



USAF MSC Association **NEWSLETTER**

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From the Chairman of the Board

What a great 2007 MSC Association Reunion we had in San Antonio. Everything went off without a hitch thanks to the great work of Mac (Ray McClean) and his committee.

We have four new board members that were elected by the Association membership at the Reunion. They are Al Obuchowski, Charlie Brown, Bob Hauser and Joe Volks. Col Denise Lew was appointed to fill Brian Ackers term as the active duty representative to the board. My congratulations to all. I am sure that they will be an asset to the Association.

I would also like to congratulate our new president Ralph Charlip. Ralph and I have worked together very closely for the past two years as VP and President and we will continue to strive for the good of the association.

My one disappointment was the very low number of absentee ballots received from the members not in attendance. It is your association, and your vote does count.

We had a large number attending the 2007 Reunion and they voted to have the 2009 Reunion on the East Coast. Several cities were mentioned and the board will review a number of venues and make a selection early next year.

You will see in this newsletter an article about the Association's Challenge Coin. The coin contains the new official logo of the USAF MSC Association. Many were sold at the Reunion and as the article indicates (elsewhere in the Newsletter) they are available to the membership for purchase. A color photo of the coin front and back is available on our web page and is also shown on page 7 of this Newsletter (in black & white).

If you have any suggestions to assist the Association recruit new members, improve our web page, and/or provide additional services to the membership please contact me or any Board member.

**Arthur (Art) Small
Chairman**

The President's Message:

For the last four years, I have served as the Association Secretary and for the last two, as Vice President. I appreciate the training these two positions have provided. I also greatly appreciate the original opportunity to serve the Association that Ken Mackie extended to me with the Board's approval. So let me thank you for letting me serve as the Association's President for the next two years. I consider this quite an honor.

The new Board met after the General Membership meeting and elected officers and appointed chairpersons for several committees. For 2007-2009, Association officers and chairpersons are:

**Art Small – Chairman
Ralph Charlip – President
Jim Moreland – Vice President and Web Management Committee
Charlie Brown – Secretary
Al Obuchowski – Treasurer and Chair of the Finance Committee
Ray Inman - Survivor Assistance Program Chair
Bob-Hauser - By-Laws Committee
Joe Vocks - Membership and Awards Committee
Wayne Terry – Newsletter Editor
Bill Copeland – Counsel
Steve Coleman – Chaplain
Al Baskin – Guard and Reserve
Denise Lew – Active Duty
Mac McClean – taking a break as committee chair after the GREAT San Antonio reunion
Ed Nugent - Chairman Emeritus
Bob Geltz – Web Master**

I also wish to extend a heartfelt thanks to members of the 2005-2007 Board who completed their terms: Frank Rohrbough, Steve Mirick, Barry Morrison and Billy Simmons. These four devoted many years to the Association as leaders of our organization and we all owe them a great deal of thanks.

And as Art said, if you have any ideas on how to improve our organization, please let one of the Board members know. See you in 2009 when we meet in ??????

Ralph Charlip

"History does not entrust the care of freedom to the weak or timid."

~ Dwight D. Eisenhower ~

DR JERROLD WHEATON AWARDED HONORARY MEMBERSHIP IN THE AIR FORCE MSC ASSOCIATION



Dr Jerrold Wheaton was recognized at the San Antonio Reunion in October by being awarded Honorary Membership in the Air Force MSC Association. Dr Wheaton is widely known in Air Force circles after spending nearly 30 years in a variety of high level assignments. The following are Dr Wheaton's remarks following his introduction by Art Small and Frank Rohrbough at the Reunion induction ceremony.

“Thank you all! Recognition by one's peer group, I equate with the DSM!! This is a real honor, but I should be giving an award to you for many of you spent a lot of time and effort teaching me what to do. I would like to recognize a number of those who taught me and many others I had the pleasure of working with during my Air Force and post retirement careers.

“I was drafted in 1943 after graduation from Colgate and after basic training was sent to the Army Specialized Training Program (ASTP) graduating in 1947 with an M.D. and a 2nd Lt. reserve commission. I was recalled at the end of the Korean conflict in 1954 and assigned as Dispensary Commander and Flight Surgeon for the 47th FIS, Air Defense Command. I knew how to run a general practice office, but had no clue when it came to USAF Medical Administration. Capt. George Wilson started my education, but it was interrupted with a year at Harvard for a Masters degree, flight training in the T-33, and two years at Randolph School of Aviation Medicine that later became Aerospace Medicine.

“My post graduate course in administration started in earnest when I was assigned as the Deputy Surgeon at 15th AF, March Air Force Base. I reported to the 15th AF Surgeon and asked him what he wanted me to do. The response was, ‘look around, you'll find something to do.’ Fortunately, Clarence Ashlin and Bill Zellers took me under their wing and began to show me how to do inspections. A few months later, Len Holihan arrived from Spain. We inspected Malmstrom AFB and I wrote my report, took it into Len and about a half hour later, he came into my office and said, ‘Jerry, call your wife and tell her you won't be home for dinner. You are going to learn how to write a report,’ and I did! Lon Towner and Glenn Wallace, my boss, were friends and I met Lon for the first time when he visited the 15th. My next assignment was Japan, followed by Okinawa with a four month trek through Southeast Asia and then back to Davis Monthan at Tucson as Hospital Commander. Lon Towner was now SAC Surgeon and at his new Hospital CO meeting at Omaha told me that out of the 15 hospitals in SAC, Davis Monthan was number 15. That surprised me for it had been one of the top SAC hospitals under George Schaeffer, but evidently his successor did not maintain the same standards! I told Lon that I would bet him a case of his favorite scotch that D-M would be number one within a year. He said, ‘Make that a bottle instead of a case and I'll take that bet.’ A year later he and Bill Zellers arrived, handed Charley Burge and me a bottle of scotch and a big two foot trophy!

