

Newsletter Date
February 2010

Society of Medical Consultants to the Armed Forces

www.smcaf.org

PRESIDENT

Fred A. Cecere, M.D.
4503 Leland Street
Chevy Chase, MD 20815
301-718-1674
Fax: 540-361-2589
Fred.cecere@gmail.com

VICE PRESIDENT

A. Herbert Alexander, M.D.
100 Hospital Drive, Suite 100
PO Box 6997
Ketchum, ID 83340-6997
208-727-0005
Fax: 208-727-0001
herb_alexander@msn.com

SECRETARY/TREASURER

Michael S. Clarke, M.D.
6725 E. Farm Road 138
Springfield, MO 65802-7288
mscdr@sbcglobal.net
417-881-5529
Fax: 417-885-3921
mscdr@sbcglobal.net

ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT

Margo Cabrero
5 Southern Way
Fredericksburg, VA 22406
540-548-2019
Fax: 540-361-2589
smcaf@usuhs.mil

SMCAF 2010 MEETINGS

The Society of Medical Consultants to the Armed Forces

*The SMCAF spring council meeting will be held at the Uniformed Services
University of the Health Sciences (USUHS) on*

Friday - Saturday April 23 & 24, 2010.

Council Members will be notified separately by letter.

*This year's annual meeting is being held during the 116TH Annual Meeting of
AMSUS October 31 – November 5, 2010 in Phoenix, AZ. The United States Navy
will be the host for this year's meeting. Details will be published as soon as they
become available.*

Mark your calendars and start making plans.

2009-2010 Council

President: Fred A. Cecere, M.D.

Vice President: A. Herbert Alexander, M.D.

Secretary Treasurer: Michael S. Clarke, M.D.

Councilors

Thomas G. Peters, M.D.

David M. Lichtman, M.D.

George P. Taylor, Jr., M.D.

Jay A. Johannigman, M.D.

Enrique Mendez, Jr., M.D.

James A. Zimble, M.D.

Harold M. Koenig, M.D.

A. Mason Ahearn, M.D.

Honorary Councilor

Honorary Councilor

Past President

Past President

AMA Representative

Mary Catherine Nace, M.D.

Delegate

Committee Chairmen

John R. Pierce, M.D.

Archives & Medical History

A. Herbert Alexander, M.D.

Electronic Media & Communications

Edmund G. Howe, MD.

Ethical Issues in Military Medicine

Frederic G. Sandford, M.D.

Legislative & Legal

Mary C. Nace, M.D.

Medical Education

Kenneth G. Swan, M.D.

Membership

Ronald R. Blanck, D.O.

Professional Services

A. Mason Ahearn, M.D.

Recruitment & Retention

From The President

2009 was a great year for the Society of Medical Consultants to the Armed Forces (SMCAF). 2010 promises to be an even better year. The “Social Gathering of Consultants” held Tuesday night, November 17, in St. Louis was very well attended. Ms. Ellen Embrey, Former Acting Assistant Secretary of Defense, hosted a discussion on the subject of building medical leaders. This session included an exploration of the personal and professional factors that have career impact on those serving in military medicine. The comments, questions, and answers were informative and thought provoking. The scientific section held Wednesday, November 18 in partnership with the Physicians Section of AMSUS was a resounding success. We will work with the AMSUS Meeting Planning committee, under Navy leadership, to plan for next year. Hope all of you can attend the 2010 SMCAF Fall Meeting and the full AMSUS 116th Annual Meeting in Phoenix.

We will be holding the SMCAF Spring Council Meeting in Washington DC on April 24. This Council Meeting will be open to all SMCAF members. If you are planning on attending the council meeting, email margo@smcaf.org. A tentative program for the Fall AMSUS/SMCAF Scientific Session will be presented and discussed. We are also planning a “Social Gathering of the Consultants” for the evening of April 24. Members are invited to attend. Details of the SMCAF Spring Council Meeting and related social event will be provided soon. The council, committee chairpersons and invited members will be participating in a facilitated “workshop” intended to help chart the course for the future of the Society. This activity will continue throughout the summer and will be discussed with the membership at the Fall meeting. The first spring symposium is tentatively planned for 2011; specifics will be forthcoming as they are developed.

