



USAF MSC Association **NEWSLETTER**

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From the Chairman of the Board

Fellow members: Happy New Year! I hope all of you had a wonderful Holiday Season and wish you all the best in 2004.

We had an outstanding reunion in Biloxi this fall. Billy Simmons and Mac McClean did a wonderful job in the planning and arrangements. I'm just sorry we didn't have more members and guests in attendance. They missed a great time. We opened the Reunion with a short memorial honoring Col Bill Johnson and Col Jim Polkinghorn along with those other members who are no longer with us.

We were pleased to bestow Honorary Membership on former Air Force Surgeon General, Lt Gen Paul W. Myers, during the opening ceremonies. Following the presentation of his membership plaque from Don Wagner and John Riley, General Myers gave us some inspiring words about what our Corps and its members mean to him and to the Air Force. We were pleased to have Ginny Myers join us and share this honor with her husband. We all welcome General Myers and hope he will continue to participate in our activities.

Col John Riley completed his tenure on the association's Board of Directors. During that period, John served terms as both president and chairman of the board. He and his wife, Joy, did the lion's share of the planning and coordination for our 10th Anniversary Reunion in Las Vegas in 2001. Today, AF MSC Association is both larger and stronger thanks to John's outstanding contributions and leadership. On behalf of all the membership, I extend our appreciation for his great service.

I welcome two new members to the Board of Directors. Col Billy Simmons was elected to the

board during the annual business meeting. I also welcome Col Al Baskin, USAFR MSC to the board. Al was appointed by the board to fill the unexpired term of Col Joe Curley, who recently resigned. During the board meeting in Biloxi, I was honored to be elected chairman. Col Frank Rohrbough was elected president and Col John Klotsko vice president. The board also recently appointed Lt Col Ralph Charlip as secretary.

I look forward to working with Frank, our other officers, and the board to keep the association on course and continue its upward progress. Frank brings a wealth of ideas and experience that I'm sure will benefit the association.

Steve Mirick

From the President

Fellow Members: I hope that you had a wonderful Holiday Season and wish each of you the best throughout 2004. I pray that it be a better year that will bring more peace to the world and safety to our men and women who are serving in harm's way. We owe them a debt of gratitude for their service to our country and maintaining the freedoms we all too often take for granted.

I am honored to serve as your new President for the next two years. I hope to represent your interest well and welcome any suggestions that you may have that will help this Association to continue to grow in members and serve the needs of the membership. My goal during my tenure is twofold: 1) to gain more active duty, guard and reserve members and 2) to increase attendance at our biennial meeting in 2005. Although we have had over 200 attendees at these meetings in the 1990s, we have slipped to just over 100 in 2001 (Las Vegas) and 2003 (Biloxi). The lower attendance was caused by events beyond our control – the meeting in Las Vegas was held only weeks after the horrific events of 9-11 and the meeting in Biloxi was impacted by the state of the economy. These meetings were well organized and planned and allowed the attendees to enjoy the camaraderie of other retirees – long time friends and new acquaintances – while enjoying the tourist attractions in the local area.

But the Board would like to energize the membership to return to the attendance levels of the earlier meetings. To do so, the Board agreed that a survey of the membership is necessary to better understand what the membership wants from these meeting and what it will take to attract members to attend in 2005. Therefore, a survey will be sent to the membership in the early spring asking a range of questions relating to:

- . Location of the meeting (currently it's scheduled for San Diego),
- . Durations and timing of the meeting (weekends or weekdays),
- . Limits on out-of-pocket expenses (daily room charge and travel),
- . Format of the meetings (presentations, social activities, tours, etc.)

Your feedback will be valuable to us as we select the site of the meeting for 2005 and learn what it will take to get you to attend the meeting. To bring greater integration and participation of the active duty MSCs with the retirees and their spouses, Colonel Steve Meigs – the current Corps Chief - has agreed to hold the MSC Senior Leadership Meeting concurrent with our biennial

meeting in 2005. This will help us recruit more active duty or newly retired MSCs to the Association.