“Charley Burge and I arrived at D-M within a week of each other. We decided to go through the hospital separately and make notes. Two days later we compared notes, found them in perfect agreement – things couldn't be worse! Charley got all the MSC officers together and Cal Freistad, the supply officer, had a young lieutenant with computer skills. He went down to personnel and was able to get a spare key punch machine and a case of punch cards. We had a rubber stamp made the

same size as the punch card that listed every service and location in the hospital. Everyone who came in the door was handed a punch card and every place they went for service during that visit was marked on the card with the time. The cards were then left at the last service location, picked up every evening and at night one of the airmen put them through the key punch machine and tabulated the results for the day. This told us what services were used, what laboratory tests physicians were ordering and what prescriptions or treatments they ordered. These data were transferred to bar charts, photographed in color and presented at every staff meeting. It wasn't very long before productivity climbed and resource use declined due to peer pressure. That great MSC team won the SAC trophy. Incidentally, SAC asked for name suggestions for the trophy, I sent in "SAC Hospital Incentive Trophy," but for some strange reason, they didn't use my suggestion.

"Vietnam was heating up and in 1966 I volunteered for Vietnam. My assignment came through for Cam Rahn Bay along with the name of an MSC officer whose affinity for vodka was well known. I called assignments and said that I would withdraw my volunteer status, if they insisted to send this person and the response was, 'find someone yourself.' I called my old friend Hank Otter who agreed to go with me. We managed to almost get the hospital finished by the time that the TET offensive began in 1968, but we filled all the wards, even those without electricity and water with some of the walking wounded. Several months earlier, the Marine Commandant from PACAF had come through with his 'Gunny' and during the visit gave me his home phone number and an invitation to call him at any time if I ran into a problem I couldn't fix on my own. When the 12th USAF Hospital filled up, I called the C.O. of the Army Rehab unit that was about ten 'klicks' to the north and told him I wanted to send him about a hundred walking wounded convalescing marines. He told me that he couldn't do that, for he had quotas for the different services. I slammed the phone down and called the general, who was asleep in Hawaii. He told me that if I hadn't heard from the Army Colonel in ten minutes to call him back. It wasn't five minutes later that the phone rang and the Army Colonel asked, 'And how many do you want to send me?'

"I learned that Glenn Wallace, my old boss had been diagnosed with Parotid cancer and was going to have a radical neck dissection. I had a C.O.T. to Bitburg and called personnel for an assignment change so that I could mind the store for Glenn while he had his surgery. No one told me that Len Holihan was the SFLC Medical Administrator. If I had known that, I would have gone to Bitburg. As it was, I had the chance to work with Jake Tamse to standardize AFLC Hospital laboratory equipment and biomedical equipment repair procedures.

"Lon Towner was now SG and called me to say that he would like me to go to the Medical Service School at Sheppard AFB to set up a training program for physician assistants and nurse practitioners. He suggested that I go to Duke University and talk with Dr. Eugene Stead who had a Physician Assistant curriculum. Dr. Stead was more than generous and shared curriculum details down to lesson plans for the entire course. I arrived at Sheppard AFB with a foot locker stuffed with this material and found John Delahunt, John Klotsko, and Ray Inman were also there, later to be joined by Neal Hadley who taught the refresher course for MSC officers whose college grades reflected elbow bending 101 and girl chasing 202. His results were great and most were accepted into masters programs. We went to work and within a year had the PA program up and running. The first class of one hundred had only two drop outs. One was a selectee whose hospital commander over rated him and the other who had a severe family problem. I again had a call from HQ from MG John Wilkins who told me he wanted me to come to Washington and I told him I was enjoying what I was doing. The answer was: 'You have no choice!'

“In SGH, I finished my unofficial graduate degree in administration. The list of those who I owe during those two and a half years includes several Chiefs of Corps as well as many others. We had a GS 99 in charge of data collection in SGH and he was the stamp collector type who never shared data with anyone else. He was finally helped to decide to retire and John Brady was put into the position with instructions to see what production had been generated by the assets provided to each location. The result was a graph that showed resource allocation going up and production coming down. I briefed Gen Patterson and told him we were completing some options for him to consider that could validate or refute the data. He selected the option of taking all the inspection spaces out of all commands and putting them with the IG at Norton AFB to facilitate world travel. Ben Baker came in from USAFE and displaced John Wilkins who gave me the choice of PACAF SG or going with him to set up the new inspection or what I called a quality control system at Norton. I chose the latter.