In conjunction with this council meeting, the Society will host a roundtable on Care for the Caregivers. Attendance will be limited to 30-40 individuals and will be by invitation only. The output of the roundtable will be made available to members and will be discussed at the Fall Physicians Section meeting.

As many of you are now aware, SMCAF has become a provisional section of AMSUS. SMCAF members are now required to be a member of AMSUS. Physician members of AMSUS who have served in a uniformed service as a senior physician (0-5 and above) and are recognized as “consultant level” by their peers may apply to be considered for SMCAF membership. Currently, active duty members must apply to be selected as Associate members. They have all of the rights and privileges of members except they cannot vote or hold office.

Currently the application process requires a visit to our web site, www.smcaf.org, where you can download and complete the application, and submit it along with a copy of your resume. The Society dues are in addition to your AMSUS dues and are currently \$50 per year for non-active duty members and \$40 per year for active duty members. Beginning in 2011 AMSUS will collect both Society and Association dues.

Fred A. Cecere, MD, President
COL, MC, USA (Ret)

Minutes: Annual Meeting, SMCAF, Nov. 11-19, 2009

The annual meeting of the Society of Medical Consultants to the Armed Forces was convened at the Hyatt Regency in St. Louis, Missouri on November 17, 2009 at 2:00 p.m. President Mason Ahearn conducted the meeting. Previous minutes from the spring meeting were reviewed. A few changes were made in the remarks of Dr. Sanford who had given the TMC report at the spring meeting of the council, April 24th in Washington D.C. The correct spelling of Dr. Sanford's name was noted. Dr. Sanford's remarks had not indicated that TriCare fee increase would take place. Dr. Ahearn outlined the activities of SMCAF for the next two days and reiterated how pleased he was with the attendance and participation. This annual meeting takes place conjointly with AMSUS for the first time. Col. Elspeth C. Ritchie gave a more specific outline of the speakers and program. It was mentioned that tickets to the SMCAF luncheon were still available including the luncheon program. Dr. Ahearn outlined the relationship of our society with AMSUS. We will continue to maintain autonomy and our delegate to the AMA. A separate application process will be required for SMCAF membership. SMCAF has a delegate and an alternate delegate to the AMA. Presently the alternate position is unfilled. Several by-laws changes were

discussed concerning our relationship with AMSUS.

Our President-Elect, Dr. Fred Cecere spoke on the spring council meeting which will be held in Washington D.C. about the time of the Cherry Blossom Festival. Tentative dates are April 23rd and 24th, Friday and Saturday. Dr. Cecere outlined his vision for the society and plans for the spring council meeting and Friday evening social. Details will be forthcoming in the February newsletter.

Dr. Clarke gave the SMCAF financial report. The financial status is expected to improve with the merger with AMSUS. A per diem rate for the spring meeting has been negotiated.

Brief committee reports followed. Dr. Herb Alexander, president-elect reported on the electronics and media committee and especially elaborated on the improvements in the SMCAF website. A new section to the website is Members in the News. The duration of the posting of memoriam comments for deceased members was discussed. The website can be reached easily at www.smcaf.org. Membership report was given by Dr. Swan. We have nine new active members, two honorary members and one associate member. The AMA report was given by Dr. Cathy Nace. She has been attending the House of Delegates meetings of the AMA and representing SMCAF.

She reiterated the importance of AMA membership and the fact that the AMA represents all physicians. Discussion of our relationship to the AMA ensued. President Ahearn and President-elect Cecere both encouraged AMA membership for SMCAF members. Dr. Fred Sanford gave the military coalition report and reviewed present legislation affecting the society. Dr. Ahearn presented the recruitment and retention report. Dr. Anderson will resign from the professional services committee chairmanship because of our new relationship with AMSUS for which he is the Executive Director. The status of the Allgood Memorial was discussed. Solicitation of funds for this statue to be on the USU Campus will continue. Dr. Ahearn will continue as chairman of the Allgood Memorial Committee. The financial report was reviewed a second time by Dr. Clarke.