To make the Association's Webpage more useful to our members we will review its format and content to liven it up and make more information available to the membership. We will add links to other sites that will serve our members better. If you have any ideas, please let us know by sending a message to me at the USAF MSC Association's e-mail AFMSCASSOC@aol.com or if you want to call me directly, I can be reached at my office at (800) 234-6622 ext 164.

Again, I am grateful to have the opportunity to serve you. I can do that better if I hear from you.

Have a great and prosperous New Year.

Frank Rohrbough

Meet our new secretary

Effective 1 January 2004 Lt Colonel Ralph Charlip will assume the duties of association secretary, replacing Col Ken Mackie who will retain his elected position as a member of the board.

Ralph Charlip serves as the Director of the VA's Health Administration Center. The Center serves more than 200,000 beneficiaries around the world through the Civilian Health and Medical Program of the Department of Veterans Affairs, the Foreign Medical Program, the Spina Bifida Health Care Program, the Persian Gulf Examination Program and the Children of Women Vietnam Veterans Health Care Program.

Ralph joined the VA in May 2000 after completing 22 years as an Air Force Medical Service Corps officer.

Ralph is a Fellow in the American College of Health Care Executives (ACHE) and the American Academy of Medical Administrators (AAMA). He is also a member of the Association of Surgeons of the United States and the Vice President of the Mile High Chapter of the Air Force Association. He has held adjunct faculty appointments at the University of Maryland, St Leo's College and the Air National Guard Quality Center and is a member of the Metropolitan State College Advisory Committee for its Health Care Management Program.

New Members

Colonel Richard A. Peterson is the Chief, Air Force Health Facilities Division, located within the Office of the Surgeon General, Bolling AFB, Washington D.C. He is responsible for all matters concerning planning, programming, design, and construction of medical and dental treatment facilities. The division provides consultant services to the major command surgeons, medical group commanders, and Lead Agents for strategic planning, programming, maintenance and repair, minor construction, facility space use, code compliance, initial outfitting, and facility life cycle management.

Col Clarence Feightner's Military Career began in Dec 1933 in the Mich Nat'l Guard. He was Commissioned 2nd Lt, 119th Field Artillery, Mich Nat'l Guard in Oct 1940, then called to Active Duty 7 April 1941, transferred to Signal Corps, was in the ETO as a Combat Planning Staff Officer. transferred from USAR to USAFR, Retired 30 Sept 1966 as Col USAF-BSC. He moved to Oklahoma City in July 1967 with wife Vera and 4 daughters.

Colonel Randy B. Borg graduated from Iowa State University and was commissioned via the direct commissioning program in 1981 after a medical logistics internship at the USAF Regional Hospital Carswell in Fort Worth, Texas. He is currently the administrator of the 81st Medical Group at Keesler AFB, Mississippi. He resides in Ocean Springs, MS, with his wife, Barbara, and his two children, Christopher and Devan.

Colonel Rick Marsh retired on October 1st as the Deputy Command Surgeon for the Air Education and Training Command after more than 26 years of service. After receiving his bachelor's degree, Rick enlisted as an Army Private First Class and attended the Combat Engineer Basic Training at Ft Leonard Wood, MO. He was picked to attend the Army's Branch Officer Candidate School (OCS) and was subsequently commissioned in the Army Medical Service Corps. In 1981, Rick was lured to the Air Force and attended the Health Services Administration course at Sheppard AFB, TX.

Rick, along with his wife Debbie, will be moving to Lubbock Texas where Rick was just named the Associate CEO of Highland Medical Center

Attention Internet Users!

The USAF MSC Association has made arrangements for you to access the USAF Medical Service Knowledge Base web site. If you are interested in keeping up with the activities of the active force, here is your chance.

The following applies to retirees only.

