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SMCAF ANNUAL MEETING 2008



U.S. Air Force Host's 63rd Annual Meeting October 24-26, 2008

The Council will meet on Friday, October 24, 2008 at USUHS in the Board of Regents Room.

The conference will be held all day Saturday and half day on Sunday. We have applied for CME Credit hours for the one and a half days of attendance.

Committees will meet on Saturday afternoon during the scheduled lunch break. Box lunches will be provided for these breakout sessions.

Saturday night there will be a banquet, mess dress or black tie, where spouses and guests are invited.

PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS

More details on the conference, registration, and hotel reservations may be found in this newsletter.

From The President

Greetings from coastal South Carolina, where we spend our summers entertaining friends and family not fortunate enough to live “at the beach”, and preparing to follow them home, when so directed by the National Hurricane Center!

As you all know, in July, SMCAF, Military Medicine, and the world’s medical community lost a great physician and surgical pioneer in the passing of Dr. Michael DeBakey. I found it interesting to note that his long life spanned either 99 or 101 years. American records show his birth in September, 1908, while Lebanese records reflect it as 1906. This founding father of SMCAF will be remembered throughout the annals of our Society!

We’re in final planning stages for our Annual Meeting. With one exception, we have our speakers nailed down. We hope to inform and stimulate on such topics as a new way to direct patient flow in and out of the Combat Zone, what’s newest and hottest in tourniquets, the latest on blood products in combat, how to respond to a “dirty bomb attack”, and uplifting concepts in hospital design. In keeping with our theme: “Always the Lessons”, we’ll try to present the new material, and then view it through the glass of ‘lessons learned’. We’re moving the Business Meeting to Saturday right after our “SGs Roundtable.” Our Annual Banquet, back this year to “military dress”, will feature a talk on medical treatment of “detainees” at GITMO. PLEASE PLAN TO JOIN US!

Dr. Eric Schoomaker has expressed interest in a closer relationship between SMCAF and his Active Duty Consultants. To that end, we are working on a meeting with his Director of Consultants to occur, perhaps, while we’re in Washington in October. We’re also working with his office to secure Army sponsoring of the intentional study on HPSP ignorance. This study is coming off the ground. Fred Cecere will be our honcho. Harold Koenig has already provided us with background information and papers. Ken Swan has contributed mightily with his “Don’t Know, Don’t Care” series. The Army has asked for a formal written proposal prior to issuing sponsorship. We’re working on that. Once again, from the May Newsletter: *We also identified an on-going need at universities and medical schools for knowledge of USU and HPSP information, this despite everyone’s efforts in the last five years. We are suggesting to the SGs that we be asked to do an “intentional” study of this problem, in which we seek the root causes or core issues, and then review and rank solution options. Anyone wishing to contribute to this effort, let Fred or me know!*

Dr. Jack Smith, ADASD(HA) Clinical and Program Policy, a SMCAF member, has informed us that Dr. Ward Casscells, ASD(HA), wishes SMCAF to provide his office with a list of individual consultants in each specialty. There is more on this project elsewhere in this letter.

Rusty Sloan and Harold Koenig have taken on the job of summarizing SMCAF accomplishments in this decade. That offering should be ready by October, and will be added to the history section of our website. We’ve also placed there a section on the Seal Award.

The Allgood Memorial Project moves along. The Society of Military Orthopaedic Surgeons (SOMOS) has pledged a minimum of \$5000, hopefully more. We have secured a formal invitation from VP Scheman of USUHS to place the Memorial on USUHS grounds. Ms Scheman has suggested another spot on the campus for our consideration. The Memorial Committee is formed, and the fund is active at The Jackson Foundation. We ask for and welcome your contribution! Thank you. Also, please remember in your generosity, The Mike Scotti Endowment fund, also at Jackson. You can write one check to The Jackson Foundation, designating amounts you wish to be applied to each fund.

Your SMCAF AMSUS “Dance” Committee continues its march! We’ll make a brief report in October. Then we’ll ask your support by attending the joint AMSUS/SMCAF Annual Meeting (which may not be titled that way) in St. Louis in November 2009. There will be a separate SMCAF Business Meeting at the function. As always, we welcome your input, pro or con.

As you consider the information above, I firmly believe that you are seeing the first results of the efforts made last winter and spring by Tom Peters, George Anderson, and myself in visiting the Federal Medical Chiefs. Let’s work together to re-achieve on a daily basis Dr. DeBakey’s goals for SMCAF!

