach Services*

Monday, September 29, 2003

13:00 - 1700 \$28.00 per person

Stennis Space Tour - This tour includes a stop at Stennis Space Center where the main engines used to boost the Space Shuttle into Earth orbit are tested. See NASA and space flight exhibits as well as those representing other agencies located at Stennis, including the U.S. Navy's world-class oceanographic community, the Naval Oceanography Command and the Naval Research Laboratory.

Tuesday, September 30, 2003

0900 - 1700 \$36.00 per person

New Orleans Historical Tour & Coastal Mississippi - Enjoy a full day of adventure and excitement as we leave Biloxi for the "City That Care Forgot... New Orleans!" Traveling along the "World's Longest Man Made Beach", you will find this to be one of the most scenic in all the United States. Follow along the rails of the historic St. Charles Avenue streetcar as it passes stately mansions from an era long ago. At the end of our City Tour you will have an opportunity to visit, on your own, the famous French Quarter, National D-Day Museum, Lunch at one of New Orleans' World Famous Restaurants.

Tuesday, September 30, 2002

0900 - 1130 \$24.00 per person

Biloxi Historical Tour - A journey through 300 years of Southern history that shaped the City of Biloxi. You will travel alongside the world's longest man-made beach and see historic homes, landmarks and attractions in the coastal towns of Biloxi and Ocean Springs. Experience the Southern lifestyle from the moss-draped oaks at Beauvoir, Jefferson Davis' Antebellum home, to the glitz and glamour of Casino Row. Tour highlights include Fort Maurepas, St. Michael's Church, the Biloxi Lighthouse, Tullis-Toledano home, Keesler Air Force Base, and Biloxi's Back Bay.

Please indicate your sightseeing pleasure choice by circling the tour. This is not a commitment to attend the tours; it just gives the tour company an idea of our interests. Tour Guides will be in the registration area to sign you up and collect fees for the different events. Must have minimum of 20 for above rates on each trip.

Space Center Tour	Monday, 1300-1700
New Orleans Tour	Tuesday, 0900 - 1700
Biloxi Historical Tour	Tuesday, 0900 - 1130

Golf- Keesler Bay Breeze Golf Course Tuesday, 1100 Regular Fees

Deep Sea Fishing - Keesler AFB, Charter Fishing Boat 50' The Dauphina \$400.00
Tuesday, 0700 - 1630
Capacity 22 So first come first served.

NAME: _____

GUEST: _____

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM WITH YOUR COMPLETED REGISTRATION

Welcome New Members

Major Leslie Davis first entered the military service on 3 December 1940. He enlisted in the Army Air Corps and was assigned to the Army Medical Service. His primary duties as an enlisted person were in the field of Medical Supply. He achieved the rank of Master Sergeant during his 3rd year of duty. During WWII he served in the Asiatic-Pacific Theatre. In 1948 he became a Warrant Office (W01) and in 1951 was commissioned as a 2nd Lt. in the Medical Service Corps. His duties for the remaining years of service were as Base Medical Supply Officer or medical facility Administrator. Les retired from the Air Force on July 31, 1967.

After retirement Les worked at Jackson Memorial Hospital, Miami, FL for two and one half years and then took a position with Lutheran Hospital Society (Pacific Health Resources) Los Angeles,

CA, where he served as Director Material Management until May 1985. Les is single and currently resides in Flower Mound, Texas.

Colonel Robert J. Rennie graduated from SUNY at Stony Brook, Graduate School of Healthcare Sciences and was commissioned a 1st Lieutenant. His first assignment after working for five years as an Assistant Administrator in a NY community hospital was at Ellsworth AFB. Subsequent assignments were Wright-Patterson (AFIT, MS Logistics Mgmt), Offutt AFB, Patrick AFB (Recruiting), Langley AFB, Nellis AFB, Keesler AFB, Grand Forks AFB, Hurlburt AFB, RAF Lakenheath, and currently Hanscom AFB as the 66th MDG/CC. Areas of concentration were in Logistics, TRICARE and SQ CC positions (all at the MTF level). He also served as the Deputy Command Surgeon, AFSOC for one year. He plans to stay on active duty until 2010.