“Meanwhile the PA’s with the program that we had set up with Midwestern University at Wichita Falls were progressing nicely and I wanted to see them commissioned. Gen Patterson and BG Baker did not want them commissioned. These men selected from the ranks of enlisted technicians deserved commissions. Of the 98 who graduated from an intensive 12 month program that included the majority of the first two years of medical school, all were later commissioned. Lt. Gen Patterson was now SG and he did not want to commission the PA’s. BG Anne Hoefly, Chief Nurse, gave me some of her unused nurse spaces and an old friend who now was the Nursing Director at Miami Dade University agreed to take the PA’s and get them an Associate Degree in Nursing. We assigned them 12 at a time to Holmstead AFB. Betty Youngren let them challenge every course except one and they took that at night. As soon as they passed the course they received an Associate Degree in nursing and were commissioned as a nurse. Later they were transferred to the Bioscience corps.

“John Klotsko became the liaison with Glaxso and convinced them to fund an award in perpetuity to recognize the outstanding PA of the year in my name. This is only one of the many things John did for me and that I will never forget! In 1998 I lectured at the PA Conference in San Antonio and there were members of that first class that included USAF and USN who were now Lt Colonels and Commanders!

“The end of the story with Patterson came after the first year of looking at USAF hospitals world wide. My briefing to him can be stated succinctly as, “You have a group of ineffective Hospital Commanders.” My recommendation was in the form of two options. The first was to place MSC officers in command of hospitals and make the senior physician Medical Director. The second was to ask the Navy for spaces in the Navy Monterrey Management School. Place physicians in that school who are being considered for hospital command and on graduation assign them to a command. At the end of a year inspect them with three grades, pass (don’t inspect again for three years), fail (remove them from command), and hold (inspect again in 6 months with a pass, fail rating). Neither option was taken and the same old system was continued. My name was pulled off the BG list and I put in my papers and retired. Five years plus later I joined Ed Nugent in Saudi Arabia and later worked with Neal Hadley, Wayne and Barbara Terry.

“I want to thank all who taught me and all those very capable MSC officers who shared work in the USAF and in retirement with me. It was hard to say these things without showing emotion.”

The average human heart beats 100,000 times a day. Make those beats count.

A MESSAGE FROM OUR NEW ASSOCIATION SECRETARY

As briefly mentioned in Art's message from the Chairman, and Ralph Charlip's message from the President, Charley Brown is the Association's new Secretary. In his new capacity, Charley asked to have several items included under the "Secretary's Column."

As we head into the new year, a couple of reminders:

- The MSC Association has a new address!! USAF MSC Association, Inc., 860 Oak Hill Drive, Monument, CO 80132-8829. The toll free number (866-818-2110) and the email address (afmscassociation@comcast.net) remain the same, and Charley can be reached at either.
- Association annual membership dues are due in January of each year unless you are a Life Member or have paid your dues ahead. To find out if you need to pay your dues in January 2008, check the address label on this newsletter. You will see a note that says DUES PAID THROUGH XXXX. If the label reads 2007, then you DO need to send a check for \$20 to the Association to maintain your membership. Make your check payable to the "USAF MSC Association" and mail it to the USAF MSC Association, 860 Oak Hills Drive, Monument, CO 80132-8829. A copy of the updated 2008 Membership RENEWAL Application Form is furnished for you at page 19 for your convenience. Please send your check before the end of January 2008.
- Also provided for your convenience is a separate 2008 Special Application Form for other payments and changes of status. Again, make all checks payable to the USAF MSC Association at the new address shown above. A copy of the Special 2008 New Member Application Form is shown at page 20.

Lastly, a closing comment. I would like to recognize Ralph Charlip for the absolutely outstanding job he has done as the Association Secretary over the last few years. When I took over as the Association Secretary at the October MSC Reunion, it became readily apparent just how many contributions he has made. Many of these have been behind the scenes which has allowed the Association to function smoothly without the problems normally experienced by similar organizations. It has been a seamless transition for me, and fortunately for us, Ralph will be around to make many more contributions as President. I know I speak for everyone – Thanks for a job well done.

Charley Brown, Secretary

THE SENILITY PRAYER

Grant me the senility to forget the people I never liked anyway, and the good fortune to run into the ones I do like, and have the eyesight to tell the difference.

THE NEW AIR FORCE MSC ASSOCIATION CHALLENGE COIN IS NOW AVAILABLE



The new Air Force MSC Association Challenge Coin was introduced at the October 2007 MSC Reunion in San Antonio. They were exceptionally well received by Association members and sold like hot cakes. They are now available to the general membership. The cost is \$10 for one coin and \$17 for two. A color photo of the coin front and back is available on our web page and is also shown here in black

& white for illustration purposes. They will make excellent gifts and will be considered treasured possessions in the future. Order yours now before supplies are exhausted. An application form is provided below for your ordering convenience.

USAF MSC ASSOCIATION COIN ORDER FORM

Send completed form and a check to:

**USAF MSC Association, Inc.
1006 Rosemary St
Denver, CO 80230-7089
(Phone 303-344-4360 Email: RX2LS@comcast.net)**

Pricing: 1 coin: \$10
 2 coins: \$17

Number of coins you wish to order: _____ *Make check payable to USAF MSC Association*

Name: _____

Shipping Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: (____) _____ (if we have a problem and you don't have email, we will call you)

Email address: _____ (we will let you know when your coin is shipped)

A true friend is someone who reaches for your hand and touches your heart.

A NATIONWIDE REVERSE TELEPHONE BOOK

This is not a joke... Please read.