A. Mason Ahearn
President, SMCAF

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DRAFT AGENDA: SUBJECT TO CHANGE

Friday, 24 October 2008

0700 Breakfast, Board of Regents Room
USUHS
0800 Meeting of SMCAF Council
1000 Break
1015 SMCAF Business Meeting

Saturday, 25 October 2008

0700-0800 Breakfast & Registration
0800-0815 Opening Remarks
USUHS/SMCAF President/AF SG
0815-0830 Presidential Address
Dr. A. Mason Ahearn
President, SMCAF
0830-0930 Presentation #1:
"Step-Rate vs Beds"
A New Rand Study
Maj Gen Charles B. Green
Deputy Surgeon General USAF
09:30 – 10:00 Break
10:00 – 11:30 Seminar #1:
The Latest in Tourniquet Use and
Application
COL John F. Kragh, MC USA
US Army Institute of Surgical
Research
Reviewer: Dr. Kenneth G. Swan
11:30 -13:00 Lunch/Committee Meetings
13:00 – 13:45 Presentation #2:
Basic Training for the Physician
LTC William P. Adelman, MC, USA
Dept. of Pediatrics & Adolescent
Medicine, WRAMC
13:45 – 14:00 Certificate Presentation
14:00 – 14:30 Break
14:30 – 16:00 Surgeons General Round Table
16:00 – 17:00 Business Meeting

Saturday, 25 October 2008

Evening Banquet Mess Dress or Black Tie

1830 Buses pick up at hotel
1845 Social Cash Bar
1915 Dinner
Speaker:
Captain Ronald Sollock, MC USN
"Medical Treatment of Prisoners at
Guantanamo Hospital and Prison"
---- Bus departs

Sunday, 26 October 2008

08:00 – 09:30 Seminar #2: "Blood
Products/Usage: A View from the
Desert, Yesterday"
Dr. Jay A. Johannigman,
Division of Trauma & Critical
Care, Dept of Surgery,
University Hospital, Cincinnati
Reviewer TBA
09:30 – 10:00 Break
10:00 – 10:45 Presentation # 3: "Scenario:
Dirty Bomb Explodes in
Manhattan"
Dr. Norman Ende, SMCAF
10:45 – 11:30 Presentation #4:
EPIDARIUS PROJECT
Military Navy Project
11:30 – 11:35 Sunday Devotional
11:35 Closing Remarks
Final Gavel



Committee Meetings

For this year's annual meeting, committees will meet on Saturday afternoon during the scheduled lunch break. Box lunches will be provided for members to enjoy as they participate in committee meetings. You are encouraged to take up issues in your committee about which the council can discuss, inquire, vote, resolve, study, and engage in correspondence with the OSD, other government agencies, and the Surgeons General. Committee room assignments will be available at the registration desk on Saturday morning.

CURRENT COMMITTEE CHAIRS ARE:

Archives and Medical History:	John R. Pierce, M.D.
Electronic Media and Communication:	A. Herbert Alexander, M.D.
Ethical Issues in Military Medicine:	Edmund G. Howe, M.D.
Legislative and Legal:	Peter F. Hoffman, M.D.
Medical Education:	Joel C. Labow, M.D.
Membership:	Kenneth G. Swan, M.D.
Professional Services:	George K. Anderson, M.D.
Recruitment and Retention:	A. Mason Ahearn, M.D.

PROGRAM PURPOSE

The purpose of the continuing education program at the 63rd annual meeting of the Society of Medical Consultants to the Armed Forces is to provide continuing education specific to military medicine, uniformed physicians and medical consultants to the armed forces; and provide the opportunity to network for the purpose of advancement of military medicine.

ACCREDITATION

The Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences is accredited by the Accreditation Council of Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) to provide education for physicians.

REMINDER LAST CALL!

Come join your friends and comrades at the 63rd annual SMCAF meeting. This year's program is being hosted by U.S. Air Force, and it's an outstanding one, centered on topics of currently high interest and concern.

ANNUAL MEETING REGISTRATION AND HOTEL RESERVATIONS

Registration for the annual meeting may be made by mail or on the SMCAF web site prior to the meeting. Please use the registration form included in this newsletter or you may download one from the website at www.smcaf.org. On site registration will be available for those who were unable to pre-register. **MEAL CHOICE FOR THE BANQUET CAN NOT BE GUARANTEED IF YOU REGISTER ON SITE SO IF YOU PLAN TO ATTEND THE BANQUET IT IS HIGHLY RECOMMENDED THAT YOU PRE-REGISTER.**

The Society has reserved a block of rooms at the Hyatt Regency, Bethesda, located at One Bethesda Metro Center (7400 Wisconsin Ave.), Bethesda Maryland.



PROPOSED AMENDMENT CHANGES

These amendment changes will be voted upon at the October 2008 annual business meeting to be held on Saturday October 25, 2008.

Article IV, Section 1

Current Article Reads:

The President will serve for one year. He/she or in his/her absence, the Vice President, will preside at all meetings of the Society and of the Council. He/she will serve automatically as a member of the Council for two years following his /her presidential year. The president will constitute a nominating committee, which is composed of the two immediate past Presidents plus one other.

