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SMCAF ANNUAL MEETING 2009



U.S. Army Host's 64th Annual Meeting November 15-20, 2009

This year's conference will be held in conjunction with the AMSUS 115th Annual Meeting being held in St. Louis, MO. CME Credit hours will be available. Continuing education forms may be obtained at the Continuing Education Desk.

Committees will meet on Tuesday evening during the scheduled SMCAF reception.

Tuesday night November 17th there will be a reception, 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

Final greetings to all from “the low country” of South Carolina!

It's been a busy summer for us, mostly behind-the-scenes stuff.

Your Program Committee, Cam Ritchie, Dave Lichtman and myself, have gotten together what I think will be a great line-up for our first SMCAF AMSUS Physician Section Meeting Wednesday November 18, 2009 in St Louis. As you know this will also feature the First Annual SMCAF Luncheon and the First Annual Enrique Mendez, Jr., M.D. Lecture, to be given this year by Thomas J. Nasca, MD MACP, CEO American Council on Graduate Medical Education. While we hope you'll be able to join us for the whole AMSUS 115th Annual Meeting, George Anderson has arranged a special SMCAF Registration limited to Tuesday and Wednesday. The fee is \$75.00, which does not include luncheon and banquet tickets. Details are on our website, www.smcaf.org. The special registration process is through Dr. George Anderson at George.anderson@amsus.org. This year, SMCAF members wishing to obtain the special registration do NOT have to register for AMSUS. For those wishing to register for the whole meeting, registration and hotel info is available at www.amsus.org. Preferred hotel registration (at government per diem rates of \$110.00 per night) will be available until October 23. We suggest the Hyatt Hotel, as this is the location of the Tuesday and Wednesday SMCAF sessions. It's about 10 blocks from the Convention Center, but shuttles will be running. Please **do** make your hotel reservations through the AMSUS Hotel Bureau. It's the only way to get the per diem rate, and AMSUS may be fined if our members don't stay at the hotels contracted with five years ago, when St. Louis was selected. All in all, we think this will be a great and historic meeting, either full or “mini”, and we hope to see you! The two-day SMCAF agenda and AMSUS Preliminary Program for The SMCAF AMSUS Physician Section, Wednesday Nov 18, are enclosed.

During our Annual Business Meeting, we'll propose moving forward with the SMCAF AMSUS partnership. You have all received my letter with the proposals, which Council approved in April. Those felt to require immediate change to our by-laws are carried in this newsletter for your timely review. We'll vote on these by-laws changes in November.

I appreciate your responses to my August 2 letter. Many were supportive. One or two of you expressed displeasure at the move out of Bethesda. We understand this displeasure completely, and our President-elect, Fred Cecere, has an item about our intentions in this regard elsewhere in this letter.

My last road trip as your President was to San Antonio in July, where George Anderson and I met with The Army Medical Corps Consultants during their Annual Meeting. We passed out lots of application forms, and we chatted with several interested consultants. Fred is going to attend similar Air Force and Navy get-togethers this winter.

It has been a fascinating two years for me as your President, and I have been honored to serve this great Society! I hope our change in direction will insure the viability of SMCAF for years to come. As I said on October 21, 2007, “Gibe-Ho! Let's keep our heads down and watch the boom!”

Thank you all very much!

A. Mason Ahearn
President, SMCAF

FROM THE PRESIDENT ELECT

I hope that you have completed your plans for attending our fall meeting in St. Louis and are excited by SMCAF's new and dynamic relationship with AMSUS. Under the steady hand of Dr. A. Mason Ahearn, our leadership has shaped a new future of optimism and vigor.

Please mark your calendars. Tuesday evening, November 17th, SMCAF will be hosting an evening Social for all of our attending members and their spouses. The reception will be from 1800-2000 hours at the Hyatt Regency Hotel, Grand Ballrooms B/C. The bar will be "cash-no host". The rest of the reception will be complimentary. This social will afford us the opportunity to get together, celebrate our new beginning, welcome new members and entertain our physician colleagues that would like to learn about SMCAF and celebrate with us.

At the business meeting this year, Dr. Ahearn and I will be presenting the Council's proposal to conduct a two-day SMCAF /AMSUS Bethesda Spring Symposium. This symposium will be held in April on the USUHS campus. This meeting will be crafted to allow discussion among our members and the military medical leadership on the key military medical issues of 2010. There will be a small registration fee and we will be encouraging attendance by selected USUHS students.