Google has implemented a new feature which enables you to type a telephone number into the search bar and hit enter and you will be given the person's name and address. If you then hit Map Quest, you will get a map to the person's house. Everyone should be aware of this! It's a nationwide reverse telephone book.

If a child gives out his/her phone number, someone can now look it up to find out where he/she lives. The safety issues are obvious and alarming.

Note that you can have your phone number removed or blocked. I tried my number and it came up along with the Map Quest and directions straight to our house. I did fill out the removal form for myself, and encourage all of you to do the same. Quite scary.

In order to test whether your phone number is mapped, go to: Google (<http://www.google.com/>). Type your phone number in the search bar (i.e. 555-555-1212) and hit enter. If you want to BLOCK Google from divulging your private information, simply click on your telephone number and then click on the Removal Form. Removal takes 48 hours.

Please share this information with friends and family. [Your Newsletter Editor]

MEMBERSHIP RECRUITING CAMPAIGN EXTENDED

Due to the successful membership recruiting campaign, the Board of Directors elected to extend the Membership Campaign through the end of May 2008. While the campaign to date has been successful with 40+ new members joining, we believe we've only begun to tap the potential membership. Many active duty folks still are not aware that we exist, and the most effective method noted to date is a personal email, letter or phone call that lets a potential member know we exist and that we are all about documenting, preserving and spreading the word about our history and legacy as the Air Force Medical Service Corps. As we approach the holiday season, please note that "gift" memberships may still be purchased at a discount (\$15 per person) in groups of two or more. Just supply the information requested for each individual on the application form posted at: http://www.msassociation.org/Mbrshp_App.htm#Membership%20Application

Joe Vocks, Membership & Awards Committee

“This nation will remain the land of the free only so long
As it is the home of the brave.”

~ Elmer Davis ~

STILL MAKING THE CORPS PROUD!

Col Fred Graves (Ret), LFACHE, was elected as one of four Vice-Commanders-in-Chief of the Military Order of World Wars (MOWW) during their National Convention in Overland Park, Kansas in August 2007.

Fred Graves has been a member of MOWW since 1990 and has held numerous key positions. In addition to the recent honor, he is the current commander of Region VI which encompasses the state of Florida and Puerto Rico – a position he has held for the past five years. He is also an active member of the local MOWW Bradenton/Sarasota Chapter.

At the same national MOWW Convention conducted in August 2007, Col Graves was recognized for his many contributions to the MOWW organization by being awarded the prestigious Gold Patrick Henry Medal.

Well Done Fred!

2008 Retiree COLA is 2.3 Percent

It's official. The Bureau of Labor Statistics announced the monthly consumer price index for September — the final number needed to calculate the 2008 cost of living adjustment (COLA) for military retired pay, survivor annuities, and Social Security. Most military retirees will see a 2.3 percent COLA effective 1 December 2007. The increase will be reflected in the January 2008 checks.

SURVIVING SPOUSE PROGRAM UPDATE

At the October reunion the Board of Directors agreed to expand the Surviving Spouse Program to include non-members. An effective program relies upon you, the membership to participate. Upon learning of an Association Member's death or the death of a retired Air Force Medical Service Corps Officer you should notify the Honor Roll Manager and Secretary as soon as possible so the information can be passed to the necessary personnel. Members may also phone or email a State/Regional Coordinator directly upon learning of a retired Air Force MSC death.

In the event of a non-member's death it is important that you know the full name of the decedent as well as the name of the surviving spouse, the home address, home phone number and any other information that would be helpful in contacting the surviving spouse. For members we have that information available in our membership roster, therefore we would appreciate having complete data for non-members so that we may be able to contact the surviving spouse. An up-to-date listing of the Surviving Spouse Program participants and their current email address is shown below. Telephone numbers can be obtained from the membership roster. We appreciate the cooperation that we have received concerning this program and thank you for your continued support.

NAME	EMAIL ADDRESS	STATES/REGION RESPONSIBLE
Mary Anne Morreale	MaryAnn.Morreale.EPH.85@aya.yale.edu	MA, NE, ME, VT, CT, NJ, APO 09, NY, PA
John Labash	johnandbettylabash@rcn.com	DE, DC, MD
Ray Chappelle	chappeller@aol.com	VA
Dan Holtz	laurohn@bellsouth.net	WV, NC, SC, GA
George Breault	breault3373@aol.com	FL
Dan Seal	danseal@comcast.net	AL, TN, MS, KY
Daniel Sherred	dsherred@whitestoneLLC.com	OH, IN, MI, IA, MN, WI, ND, MT
Ray Benedetto	stratdirect@comcast.net	IL, MO, KS, NE, LA, AR, OK
Steve Dewoody	hj@satx.rr.com	TX
Duane Newton	figgnchita@msn.com	CO, WY, ID, UT
Jim Hooper	jimh@elrio.org	AZ, NM, NV
Pat French	pmfrench2004@yahoo.com	CA, HI, GUAM, APO 96, JAPAN
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COMMITTEE MEMBERS: Joe Vocks at email: jvocks@gvtc.com
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Update provided by Ray Inman, Chairman of the Surviving Spouse Program Committee

ANNUAL USAF MEDICAL SERVICE CORPS ASSOCIATION'S COMMITMENT TO EXCELLENCE AWARD NOMINATIONS FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2008

It is that time of the year where we seek membership input for the annual USAF Medical Service Corps Association's Commitment to Excellence/Service Award Nominations for Calendar Year 2008. This is your opportunity to recognize one of our colleagues who has made significant contributions to the advancement of the Association, the Air Force Medical Service Corps and/or the Air Force Medical Service since retiring from the Air Force. Further details outlining the criteria of the award are shown on the attached Nomination Form.