Dr. Ahearn announced the new slate of officers as follows: Dr. Cecere as incoming president, Dr. Herb Alexander as president-elect. Dr. Clarke will continue as secretary treasurer of the organization. Total cash on hand was slightly over \$16,000 and money market funds were approximately \$30,000, for a total operating fund of approximately \$46,000.

Minutes: Annual Meeting, SMCAF, Nov. 11-19, 2009 Continued

New committee chairs will be announced following the meeting. Dr. Anderson will remain as a special liaison to AMSUS. Dr. Ronald R. Blanck will assume the chairmanship of the Professional Services Committee. Dr. Sanford will assume the chairmanship of the Legislative and Legal Affairs Committee. He will continue as chair of the TMC Committee. Dr. Mary Catherine Nace will assume the chair of graduate medical education and will continue as the AMA representative. Several requests were reviewed and granted for Emeritus membership. Five positions were noted: Dr. Barrett O'Neill, Dr. Robert Daroff, Dr. Harry W. McCurdy, Dr. Robert Penner, and Dr. Charles J. Stahl, all over 70 years old. Dr. J. A. Johannigman was proposed for councilor and voted such unanimously.

The SMCAF scientific program for the annual AMSUS program convened Wednesday, November 18, 2009 at the Hyatt Regency Hotel. Col. Elspeth Cameron Ritchie served as moderator. Col. (Ret.) A. Mason Ahearn presented the presidential address outlining the history of the society highlighting its distinguished past and his thoughts for the future. Scientific presentations followed. The lessons learned from the war in Iraq were presented by Col. (Ret.) John

B. Holcomb, the Army Senior Visiting Surgeon. Dr. Col. J. A. Johannigman presented a paper on the Army reviewed the Epidaurus Project along with Capt. (Ret.) Frederick O. Foote. Lessons learned from the joint hospital initiative in Afghanistan were presented by Lt. Gen. Louis P. Lilywhite Surgeon General of the United Kingdom; he was assisted by Col. Timothy J. Hodges and Capt. Joseph Rappold. The SMCAF annual luncheon took place from 12:00 to 2:00 p.m. at the Hyatt Regency Ballroom C and the first Enrique Mendez, Jr, M.D. Annual lecture was presented by Dr. Thomas J. Nasca. He spoke on professionalism, accountability and responsibilities of the medical educator. The John R. Seal Award was presented to Dr. Kussman for his distinguished medical career.

The final sessions after lunch were devoted to the surgeon generals' roundtable. Lt. Gen. C. Bruce Green of the United States Air Force reported that during the past year 35,000 patients have been transported by the Air Force with no loss of life in the air. He reviewed the case of a British patient with a traumatic pneumonectomy and liver resection who had been transferred from Afghanistan to Landstuhl, Germany. He reiterated that state of the art equipment is used by the Air Force, and the fact that many casualties who formerly died in combat were being saved. He mentioned that the number of soldiers in the Air Force had decreased by one-third over the past five years but the degree of service

by the Air Force had increased. The Air Force residency training programs were partnering with nearby academic centers and improving training. Board certification rates were very high.

Brig. Gen. W. Bryan Gamble presented the report for the Army Surgeon General. He emphasized the reorganization of the AMEDD into three commands from its previous four commands. He stated there had been no cutback in readiness. He also mentioned the outstanding scores that army trained surgeons obtained on their national board exams. The army has met their quota in almost all specialties. He outlined the new army initiative against depression and suicide. It is ask, listen and extend care which is intended to ferret out emotional problems in soldiers especially those suicidal prone.

The Navy report was given by Rear Adm. William M. Roberts, director of medical resources and planning for the medical core of the United States Navy and chief of naval operations at the Pentagon in Washington D.C. Adm. Roberts again reiterated the fact that injured soldiers were surviving at a high rate. He also mentioned that retention in the Navy has never been higher. All residency positions had been filled with outstanding candidates.

