



USAF MSC Association **NEWSLETTER**

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President's Message

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Fellow Members:

Happy New Year! I hope you had a wonderful holiday season and wish you good health and happiness in 2003.

I hope you are making plans to attend the Association's Biennial Reunion scheduled for September 28 – October 2, 2003 in Biloxi, Mississippi. Col Billy Simmons and Col Mac McClean have been hard at work to make this an outstanding event. We will be meeting at the Grand Bay View Hotel and Casino in Biloxi. Leisure activities to be offered include an all day tour of New Orleans, a Biloxi Historical tour, and a tour of the Stennis Space Center, as well as deep-sea fishing in the Gulf. Golfers will also be able to play a round on the Keesler AFB course. Those who have attended past reunions know how much fun these events are. Biloxi promises to be no different. Specific details and registration information will be contained in the Spring Newsletter and posted on our Website. Watch for it, but mark your calendars now and plan on attending!

Your Board of Directors agreed that the Honorary Membership presentation held during the 2001 Reunion was a real highlight and would like to make this recognition a part of each future reunion. We will need worthy candidates from the membership to make this a tradition. Nominating procedures are contained elsewhere in the Newsletter, and are also posted on the Association's Website (www.mscassociation.org). If you know of an individual who has made a notable contribution to the Medical Service Corps or the Association and is not eligible for membership, I encourage you to nominate him or her. This is a great way to recognize those outside our corps who have made contributions to our profession.

We are close to finalizing procedures for the annual recognition of a retired Medical Service

Corps officer for outstanding service. This recognition and award will be made by the Chief of the Medical Service Corps during the Annual MSC Awards Dinner held each year at the American College of Healthcare Executives Congress on Administration. I am very excited about this finally becoming a reality. Many thanks to Col Ed Nugent for his persistence and to Col Frank Rohrbough and Col Steve Meigs for their efforts in getting it done. Once procedures are finalized, a formal announcement will be made. I think you'll be pleased and proud to have this recognition by the Corps with MSC Association nomination.

Based on the comments from attendees at the 2001 reunion and a survey of the membership, the Board of Directors has selected San Diego, California as the site for the 2005 Reunion. This continues the practice of alternating reunion sites between the eastern half of the United States and the western half. This philosophy balances travel distances for all members and hopefully optimizes the ability to attend for our members no matter where they reside.

The Board is seeking members who reside in San Diego or in relatively close proximity to assist in planning and organizing the 2005 Reunion. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Col Ken Mackie (MSCAsso@prodigy.net). Your help would be greatly appreciated.

Elsewhere in the Newsletter is a call for candidates for Board of Directors. The election will be held in Biloxi during the Reunion. Col Ben Daughtry and Col Nick Nicholson have volunteered to serve as the nominating committee. If you would like to serve the Association in this manner, I urge you to run for the board.

Again, I urge you to mark your calendars for September 28th – October 2nd and plan on attending the reunion in Biloxi. I promise you'll have a great time renewing friendships and meeting your colleagues who served before or after you.

Best wishes,

Steve Mirick

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HISTORY UPDATE

Our MSC History Project continues to develop. Jimmy Sanders, our working historian for this project, thought our readers might be interested in the following historical tidbit.

MSCs have traditionally served virtually anywhere there was a need for Medical Service representation in roles that did not readily require the specific education and training associated with other corps of the Air Force Medical Service, i.e. physicians, nurses, veterinarians, etc. One example of the range of unusual and challenging positions filled by MSCs was that of pararescue-team commanders. The following item appeared in the January 1951 issue of the U.S.

Air Force Medical Service Digest:

"MSC OFFICERS NEEDED IN AIR RESCUE SERVICE. The need exists for company grade officers of the MSC to volunteer for duty in the Air Rescue Service. Such officers will be trained as pararescue-team commanders who get to the scene of a disaster--crash, blizzard, flood or earthquake--as soon as and with as much assistance as possible. They must meet and solve problems of emergency medical treatment, survival, evacuation, and must, therefore, not only be equipped to handle such situations but have a definite desire for such duty. Prerequisites for these positions are:

- a. Physical qualification for parachute jumping.
- b. Willingness to participate in parachute training
- c. Age--between 23 and 36 years, inclusive.
- d. Weight--not more than 190 pounds.
- e. Height--not less than 5 feet 6 inches.
- f. Basic knowledge of medical sciences....
- g. Experience desirable as a:
 - (1) Combat or noncombat medical or surgical technician; or
 - (2) Battalion surgeon's assistant (MSC) SSN-3506; or
 - (3) Professional technician or a pharmacist.
- h. Appropriate background (desirable but not required) as a:
 - (1) Woodsman
 - (2) Trapper
 - (3) Hunter
 - (4) Professional Guide
 - (5) Devotee of outdoor sports involving physical endurance, adaptability or resourcefulness....

Jimmy would like to talk to MSCs who have served as pararescue-team commanders. Contact Jimmy at 334-613-6851 or e-mail: paradox@zebra.net.

On the Road Again

by Arthur Small

For those of you that like to travel I would like to tell you about an inexpensive trip to China I just completed. While many of us have had assignments in the Far East, and may have visited Hong Kong, it is just not the same as mainland China.