As stated, the enclosed document prescribes the format to be used. Fill in the enclosed Nomination Form soonest. Nominations are due to the Association's Secretary by 15 January 2008. Mail nominations to:

USAF MSC Association, Inc.
860 Oak Hills Drive
Monument, Colorado 80132-8829

For members who prefer to download the Nomination Form from the Association's web site, they may go to www.mscassociation.org, click on the table of contents, and then click on the Commitment to Excellence tool bar which brings you to the Awards Page. Download and use. For those without internet access, you may obtain additional hard copies of the Nomination Form by contacting Charley Brown, the Association's Secretary, at his toll free number (1-866-818-2110), or writing him at the above address. Or, if you wish, you may detach the award nomination form below.

Remember, the nomination deadline is 15 January 2008.

Wayne Terry
Newsletter Editor

USAF MEDICAL SERVICE CORPS ASSOCIATION'S COMMITMENT TO EXCELLENCE/SERVICE AWARD NOMINATION FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2008

(See page 12 of Newsletter for award description)

Use continuation sheets as necessary (put the nominee's rank and name at the top center of each continuation page and number them).

Use only one nomination for each person. Letters of support from other Association members should be included in lieu of duplicate nominations. If letters of support are used, the individual nominating the candidate should compile the entire package and submit it at one time.

Please note: The period for this award is for service AFTER the person's retirement from active duty/Guard or Reserve, so please focus your narrative accordingly.

Name of Person Submitting Nomination: _____

Phone number (include area code): _____

Date joined the MSC Association: _____

Nominee Information

Grade: _____ Last Name: _____ First Name: _____ MI _____

Date joined MSC Association: _____ (if you don't have this information, it will be entered by the Association Secretary).

Describe the nominee's contributions after he/she retired from the Air Force, including Guard/Reserve in one or more of the following areas:

MSC Association (offices held, committee membership, etc – be specific):

USAF Medical Service Corps:

USAF Medical Service:

Military Service Members or Veterans:

Describe how the nominee is a consummate team player, and role model for others in the Association and Medical Service Corps:

Describe the individual's community and public service following retirement:

AWARD DESCRIPTION

Description. The purpose of the Commitment to Excellence Award is to recognize outstanding service by a retired Medical Service Corps officer who has contributed to the advancement of the Association, the Air Force Medical Service Corps and/or to the Air Force Medical Service. The period of consideration for this award is the member's service following retirement from active duty.

Qualifying for Award. Candidates for the Commitment to Excellence Award must:

- Be a member in good standing in the Association,
- Be nominated by an active member of the Association,
- Be a recognized leader among Association members,
- Have made significant contribution to the advancement of the Association, the Air Force Medical Service Corps and/or the Air Force Medical Service after retiring from the Air Force.
- Be a consummate team player, and role model for others in the Association and Medical Service Corps.

Recognizing the Award Winner. Upon approval by the Chief of the Medical Service Corps, the award winner will be notified directly by the Chief of the Medical Service Corps. The award winner will be recognized at the Annual MSC Awards Dinner to be held in Chicago in 2008 in conjunction with the American College of Healthcare Executive's Congress on Administration. The Chief of the Medical Service Corps will determine the appropriate type of recognition that is to be given to the award recipient.

HOW TO CALL THE POLICE WHEN YOU'RE OLD

George Phillips of Meridian, Mississippi, was going up to bed when his wife told him that he'd left the light on in the garden shed, which she could see from the bedroom window.

George opened the back door to go turn off the light but saw that there were people in the shed. stealing things.

He phoned the police, who asked "Is someone in your house?" and he said "no". Then they said that all patrols were busy, and that he should simply lock his door and an officer would be along when available. George said, "Okay," hung up, counted to 30, and phoned the police again.

"Hello, I just called you a few seconds ago because there were people stealing things from my shed Well, you don't have to worry about them now because I've just shot them." Then he hung up.

Within five minutes three police cars, an Armed Response Unit, and an ambulance showed up at the Phillips' residence and caught the burglars red-handed.

One of the Policemen said to George: "I thought you said that you'd shot them!" George said, "I thought you said there was nobody available!"

(True Story) I LOVE IT - Don't mess with old people!!

Contributed by Col Billy Simmons

SALUTING THE FLAG

On 1 October 2007, the Senate passed legislation to ensure that veterans and service members may now salute the flag when not in uniform. The bill S.1877, sponsored by Sen. James Inhofe (R-OK) would address the ambiguity of current law, which states that veterans and service members not in uniform should place their hand over their hearts, without specifying whether they can or should salute the flag. The House still has to agree to the legislation before it becomes law.

Inhofe said, "The salute is a form of honor and respect, representing pride in one's military service. Unfortunately, current U.S. law leaves confusion as to whether veterans and service members out of uniform can or should salute the flag." Inhofe said he believes this is "an appropriate way to honor and recognize the 25 million veterans who have served in the military and remain as role models to other citizens. Those who are currently serving or have served in the military have earned this right, and their recognition will be an inspiration to others."