Minutes: Annual Meeting, SMCAF, Nov. 11-19, 2009 Continued

Psychiatry was the hardest specialty within the Navy to fill. Family medicine was also somewhat difficult. He reiterated the Navy does support the Marine Corps and this requires additional medical officers. There are approximately 3700 medical officers in the Navy presently. The Navy has increased its size from 175,000 to 202,000 in slightly over a year's time. Navy has opened a new hospital in Kandahar and has Navy medical facilities in Qatar.

The finale scientific sessions was chaired by RADM David M. Lichtman. It included an overview of the research being done at San Antonio Army Hospital and especially research on compound tibia fractures and osteomyelitis. This was given by Joseph C. Winkie, Ph.D. CAPT Michael Bosse of the United States Navy talked on the research consortium on orthopedic trauma care. The final lecture was given on hand transplantation by the president of the American Society of Surgery of the Hand. The final lectures were moderated by RADM David M. Lichtman, SMCAF past president. On Tuesday evening, SMCAF hosted a reception at the Hyatt Hotel for all physicians attending the AMSUS Meeting. We were honored to have an impromptu presentation by Ms. Ellen Embrey, Acting ASD-HA on Career Opportunities for Female Physicians in Military Medicine. This presentation was augmented with talks by two SMCAF members, COLs Mary C. Nace and

Arnyce Pock. The USPHS Surgeon General, VADM Regina M. Benjamin attended and was introduced.

On November 18, SMCAF presented the Physician Section of the AMSUS 115th Annual Meeting at the Hyatt Hotel. Section Co-Chairpersons were Drs. Elspeth Ritchie, David Lichtman, and Mason Ahearn. The morning papers included presentations on Iraq Lessons Learned, The Army Senior Visiting Surgeons Program, The Navy Epidaurus Program, and a Review of UK/US Medical Efforts in Afghanistan, moderated by Lt. Gen. Louis P. Lillywhite, UK Surgeon General. The afternoon sessions featured the traditional Surgeons General Round Table, and a review of US Army Institute of Surgical Research Programs, to include Research Consortia and Hand Transplantation. The program was well received, and the reviews have been uniformly laudatory.

Also on November 18 we instituted the first ever SMCAF Luncheon for the Physician Section, AMSUS Annual Meeting. The highlight of the luncheon was the First Annual Enrique Mendez Jr. Lecture, presented by Thomas J. Nasca, MD, MACP, CEO American Council of Graduate Medical Education. Dr. Nasca's topic was "Professionalism, Public Accountability, and the Responsibilities of Medical Educators."

After the Mendez Lecture, Dr. Ahearn convened the Annual SMCAF Business Meeting. The new members were inducted to SMCAF Membership. Drs. Lillywhite and Nasca were welcomed into the Society as Honorary Members. By-laws changes were approved. The slate of the nominating committee was approved. Committee Reports were received and appreciated. Dr. Clarke's Treasurer's Report was submitted. On behalf of the Society, Dr. Ahearn presented its 2009 John R. Seal Award to Dr. Michael J. Kussman. Dr. Ahearn then passed the gavel to our new President, Dr. Fred Cecere. Dr. Cecere presented Dr. Ahearn with the traditional SMCAF gavel plaque. Dr. Cecere then called for our "Moment of Silence" and read out the names of our departed during the past year:

Stewart L. Baker, M.D.
Andrew Delone Muse, Jr., M.D.
Robert E. Neimes, M.D.
Taras Nowosiwsky, M.D.
Ronald L. Sollock, M.D.
Harold M. Voth, M.D.
Winston H. Weese, M.D.
Robert L. Williams, M.D.
James G. Zimmerly, M.D.

The meeting was then adjourned.