I traveled with a company named China Focus Travel out of San Francisco. They have a number of different tours; the one I took was called Historic China (12 days). It leaves from San Francisco and goes directly to Shanghai where I spent two days seeing the fascinating old and the bustling, modern new city, the Jade Buddha Temple, and the amazing Shanghai Acrobats.

There was a day trip to Suzhou, the Venice of the Orient. Next I visited Confucius' Cemetery in Qufu, took a bus ride to Tai'an to visit the Dai Temple, then on to Jinanto to see the Yellow River.

The tour included several short bus rides, an overnight train ride adventure, and a four and a half hour train ride to the final destination, Beijing, with visits to Tian'anmen Square, the Forbidden City, and other famous landmarks. We attended a Chinese Opera, visited the Great Wall, and we ended the tour with a Peking Duck dinner.

The hotels in each city were good to excellent, the meals were also good to excellent. The exception was the breakfast meal. The western breakfast meal was so-so to good. At worst you could have toast, coffee and a hard boiled egg. On the other hand if you like Chinese breakfasts they rate pretty high.

The national guide was great! Each city had in addition a local guide and, with one exception, they were also very good. One day we did have a guide who was new to the job, and I am sure she, too, will improve with practice.

And let's not forget the shopping. The tour includes stops in small factories that manufacture jade products, pearls, rugs, and cloisonne. Of course there are always the small shops and street vendors that will offer you all sorts of goods, from the kitsch to the knock-off to the real find.

All meals are included on this trip, and a group visa is available that saves 40.00 over the cost of an individual visa.

You can view details of this and other trips offered by China Focus at <http://chinafocustravel.com> or call them at 800-868-7244.

If you have had an interesting/inexpensive trip, how about sending a few short paragraphs about your adventure to the newsletter editor at asmall1@nycap.rr.com or snail mail to Arthur Small, 212 Point of Woods Dr., Albany NY 12203-5501

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These links are for those on the web.

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| 1999 | April 1999 | June 1998 | July 1999 | October 1999 |
| 1998 | March 1998 | September 1998 | December 1998 | N/A |

<http://www.afmsnews.com/>

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 15 March 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 members may be any individual who has contributed to the advancement, growth, professionalism and success of the Medical Service Corps or its members. Such honorary members 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.

TAPS

LtCol Robert A Sweger, 29 August 02

Major John C Carden, 11 August 02

Major Joseph Dibona, 5 August 02.

Maj William S. Lonnecker, 24 July 02

LtCol William H. McFarland, May 2000

Verla (Vickie) Grimes, wife of the late Ivan Grimes, died 31 July 02 in Corvallis OR

Col Joseph E (Pete) Hodge, 23 Sept 02

LtCol Henry S. Malm, 12 Sept 02

Maj Charles E. Stewart, Sr., 26 Sept 02 in Montgomery AL

LtCol Robert L Smith

LtCol William J Demuth, 21 Oct 02

LtCol Charles H Sawyer, 15 Oct 02.

LtCol Aloysius (Al) Nestor

Colonel Gerald (Jerry)Edwards, 19 Dec Atlanta GA

LtCol Mahlon P Clark

Major Edwin H Holmes

Major William S Lonnecker

LtCol Joseph M. Fuller, born in Bogota, TX on March 14, 1912, passed away on June 11, 2002, in San Antonio, TX. "Daddy Jim" was preceded in death by his loving wife of 61 years, Marion "Mim" Fuller. Survivors include a daughter, Glenda F. Drake and husband George of Altus, OK; son Nicholas M. Fuller and wife Darlene of Bulverde, TX; six grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren

Secretary's Column.

Thanks to the membership and to Newsletter Editor Art Small for their collective efforts in scrubbing/updating email addresses for those who have them and want them in the association database. This enables Art to electronically shoot the newsletter to those folks and they will usually get it the same day. Snail-mail takes between one week and a month or more in some areas. Email is not only timely but essentially cost-free, too!!

Members who change email addresses, other addresses, phone numbers, etc. need to let me know so I can update the roster information in a timely fashion. 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.

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

Members who receive the newsletter via the Postal Service will be able to check dues currency on the mailing label. Others will be/have been notified by email. As of the end of November, we had 707 active members. Thirty-seven of those were in arrears by two years and 56 by one year. At the other end of the spectrum, 135 were paid up through 2003 or later.

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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> |
|-----------------------|---------------|
| <u>Over 85</u> | <u>Waived</u> |
| <u>81 - 85</u> | <u>\$60</u> |
| <u>76 - 80</u> | <u>\$80</u> |
| <u>71 - 75</u> | <u>\$200</u> |
| <u>66 - 70</u> | <u>\$250</u> |
| <u>61 - 65</u> | <u>\$295</u> |
| <u>56 - 60</u> | <u>\$335</u> |
| <u>51 - 55</u> | <u>\$360</u> |
| <u>50 & under</u> | <u>\$395</u> |

Send completed application with dues payment to Col Ken Mackie,

Association Secretary, address at top of page.

(Make check payable to: USAF MSC Association)