As stated, S.1877 has passed the Senate and has now been sent to the house for action. If enacted as passed by the Senate, Title 4, USC would read as follows. (Current language that would be replaced is lined-out.)

§9. Conduct during hoisting, lowering or passing of flag. During the ceremony of hoisting or lowering the flag or when the flag is passing in a parade or in a review, ~~all present except those in uniform should face the flag and stand at attention with the right hand over the heart. Those present in uniform should render the military salute. When not in uniform, men should remove their head dress with their right hand and hold it at the left shoulder, the hand being over the heart. Aliens should stand at~~

attention. The salute to the flag in a moving column should be rendered at the moment the flag passes. Those present in uniform should render the military salute. Members of the Armed Forces and veterans who are present but not in uniform may render the military salute. All other persons present should face the flag and stand at attention with their right hand over the heart, or if applicable, remove their head dress with their right hand and hold it at the left shoulder, the hand being over the heart. Citizens of other countries should stand at attention. All such conduct toward the flag in a moving column should be rendered at the moment the flag passes. §

DEEP SIX THE SSAN

At the urging of the Military Officers Association of America (MOAA), The House and Senate Armed Services Committees are exploring options to protect service members from identity theft by removing Social Security account numbers (SSANs) from military ID cards. The fallout was a provision in the FY 2007 Defense Authorization Act tasking the Pentagon for a report and recommendations on how to address this pressing issue.

The Pentagon reported back to Congress and advised that there are problems with the implementation of such a massive change, but went on to say that DoD intends to phase out the use of the printed SSAN on ID cards in the next several years. The plan is to move to an ID card that uses only the last four digits of the SSAN in a printed format, with a full SSAN electronically encrypted on the card.

MOAA recognized that changes of this nature are not easy or quick. MOAA commended the Armed Services Committees for pressing the issue and Defense leaders for acknowledging the problem and initiating a plan to address it.

[Extracted from the Nov 2007 MOAA magazine/Editor]

A GATHERING OF THE CHIEFS

At the October San Antonio Reunion we had the distinct honor of having seven of the former Air Force Corps Chiefs and the current Air Force Corps Chief present at the event – although not all at the same time with the coming and goings of these busy people – which made the Reunion all the more memorable.



Shown from left to right are:

Col Don Good, BGen Pete Bellisario, BGen Don Wagner, MGen Michael Wyrick, BGen Pat Davis, Col Jack Murphy and Col Frank Rohrbough.

Not shown, but present was Col Ken Peters

WHAT IS A VETERAN?

A veteran – whether active duty, retired, or national guard or reserve – is someone who, at one point in his or her life, wrote a blank check made payable to "The United States of America," for an amount of "up to and including my life."

That is honor, and there are way too many people in this country who no longer understand it.

Author Unknown.

FOR ALL THE DEPARTED



Fred Graves rendered the poem "For All the Departed," by R. B. Gittelsohn, at the MSC Association's Memorial Service at the 2007 MSC Reunion on 14 October 2007 in San Antonio.

In the rising of the sun and in
it's going down, we remember them.

In the blowing of the wind and in
the chill of winter, we remember them.

In the opening of buds and in the rebirth
of spring, we remember them.

In the blueness of the sky and in the
warmth of summer, we remember them.

In the rustling of leaves and in the beauty
of autumn, we remember them.

In the beginning of the year and when it ends,
we remember them.

When we are weary and in need of strength,
we remember them.

When we are lost and sick at heart,
we remember them.

When we have joys we yearn to share,
we remember them.

So long as we live, they too shall live,
for they are now a part of us as
we remember them.

TAPS

Major Stanley G. Hammer	12 Jul 2007
Lt Col James H. Holland	11 Nov 2007
*Capt Raymond C. Laird	12 Aug 2007
*Col Willie C. Magness	8 Aug 2007
Lt Col Garland A. Perry	14 Sep 2007
Lt Col Theodore R. Scheihing	Jul 2007
Lt Col William L. Sheppard	12 Jul 2007
*Major Leroy Werley	2 Oct 2007

*Designates Life Member

CHANGES TO YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION

Please remember to notify the Association if you change your mailing address, phone number or email address. If you have not had email before, but have recently opened an account, please let us know. You can email all changes to the association at afmsscassociation@comcast.net or send a note to us at the USAF MSC Association, 860 Oak Hills Drive, Monument, CO 80132-8829. The earlier you provide the data to us the better, so that we may include the changes in the MSC Association Membership Roster which will be published in April 2008.

GROWING OLD

Nobody grows old by merely living a number of years. People only grow old by deserting their ideals. Years may wrinkle the skin, but to give up interests wrinkles the soul. Worry, doubt, self-distrust, fear and despair... These are the long, long years that bow the head and turn the growing spirit back to dust.

Whatever your years, there is in every being's heart the love of wonder, the undaunted challenge of events, the unfailing child-like appetite of "What Next", and the joy and the game of life.

You are as young as your feel, as old as your doubt; as young as your self confidence, as old as your fear; as young as your hope, as old as your despair. In the central place of your heart, there is a recording chamber; so long as it receives messages of beauty, hope, cheer, and courage, so long are you young."