Go to <https://kx.afms.mil/ctb/groups/dotmil/documents/webcontent/joinkx.hcst> and select the sponsored membership form on the right. Fill in the sponsor's information as follows:

Last Name, LAMEY First Name, MARK Grade, USAF CAPT

DSN, 754-6550 Duty Email, mark.lamey@pentagon.af.mil

KX Area(s) You Wish to Access, ALL MSC PAGES.\

Enter your Last Name, First Name, MI

Select OTHER for Organization and type in USAF MSC ASSOCIATION

Do **NOT** fill in Office Symbol or Duty Title.

Include your telephone number and your email address.

Choose your password. Be sure to use at least one upper case character and at least one of the

special characters indicated.
In the GRADE box select CIVILIAN (other)

Leave Base blank

Indicate your city Corps Other
Leave the remainder blank.

Select SAVE and the form is sent. In two or three working days you will receive via email your log on name and, using the password you selected, authorization to access the web page. Our thanks to Lt Col Pat Dawson, Col Frank Nelson and Capt Mark Lamey for making this possible.

The URL (web page) address you will have access to is :

<https://kx.afms.mil/msc>

The officers and board of directors
wish to express their condolences to Wallace and Ava Jarboe on the loss of their
daughter, A. Elizabeth Jarboe Cheney, November 28 2003

Association's new address

Effective 1 January 2004 the association's new mailing address is:

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Food for thought

While waiting at John Wayne Airport returning from Disneyland, I went to the newsstand and noticed a book titled "The Right Thing" by CDR Scott Waddle, USN, Ret. He was CO of the Los Angeles class nuclear sub, USS Greeneville, which had a collision with a Japanese fishing/school boat off Oahu in February 2001. I picked it up and finished the 240 pages within 24 hours. It was a pretty good read in that I could relate to the places described in Hawaii, Pearl Harbor, the waters off of Honolulu, etc. The author's attitude was a bit self serving but what to expect? I did believe, however, the report of the run-around he received in some quarters in the Navy following the incident but was pleased to see that among his peers, at least, he reported much support. Clearly, he stepped up to the plate and took full responsibility for the accident as the CO.

If you have not yet read this book, you might find it interesting.

Ken Mackie

TAPS

Major Wayne E. Gulley, USAF Ret. Wayne died on November 25, of natural causes. He had been in a nursing home for three months prior to his death. He was a charter member of USAF MSC Association, and a life member. Wayne was in the initial group of 300 transferred from the Army, and was a 24-year-old new second lieutenant at the time. Wayne is survived by his wife Fanny L. Gulley

Colonel Francis (Frank) E Wolf

LtCol Charles H. Sawyer

Colonel James W King 3 March 03

Col Sandy Sandberg

Major Jerold W Christen 11 March 03

Col Ralph A Trimble Jr 5 September 03

Kathryn D. Carney, on 9 April. Wife of
LtCol Pierce F. Carney

Virginia Hass June 02. Wife of the late Col
Raymond Hass

Major Joseph (Joe) A. Borho 8 July 03

New board members

Colonel Billy Simmons was elected at the biennial meeting in Biloxi.

While on active duty he has served in a number of 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. He has experience on several Mississippi Boards and Commissions since retirement.

COLONEL ALAN I. BASKIN was appointed by the board to fill the unexpired term of Col Joe Curley.

Colonel Baskin entered active duty in the United States Navy completing Basic Training in September 1964. He obtained a Direct Commission in the United States Air Force Reserve in January 1977 and was assigned to the 414th Medical Service Squadron (MSES), March Air Force Base, CA. He has had several active duty tours during his career.

Col Baskin is currently the Commander, 349th Aerospace Medicine Squadron (AMDS), Travis Air Force Base, CA.

At ACHE

AF Awards (to include the Commitment to Excellence Award...active duty and retirees) will be announced/given at the annual AF MSC Awards Dinner on Wednesday evening, 3 Mar 04.

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