Our spring council meeting will occur the day prior to the Symposium (Friday), our committees will meet on the first day of the symposium and our annual dinner will be held that evening. In accordance with our long tradition, our honored guests will include the Seal Award winner announced this November, one of the Surgeons' General, and a number of outstanding USUHS students.

On Sunday, the second day of the symposium, our professional committee will be charged with taking one of the key issues from the symposium and developing a "white paper". The committee deliberation will continue through the summer and the chairman of the professional committee will present the "white paper" at the Fall SMCAF/AMSUS meeting. A summary of the meeting and the white paper will be submitted to Military Medicine for publication before the next Spring Symposium.

This cycle of Spring Symposium, Summer Deliberation, Fall Presentation and Winter Publication will provide a platform to continue our tradition of consultation excellence and support the preservation of the preeminence of US Military Medicine..

We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible in St. Louis!

Fred Cecere
President-Elect, SMCAF

AGENDA, SMCAF PORTION, AMSUS 115TH ANNUAL MEETING**Tuesday: November 17, 2009**Registration:

0900-1600 Convention Center

Attend Section Meetings or Visit Exhibits

0900-1700

Council meeting:

Hyatt Regency, Sterling Studio 4

SMCAF Reception and Committee Meetings:

1800-2000 Hyatt Regency, Grand Ballroom B/C

Wednesday: November 18, 2009SMCAF/AMSUS Physician Section Scientific Session:

0800-1700 Hyatt Regency, Ball Room A/B

SMCAF Luncheon, First Annual Enrique Mendez, Jr., M.D., Lecture*, SMCAF Annual Business Meeting:

1200-1400 Adjacent to Ball Room A/B, Hyatt Regency

115th AMSUS Annual Awards Banquet:

1800-until Convention Center (Military Mess Dress or Civilian Black Tie)

- The First Enrique Mendez, Jr, M.D., Lecturer will be Thomas J. Nasca, MD, MACP CEO Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education. Dr. Nasca's topic will be: "Professionalism, Accountability, and the Responsibilities of Medical Educators".

Physician/SMCAF Section: 115th Annual Meeting, AMSUS

Co-Chairperson: COL Elspeth Cameron Ritchie, MC, USA

Co-Chairperson: COL (Ret.) A. Mason Ahearn, MC, USAR

Co-Chairperson: RAMD (U) David M. Lichtman, USN, MC

Wednesday, 18 November 2009

8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Physician Section : Presented by The Society of Medical

Consultants to the Armed Forces (SMCAF)

Hyatt Regency, Regency Ballroom A/B

8:00 a.m. - 8:15 a.m. Introduction

COL Elspeth Cameron Ritchie, MC, USA

8:15 a.m. - 8:30 a.m. SMCAF Presidential Address

COL (Ret.) A. Mason Ahearn, MC, USAR

8:30 a.m. - 9:15 a.m. Lessons Learned from War in Iraq

COL (Ret.) John B. Holcomb, MC, USA

9:15 a.m. - 9:45 a.m. Break

9:45 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. The Army Senior Visiting Surgeon Program

COL Jay A. Johannigman, USAFR, MC

10:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. The Epidaurus Project: Creating Healing Environments in DOD Health Facilities

Capt. (Ret.) Frederick O. Foote, MC, USN

11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. UK and US: Together in Combat, Together in Medicine – Lessons from a Joint Hospital Initiative in Afghanistan

Lt. Gen. Louis P. Lillywhite, CB, QFHS, MFOM, FRCP (Glasg.), Surgeon General, UK;

COL Timothy J. Hodgetts, CB, QHP; Capt. Joseph F. Rappold, MC, USN

12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. SMCAF/Physician Luncheon

Hyatt Regency, Regency Ballroom C

Induction of New SMCAF Members

First Enrique Mendez, Jr., M.D., Annual Lecture: Professionalism, Accountability, and the Responsibilities of Medical Educators

Thomas J. Nasca, MD, MACP, CEO, Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education

Presentation: SMCAF John R. Seal Award

SMCAF Annual Business Meeting

2:00 p.m. - 2:15 p.m. Break

2:15 p.m. - 3:15 p.m. Surgeons General Roundtable

VADM Adam M. Robinson, Jr., MC, USN

LTG Eric B. Schoemaker, MC, USA

Lt. Gen. C. Bruce Green, USAF, MC

3:15 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. Break

3:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Symposium: "What's Hot at Army Institute of Surgical Research"

3:30 p.m. - 3:35 p.m. Introduction

RADM David M. Lichtman, USN, MC (Ret.)