~ Douglas MacArthur ~

Contributed by Colonel Cal Freistedt

HAVING MOM OVER FOR DINNER!

You don't even have to be a mother to enjoy this one...

Brian invited his Mother over for dinner. During the course of the meal Brian's Mother couldn't help but notice how beautiful Brian's roommate, Jennifer, was.

Brian's Mom had long been suspicious of a relationship between Brian and Jennifer and this had only made her more curious. Over the course of the evening, while watching the two interact, she started to wonder if there was more between Brian and Jennifer than met the eye.

Reading his Mom's thoughts, Brian volunteered, "I know what you must be thinking, but I assure you Jennifer and I are just roommates."

About a week later, Jennifer came to Brian saying, "ever since your Mother came to dinner, I've been unable to find the beautiful silver gravy ladle. You don't suppose she took it, do you?" Brian said, "Well, I doubt it, but I'll send her an email just to be sure."

So Brian sat down and wrote: "Dear Mom: I'm not saying that you 'did' take the gravy ladle from the house, I'm not saying that you 'did not' take the gravy ladle. But, the fact remains that one has been missing ever since you were here for dinner. Love, Brian."

Several days later, Brian received an email back from his mother that read: "Dear Son: I'm not saying that you 'do' sleep with Jennifer, I'm not saying that you 'do not' sleep with Jennifer. But, the fact remains that if Jennifer is sleeping in her own bed, she would have found the gravy ladle by now. Love, Mom"

Lesson of the Day – Never Lie to Your Mother!!

KEEP SENDING YOUR NEWSLETTER ITEMS OF INTEREST

I wish to thank the many members who contributed items of interest. You continue to make my task a pleasure. The relevant and stimulating items that you have shared have aided immeasurably in keeping the membership aware of happenings of interest. Please keep sending these timely items to your Newsletter Editor, Wayne Terry, 2081 Germantown Road, Farmville, VA, 23901-2745; or terrywg@longwood.edu. And, oh yes, I would also welcome your comments and suggestions on ways of improving your Newsletter. Your continuing support is very much appreciated.

THE 2007 SAN ANTONIO REUNION WAS THE GREATEST!

While yours truly has not been to every MSC reunion since its inception, I can attest that this reunion had to be among the best. Well organized, well represented and attended, respectfully addressed fantastic camaraderie and wonderful memories. Over 400 photos were collected and together would have made a wonderful collage of the events. Regrettably, this Newsletter has already exceeded normal boundaries. But, to appease the masses, several photos of select members will convey the true meaning of this most memorable event [Editor/WGT].

THE CHICKEN DANCE REIGN IS OVER



It is with deep regret and heavy heart that we inform the readership that John Klotzko has relinquished his indisputable reign as the Chicken Dance King over the past decade. There were no challengers and no one to pick up the baton to carry on this memorable event at future Reunions. Many thanks John, for your extraordinary Chicken Dance escapades over the years. You truly are a treasure. WGT

RIDING OFF INTO THE SUNSET



Our former Air Force MSC Association Chairman, Frank Rohrbough, preparing to ride off into the sunset.

Frank, we are all indebted to you for your leadership over the years. We all wish you well in your new endeavors.

Thanks for all your support. WGT

MEMBERSHIP DUES

Association annual membership dues are due in January of each year unless you are a Life Member or have paid your dues ahead. To find out if you need to pay your dues in January 2008, check the address label on this newsletter. You will see a note that says **DUES PAID THROUGH XXXX**. If the label reads 2007, then you **DO** need to send a check for \$20 to the Association to maintain your membership. Make your check payable to the "USAF MSC Association" and mail it to the USAF MSC Association, 860 Oak Hills Drive, Monument CO 80132-8829. A copy of the updated 2008 Membership **RENEWAL** Application Form is furnished below for your convenience. Please send your check before the end of January 2008.

2008 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORM
USE THIS FORM ONLY FOR RENEWALS

Send completed application with dues payment of \$20 to (make check payable to: USAF MSC Association):

USAF MSC Association, Inc.
860 Oak Hills Dr.
Monument, CO 80132-8829
(Phone: 1-866-818-2110 Email: afmsscassociation@comcast.net)

Name: _____

Current Rank: _____ Spouse's Name: _____

Address: _____

City State Zip: _____

If you are using an APO or FPO, please indicate:

What city is this for: _____ what country: _____

Phone: () _____

Email address: _____

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 _____ Date _____

PLEASE PRINT ALL INFORMATION LEGIBLY

SPECIAL 2008 NEW MEMBER APPLICATION FORM

If you are renewing your membership, use our RENEWAL form and PLEASE BE SURE TO READ PAGE 2 BEFORE YOU SEND IN YOUR APPLICATION. Send completed application with dues payment if appropriate (see page 2) to (make check to: USAF MSC Association):

USAF MSC Association, Inc.
860 Oak Hills Drive
Monument, CO 80132-8829
(Email: afmsscassociation@comcast.net)

Name: _____

Current Rank: (if active, Reserve, ANG, or ret): _____ Spouse's Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

If you are using an APO or FPO, please indicate:

What city is this for: _____ What country: _____

Phone: () _____ Applicant's DOB: _____

Email address: _____

Retirement date (if retired): _____

Eligibility Status (check all that apply): Is/was Active Duty Is/was USAFR/ANG

Retired Former AF MSC (i.e., not an MSC on AD, AFR/ANG, or Ret)

Membership Category (see page 2): Life Annual

Dues Category (see page 2)

- HSA Graduate within 90 days of graduation
Class Number: _____ Graduation Date: _____ (day/month/year)
- Active Duty and Drilling Guardsmen/Reservist grades 01-04
- Retired within the last 90 days
- Gift Memberships: How Many _____ Who For: _____
- Current member converting to Life Membership
- None of the Above

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)

DUES INFORMATION

Membership Categories

There are two categories of dues – Life Membership or Annual. Annual dues are \$20 and payable in January of each year. The Life Membership schedule is based on age and is below.