USAF MSC Association, Inc.
Board of Directors Absentee Ballot

CANDIDATES (Vote for 4)

- _____ **Brig Gen Peter Bellisario**

- _____ **Lt Col Ralph Charlip**

- _____ **Col Steven Mirick** (incumbent)

- _____ **Col Charles (Barry) Morrison** (incumbent)

- _____ **Col Billy Simmons**

- _____ **Lt Col Arthur Small** (incumbent)

Signature **Please Print name** **Date**

All absentee ballots must be signed to be valid.

If you are not attending the reunion please fill out the absentee ballot and send to:
Col Ken Mackie, USAF, MSC, Ret. Association Secretary 3225 Rivera Court Fairfield CA 94534-7126

Brig Gen Pete Bellisario

General Bellisario retired from the Air Force in 1994 after a 30-year career. In 1991 he became the second MSC to be promoted to general officer rank. In addition to being our Corps Chief, he served as both a MAJCOM senior administrator and as a Medical Center administrator. Pete and his wife, Joan, live in Pittsburgh, PA. He has served the association as Co-chair of Membership and Awards Committee.

Lt Colonel Ralph Charlip

After retiring he has served as Director of VA's Health Administration Center in Denver Lt Colonel Charlip has a Masters in Public Administration, SOS, ACSC, AWC, Interagency Institute. Air Force experience includes patient administration specialty, TRICARE, HQ USAF, clinics, medical centers, hospitals, RMO, Facilities, Systems, Command, ending his AF career at WHMC as the Associate Administrator 300+ \$250M operating providing health benefits support to various VA beneficiaries around the world. Served as one of three VA representatives to DOD regarding TRICARE's next generation of contracts. Col Charlip has also served on the board of directors of a local hospice. Why Col Charlip? Why not! He is enthusiastic, has the time and can make the commitment. He understands the value of the Corps to the AF and the need to maintain the camaraderie.

Colonel Steve Mirick

I am completing my first term on the USAF MSC Association Board of Directors and have enjoyed serving. During this first term, I served as the association secretary for two years and am completing a two-year term as president. I would like to continue contributing by serving another term.

I retired in 1994 after serving 26 years, and have been the Assistant Executive Director of the Association of Military Surgeons of the United States (AMSUS) ever since. I am a Fellow in the ACHE, a Life Member of AMSUS, the Military Officers Association of America (formerly TROA) and the Federal Health Care Executives Institute Alumni Association. I serve on the Healthcare Committee of The Military Coalition and am a member of the Air Force Association. I believe my current duties provide experience and unique qualifications to serve the USAF MSC Association. My wife, Donna and I have been married 34 years and we have two adult children.

Colonel Charles "Barry" Morrison

Colonel Morrison retired from active duty in 1991, after thirty years of active service. His last position was as Commander of the Air Force Office of Medical Support (AFOMS), Brooks AFB, TX. Prior to that, he was administrator of the Wiesbaden Medical Center in Germany and, before that, Chief of Medical Information Systems at AFOMS. Previous assignments included duty in Italy, Vietnam and several other CONUS locations. Barry holds a Bachelor of Arts in Business Administration from Michigan State University and an MBA from Central Missouri State University. He has completed several professional military training courses including Air War College.

Barry is currently Director, Treasurer, and Chairman, Investment Committee of the USAF MSC Association. Barry and wife Betty retired to Rockwall, Texas and he has remained busy in several

activities: Board Member and Secretary, Rockwall County Appraisal Review Board; Past-President, Lone Star Officers Club, Ft Worth, Texas Chapter, Military Officers Association of America, (MOAA); Past- Chairman, Board of Directors, Rockwall Knights Foundation; Past-Director, Crestridge Meadows Homeowners Association.