3:35 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Overview of Research Projects at AISR

Joseph C. Wenke, PhD

4:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. The Impact of Clinical Research Consortia on Orthopaedic Trauma Care

Capt. Michael Bosse, USN, MC, (Ret.)

4:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Hand Transplantation: Progress, Challenges, Potential

W.P. Andrew Lee, MD

64TH SMCAF ANNUAL MEETING REGISTRATION

The 64th SMCAF Annual Meeting 2009 will be held in conjunction with the AMSUS 115th Annual Meeting at the Convention Center, St. Louis, MO Nov 15-20. Registration and housing, will be handled by AMSUS, and only through their website. Housing must be procured through the AMSUS Housing Bureau in order to get the military per diem rate. While we are encouraging SMCAF members to attend the entire AMSUS meeting, hotel rooms and meeting registration will be available for just the SMCAF portion of the meeting, November 17th and 18th. The SMCAF Hotel will be The Hyatt Regency. SMCAF members may register there for just Tuesday and Wednesday nights. The meeting registration fee for current AMSUS members will be determined by your membership category in AMSUS. If you wish to register as a SMCAF member for the time period noon Tuesday through all Wednesday events, the fee will be \$110.00 and will cover admission and one ticket to the SMCAF Luncheon. Spousal lunch tickets and banquet tickets will be extra. **A specific procedure is required for this special registration. Please send an e-mail message to Maj Gen George Anderson, USAF, MC Retired, george.anderson@amsus.org to request registration for this limited attendance.** Badges for those registering in this manner will be available at the Convention Center on Tuesday November 17th. To ensure that all SMCAF attendees receive full CME credit for their attendance at the SMCAF Physician Section on Nov 18, Margo Cabrero will confirm the proper badge issuance to each member. All additional meeting registration information is immediately available on the AMSUS website: www.amsus.org

PROPOSED AMENDMENT CHANGES

These amendment changes will be voted upon at the November 2009 annual business meeting to be held on Wednesday November 18, 2009.

1. **Article III B:** Change “Associate members will have the right to attend all executive sessions and to serve on all committees. Associate members do not vote.” to, “In order to shield our Active Duty members from the advocacy role of SMCAF, Associate members shall not vote or hold office above Committee Chairmanship..” Justification: We are now charging Associates \$40.00 annual dues to our Active dues of \$50.00. We would like our Associate members to know why they are denied Council and Officer positions. Also, we would like them to know that they can hold Committee Chairs.
2. **Article III E:** Delete article. Justification: Council decided to roll candidates into AMSUS Candidate Group and to do away with SMCAF Candidates.
3. **Article IX:** Change “A paid Executive Director whose employment is approved by the Council will administer a Central Office, maintain business records of the Society and perform such other duties as assigned by the President.” to “There shall be an Assistant to the President. The Society shall have authority to appoint a member to serve as Assistant or to hire someone to fill the role as appropriate to the workload and budget of the organization. If hired, compensation shall be negotiated annually and approved by the Council.”

FINAL REMINDER

ALL ARRANGEMENTS FOR SMCAF 64TH/ AMSUS 115TH ANNUAL MEETING WILL BE HANDLED BY AMSUS: MEETING REGISTRATION; HOTEL REGISTRATION; SMCAF LUNCHEON; AWARDS BANQUET. TUESDAY EVENING RECEPTION WILL INCLUDE OPEN CASH BAR AND WILL OTHERWISE BE FREE. AMSUS WEBSITE IS WWW.AMSUS.ORG AND ALL ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE THROUGH THAT WEBSITE. ALL REGISTRATIONS OPEN ON THAT WEBSITE JUL 13. THERE WILL BE NO FURTHER MAIL-OUTS FROM SMCAF REGARDING MEETING REGISTRATION.

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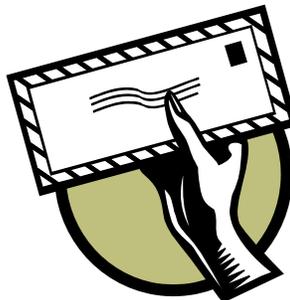
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