Proposed Change:

The President will serve for **two** years. He/she or in his/her absence, the Vice President, will preside at all meetings of the Society and of the Council. He/she will serve automatically as a member of the Council for **four** years following his /her presidential year. The president will constitute a nominating committee, which is composed of the two immediate past Presidents plus one other.

"As you know, SMCAF is investigating a very close relationship/partnership, not merger, with AMSUS. Last autumn, we decided to merge our two Annual Meetings in 2009, so that we will attend the AMSUS Annual Meeting in St. Louis in November rather than our own at USUHS in October of that year. We have formed an "AMSUS Dance Study Group", as we continue to move toward this relationship. Many of our early considerations were carried in the Spring Newsletter. Now, I have decided on the need to elevate the "Dance Study Group" to a permanent SMCAF Committee, "The AMSUS Committee". As our Societies move together, many issues will surface, initially and on-going. To do this, we need a By-Laws Change creating the Committee. I shall propose this at the October Council Meeting and will include it in our Annual Business Meeting

Article IV, Section 8

Current Article

Has 9 committees

Proposed change

Add AMSUS Committee to make 10

LIST OF CONSULTANTS FOR ASD-HA

I have been contacted by Dr. Jack Smith from Clinical and Program Policy, who called on behalf of Dr. Ward Cascells. They have expressed interest in SMCAF providing them a list of one or two members in each specialty, who would be willing to be called when needed to provide civilian consultation directly to him or his office. This consultation would be primarily opinions and expert information to meet an urgent Departmental requirement. If you would be interested in joining this group, please e-mail Margo at smcaf@usuhs.mil and we'll put together a resource list for Dr. Cascells.

Thank you very much.

63rd ANNUAL MEETING, OCTOBER 24-26, 2008

I wish to pre-register for the 63rd Annual SMCAF Meeting, October 24-26, 2008, at the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences.
(Please print)

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

TELEPHONE: _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____

SMCAF BANQUET:

Saturday October 25, 2008, 7:30 pm at USUHS. Cocktails (cash bar) commencing at 6:45 pm

_____ Grilled Filet Mignon with Béarnaise Sauce

_____ Citrus Sword fish wit a Tri-Colored Relish

Reserve # _____ Place(s), at \$ 60.00 per person (all members)

GUEST NAME: _____

*****MEAL CHOICE CANNOT BE GUARANTEED IF YOU DO NOT PRE-REGISTER*******SMCAF LUNCH/COUNCIL MEETING:**

Sunday October 26, 2008, Noon, at the USUHS cafeteria small dining room.

Reserve # _____ Place(s) at \$ 15.00 per person (all members)

CHECK ENCLOSED: Conference Registration Fee: \$ _____ Member \$25.00 / Non-Member \$ 50.00 / Candidate Member \$0.00
Breakfast on Saturday & Sunday and Lunch on Saturday included in Registration

Banquet: \$ _____ for _____ place (s)

Brunch: \$ _____ for _____ place(s)

Total: \$ _____

Total cost for one member attending the conference, banquet and luncheon is \$ 100.00.

USUHS is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education to sponsor continuing medical education for physicians and will sponsor this years SMCAF meeting. There is a \$25.00 registration fee for members; and a registration fee of \$50.00 has been set for non-members.

*****No monies will be returned after 1 September 2008*****

DETACH AND MAIL WITH CHECK TO:
(Make payable to SMCAF)

SMCAF
C/O MARGO CABRERO
5 SOUTHERN WAY
FREDERICKSBURG, VA 22406

Make your hotel reservations directly to the hotel. Note cut off date.

Blocks of rooms have been reserved in Bethesda at the following hotel:

Hyatt Regency Bethesda	800-233-1234		cut off Date
Code: SMCAF Annual Meeting	301-657-1234	Single/Double \$201.00	September 25, 2008

In order to plan accordingly for bus transportation, please let us know if you will be using transportation services provided for this event.

Transportation needed yes / no (please circle if applicable).

Please send checks for The Allgood Memorial Fund and the Mike Scotti Endowment Fund to The Henry M. Jackson Foundation and mail to 1401 Rockville Pike, Suite 600, Rockville, MD 20852 and note your checks with amount you wish to go to which fund. You can mail one check just be sure to note how much will go to which fund.

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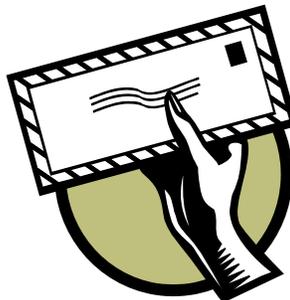
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