Colonel Billy Simmons

Colonel Simmons has a Masters in Hospital Administration from the University of Minnesota. Experience includes various positions in Air Force Hospitals, Office of the Air Force Surgeon General; Surgeons Office CINCPAC; Office Assistant Secretary of Defense, Health; Washington office of the American Hospital Association; Director of the Mississippi State Medicaid Program, President of Millcreek Management Inc.; President and Chief Executive of Simmons Medical Management, Inc. I have experience on several Mississippi Boards and Commissions since my retirement. I believe my experience fully qualifies me to serve on the Board of Directors and believe I can make a contribution to that body in the overall management of the Association.

Lt Colonel Art Small, LFACHE

I retired in 1975 after 30 years of enlisted and commissioned service. I also retired from the College of Medicine at Ohio State University and Albany Medical College. I have served on my condominium board for the past 20 years and have served as president for eleven. I served two years as president of the Capital District Chapter TROA, and continue to serve on the board (15 years) and as newsletter editor/publisher.

I served as Chief of Staff Air Division New York Guard until retired (age) in December 2002. I also volunteer at the Retiree Service Office. I'm a member of the Military Ball Committee which oversees the annual ball to raise money for the Fisher House at the VA hospital in Albany.

As a first term member of the USAF MSC Association Board and Newsletter Editor since 1998 I have reduced the association's printing and postage cost by half utilizing electronic version of the newsletter. I would like to continue serving in this capacity so that I can continue to contribute to the organization.

TAPS

Col James W King 3 March 03
Major Jerold W Christen 11 March 03

Col Robert H Bonner
LtCol Emmett A Bernel
Jack W Ball.

LtCol John H. Suther
Col Russel L. Bryant
LtCol Charles J Hearn 15 April 03
LtCol Dean L Peterson 25 April 03
LtCol Charles H Sawyer 2 June 03
LtCol Hugh T Wrigley 6 June 03
Maj Wayne W Condon 9 June 03

Col William Milton Johnson, age 83, died in his home in Powell OH on Wednesday, June 4, 2003. Survived by his wife, Florence (married 61 years), sister Merideth Lugowski, and children, William, Jr., Robert, Mallory, and Steven. During a distinguished 30-year career in Medical Service Corp of the United States Air Force Colonel Johnson was twice awarded the Legion of Merit and other awards. His tours of duty included service in the Mariana islands during WW2, Germany, Hawaii and other locations in the USA.

Colonel James W. Polkinghorn, USAF (Ret.), born in 1913, Cedar Falls, Iowa, died July 20, 2003 in San Antonio. He graduated from the University of Kansas in 1937, and was the advertising manager of the Borger Daily Herald in Borger, TX. Drafted in 1941, he was commissioned a 2nd Lt. MAC in 1942. After World War II service in Africa, Italy, France and the Pacific, he transferred to the USAF as a Major in 1949. During his service career, Col. Polkinghorn served in numerous administrative and staff positions including Chief of the Medical Service Corps and Assistant Surgeon General for Medical Administration. His numerous decorations included the Distinguished Service Medal; the Legion of Merit; the Air Force Commendation Medal with oak leaf cluster; the Army of Occupation Medal (Germany and Japan); the National Defense Service Medal with Bronze Star; the World War II Victory Medal; the Campaign Medals for all three World War II Theaters of Operations; the RVCM; the VSM with three bronze stars; the AFLSA with one silver and one bronze oak leaf cluster and the Chief Medical Service Corps Insignia. He and his wife, the former Mary Kathryn Gorman of Amarillo, Texas moved to San Antonio. In addition to his wife of 62 years, Col. Polkinghorn is survived by his daughter, Sharon Turner Buchanan-Parker, of Exeter, NH, and Lynda Hamilton of Martinsburg, WV; six grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren

USAF MSC Association, Inc.
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Fairfield CA 94534-7126
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)