Respectively submitted,
Michael S. Clarke, MD FACS
Secretary

**SPRING COUNCIL MEETING
APRIL 23-24, 2010**

The spring council meeting will be held in Washington D.C. in April. A small but enjoyable Friday Evening social event is tentatively planned concomitant with the meeting and will be open to the membership. There will be a reasonable charge associated with the meal and there will be a cash bar. Dates for this event are April 23rd and 24th, Friday and Saturday. The council will spend Friday morning, reviewing the plans for the AMSUS/SMCAF meeting in the fall of 2010. Friday afternoon and Saturday morning, the council and invited members of the Society will discuss initiatives to attract new members and chart the course for the future of the Society. Plans for a spring symposium in 2011 will be discussed

HOTEL RESERVATIONS

The Society has reserved a block of rooms from Thursday April 22 through Sunday April 25, 2010 at the Hyatt Regency, Bethesda, located at One Bethesda Metro Center (7400 Wisconsin Ave.), Bethesda Maryland.

Thursday room rates are:
Single or Double: \$219.00
Triple: \$244.00
Quad: \$269.00

Friday –Sunday room rates are:
Single or Double: \$139.00
Triple: \$164.00
Quad: \$189.00



Reservations must be received by March 22, 2010. Reservation requests made after this date will be accepted based on availability, however may not be at the group rate.

Call either 1-888-421-1442 or the hotel directly at 301-657-1234 and reference The Society of Medical Consultants to the Armed Forces and the dates of the event.

WELCOME TO THE FOLLOWING NEW SMCAF MEMBERS

Active Member

Louis Edward Antosek, D.O.
 Kent Bradley, M.D.
 Michael L. Cowan, M.D.
 John B. Holcomb, M.D.
 M. Margaret Knudson, M.D.
 Norman E. McSwain, Jr., M.D.
 C. William Schwab, M.D.

Associate Member

Kevin G. Berry, M.D.
 Brian J. Masterson, M.D.
 Elspeth C. Ritchie, M.D.

Honorary Members

Louis P. Lillywhite, CB, QHS, MFQM, FCRP (Glasg)
 Thomas J. Nasca, M.D.

DUES NOTICE

ACTIVE AND ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

If you received a dues notice included in your newsletter, you are, according to SMCAF records an "Active OR Associate Member".

Active Members are physicians who served on active duty in one of the branches of the Uniformed Services of the United States and who have served as Medical Consultants to a component of the Uniformed Services. Physicians in the reserve components who are consultants are also qualified for Active Membership. All active members are required to pay dues in the amount of \$50.00 yearly.

Associate Members are those of similar qualification to Active Members, currently on Active Duty. All associate members are required to pay dues in the amount of \$40.00 yearly.

If you have any questions in regard to your membership status, contact the Executive Director at smcaf@usuhs.mil

MEMBERSHIP E-MAIL ADDRESSES

SMCAF Is compiling a list of our members e-mail address with the idea of possibly adding the current newsletter to its web site as well as past issues. This will relieve the cost of printing and mailing the newsletter as well as increasing the use of its web site.

SMCAF

C/O 5 Southern Way
Fredericksburg, VA
22406

E-MAIL: smcaf@usuhs.mil

We're on the Web!
See us at:
www.smcaf.org

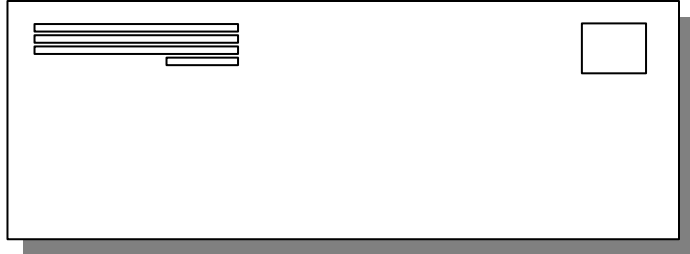
IS YOUR MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION CORRECT?

**Check your mailing label;
Is your information correct?**

Too often we have newsletters returned due to incorrect addresses.

Please take the time to notify us of any changes in your mailing address, phone numbers, e-mail address, and on retirement from or termination of Active Duty

E-MAIL:
smcaf@usuhs.mil



SMCAF
C/O 5 Southern
Way
Fredericksburg,
VA 22406

**PRSR STD
U.S. POSTAGE PAID
FREDERICKSBURG,
VA
PERMIT NO 660**