(Payable in Four Quarterly Installments)

Age	Amount (\$)
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

Dues Category:

The Association offers the following discount:

- **Graduates of the Health Services Administration Course:** Graduates are provided a one year free membership. An application is required and you must submit the application within 90 days of graduating.
- **Active Duty, Drilling Guardsmen and Reservists in the Grades of 01-04:** Annual dues for these individuals are \$15 year if you elect the annual dues payment. There is no discount on Life Dues.
- **Newly Retired MSCs:** Newly retired officers are afforded a free one year membership. An application is required and you must submit the application within 90 days of retirement. There is also a \$20 discount off of Life Membership.
- **Gift Memberships:** If you purchase two or more memberships for another person, each of the membership is \$15 for the first year only.
- **ANYONE** currently an active member of the Association may convert from Annual to Life Membership with a \$20 discount.

BRIEF BACKGROUND ON THE USAF MEDICAL SERVICE CORPS ASSOCIATION

Several hundred retired Air Force MSC officers met at an ad hoc reunion organized by a group of dedicated San Antonio retirees in 1991. Some of them were "charter" MSCs, having transferred from the Army when our corps was established in 1949. Others were relative newcomers, younger and with different priorities. However, it quickly became clear consensus supported creating a formal organization to promote the interests of MSC retirees.

In 1992, the USAF MSC Association was incorporated in the State of Georgia and approved by the Internal Revenue Service as a non-profit veteran's organization. We serve as a focal point for communications with and among members for educational, social and recreational purposes. We convene biennial membership meetings (reunions) which have become excellent learning opportunities, not to mention a place to renew acquaintances and enjoy old friends.

Since then, our membership has grown to over 700 (and still growing); reunions have been held in Las Vegas (1993, 1995 & 2001), Charleston, SC, in 1997, San Antonio, TX, in 1999 & 2007, and Biloxi, MS in 2003. Membership rosters are printed annually and sent to active members, and periodic newsletters are published on matters of interest to our members. Most members agree that the value of the roster alone exceeds the cost of annual dues (\$20). Added to that are benefits derived from the reunions which are more and more becoming educational seminars featuring presentations by knowledgeable staff from the Surgeon General's Office, the Retired Officers Association (TROA) and similar non-profit groups.

Membership Criteria

While initially established as an organization of *retired* Air Force MSC officers, bylaws amendments in 1995 opened the association to active duty MSCs and MSCs in the Air Force Reserve and Air National Guard. Because of the increased number of members from these components, makeup of the board of directors specifically includes an active duty officer, a USAFR officer and an ANG officer. In 2003 the membership eligibility was expanded to include former MSCs who did not attain retirement eligibility.

Air Force Biomedical Sciences Corps (BSC) officers who served on active duty as MSCs and widows/widowers of deceased corps members are also eligible for full membership. Further, the Honorary Membership category is available to recognize worthy individuals who have contributed to the growth of the Air Force Medical Service Corps but are not otherwise eligible for regular membership.

To apply for membership, candidates complete a short application form and mail it to the address shown. Include a \$20 check for annual dues (or become a lifetime member, at the rates indicated) made payable to the association. For further information, you may check our website at www.mscassociation.org or contact Col Charlie Brown, Association Secretary, via email at AFMSCASSOCIATION@comcast.net Thanks so much for your interest!

Only the mediocre are always at their best. ~ Jean Gibaudoux ~

COPIES OF THE MSC HISTORY ARE STILL AVAILABLE!

The Association still has copies of the first volume of the MSC History book. Cost is \$12 for Association members and \$20 for others. All funds go to the Association. The publication was created by Lt Col Jimmy Sanders, one of our members, and provides a wonderful insight into the history of the Corps. It makes a great birthday or holiday gift for your favorite MSC! An order form is included and is shown below.

USAF MSC HISTORY ANTHOLOGY ORDER FORM

Send completed form and a check to:

**USAF MSC Association, Inc.
860 Oak Hills Drive
Monument, CO 80132-8829**

Email: AFMSCASSOCIATION@comcast.net

Number of books you wish to order: _____ (\$12 for Association members, \$20 for others)

Total amount of your check: \$ _____ (make check payable to USAF MSC Association)

Name: _____

Shipping Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: (_____) _____ (if we have a problem and you don't have an email, we will call you.)

Email address: _____ (we will let you know when your book is shipped)

If you are not a member of the USAF MSC Association (\$20 per year dues) and would like information about joining the professional organization for active, retired, prior service, Guard and Reserve MSCs, please check here _____.

THAT'S ALL FOLKS

WGT