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SMCAF ANNUAL MEETING 2011

66th Annual Meeting November 6 - November 10, 2011

This year's conference will be held in conjunction with the AMSUS 117th Annual Meeting being held in San Antonio, TX. CME Credit hours will be available. Continuing education forms may be obtained at the Continuing Education Desk.

For further information and registration visit the AMSUS web site at:

<http://www.amsus.org/index.php/annual-meeting>

Registration & Hotel Block Opens 15 August

Preliminary Program available in August

PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS



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

From The President

I have two very important topics to discuss.

Firstly, the AMSUS 117th Annual Meeting this year will occur November 6-10, 2011 with the final morning on the 10th of November. The Preliminary meeting information will be seen as 6-9 November but on the morning of Thursday 10 November SMCAF will host a half-day discussion of “US and Global response to emerging diseases and international containment of environmental challenges to human health”. The moderator for that unique session will be RADM Boris Lushniak, the Deputy Surgeon General of the United States.

During this session, Admiral Lushniak will first lead the panelists and attendees in a discussion of the vital role of the US in Global response to emerging disease. That role encompasses not just capturing large volumes of data and creating critical analysis that identifies unusual patterns of zoonotic diseases and food borne infection, but requires the rapid development of international cooperation in a highly volatile and political charged environment. That cooperation must lead to rapid pathogen isolation, identification, strategy for containment and if possible eradication.

The recent outbreak of virulent E. coli in Germany has challenged the capability of the international community to both rapidly recognize and isolate sources of food-borne infection and to develop coherent strategies to contain the human infection.

In a parallel thread, “environmental challenges to human health” the moderator will lead the panelist and audiences in a discussion of the problems of natural and man-made environmental challenges to human health.

The earthquake and tsunami in Japan has created a yet to be contained nuclear and radiation challenge to human health. Months later, this threat has yet to be completely contained and the threat eradicated. Generations of Japanese citizens and international visitors will live with the fear of late sequelae for many years.

These two unrelated events represent significant challenges and opportunities for US and Global cooperation to ensure human health. Although quite different in nature they share a requirement for nations to set aside many political, economic and social differences to create a new level of international cooperation required to stem the threat to populations, societies and governments.

Again, The Workshop on global response to emerging threats to human health will be held on the final day of the AMSUS 117th Annual Meeting this November. On November 10th RADM Boris Lushniak will moderate three panels of US and International experts and health leaders. A panel of uniquely qualified individuals will discuss the current global surveillance and information dissemination systems designed to alert and activate a coordinated response of containment and threat reduction. A second panel of responders will discuss the effectiveness of these systems during the recent nuclear and food-borne threat scenarios. A third panel will describe ways forward to improve the US and Global recognition, information dissemination and response to emerging and unpredictable threats.

Any AMSUS meeting attendee is invited to attend the workshop.

Secondly, The Society of Medical Consultants is pleased to announce that the annual award given by SMCAF to the Valedictorian of the graduating class of USUHS has been named the *James A. Zimble Award for Academic Excellence*. The leaders of the Society are pleased to recognize VADM (ret) Zimble for a career of outstanding achievement and excellence. Clearly, one of his greatest periods of contribution was as the President of USUHS from 1991- 2004.

Please join me in recognizing the achievement of the first Zimble Award winner Capt David Alton Lindholm, USAF, MC. Valedictorian of the Class of 2011. Our expectation is that he will continue his excellent work as a resident in Internal Medicine at the San Antonio Military Medical Center.

The following was published in military medicine at the time of Admiral Zimble's retirement from USUHS in 2004.

Born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, Dr. Zimble received his Bachelor's degree from Franklin and Marshall College, Lancaster, Pennsylvania, and his Doctor of Medicine degree from the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine. He interned at the U.S. Naval Hospital, St. Albans, New York, and completed his residency in obstetrics and gynecology at the Naval Hospital, Camp Pendleton, California. He then served in a variety of clinical and command assignments to include Commanding Officer of the Naval Regional Medical Center, Orlando, Florida, prior to his promotion to flag rank in 1981. Subsequent assignments included tours as the Medical Officer of the U.S. Marine Corps; as the Fleet Surgeon, Commander-in-Chief, U.S. Atlantic Fleet, with additional duty as Command Surgeon, U.S. Atlantic Command and Medical Advisor to the Supreme Allied Command, Atlantic; and as Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Strategic Planning and Medical Program Management, and as the Executive Secretary of the Department's Advisory Committee on Graduate Medical Education. In 1987 he was promoted to Vice Admiral and served as the 30th Surgeon General of the United States Navy from 1987 to 1991, spanning the Gulf War. As Surgeon General, Dr. Zimble was credited not only for superb stewardship of a \$4 billion healthcare program with more than 2.8 million beneficiaries, and for providing expert advice to the Navy on all matters medical, but also for improving morale and setting a powerful example of selfless service, integrity, and devotion to duty. In 1991, Dr. Zimble retired from active duty and was selected as President of USUHS. His tenure at the university has been highlighted by extraordinary and sustained contributions. According to U.S. Medicine, which in 2001 awarded him the Frank Brown Berry Prize in Federal Healthcare, he has "led USUHS to significant growth, academic excellence and increased recognition from the civilian academic medical community. He led the transformation of the university from a "mere" medical school to a center for academic military health that is utilized by the armed services. During his tenure, he successfully gained bipartisan, bi-cameral congressional support to thwart Clinton administration plans to close the university. His leadership helped place the university under the military Surgeons General and helped tailor the curriculum at all levels to the unique demands of military medicine. Other specific accomplishments include the opening, in 1993, of the new Graduate School of Nursing, which now offers Master of Science and Ph.D. degrees in three different clinical areas; the addition of two interdisciplinary programs of study to the university, in cellular molecular biology and emerging infectious diseases; the inception of a one-year post-baccalaureate program designed to increase diversity within the university; and the establishment of the National Capital Simulation Center, a unique military medical simulation facility which incorporates a clinical skills assessment facility utilizing the most up-to-date resources, computerized mannequins for surgical and other simulations, and a virtual reality center (funded in part by AMSUS). Possibly, however, Dr. Zimble's most important contributions to the university may have been his emphasis on "military medicine," as opposed to "medicine in the military;" his advocacy for military medical education, captured in the university's motto "Learning to Care for Those in Harm's Way;" and his steadfast focus on the university's vital function, teaching healthcare professionals to practice "good medicine in bad places." In recognition of his extraordinary contributions, Dr. Zimble was awarded the prestigious Surgeon General's Medallion in August 2000.

While serving as President of USUHS, Dr. Zimble ... remained very active in our association, in the Society of Medical Consultants to the Armed Forces, which he represented as a delegate to the American Medical Association, in the Association of Academic Health Centers, and in many other professional organizations. He served as President of AMSUS during his tour as Navy Surgeon General and was awarded the Founders' Medal in 1989. All of us at AMSUS will miss his leadership, his friendship, and his warm sense of humor. We join USUHS, Navy and all federal and military colleagues in a most deeply felt "Bravo Zulu" for all his contributions, and in wishing him and his family "Fair Winds and Following Seas" for a most productive, healthy, and enjoyable retirement.

Let us now, in 2011, recognize that Dr. Zimble has enjoyed a productive, healthy and enjoyable retirement. We repeat our hopes that these "Fair Winds and Following Seas" continue for a long time.

Respectfully,
Fred A. Cecere, M.D.
COL, MC, USA (Ret)
President, SMCAF

**MINUTES FROM THE SPRING COUNCIL MEETING OF THE
SOCIETY OF MEDICAL CONSULTANTS TO THE ARMED FORCES**

The Spring Council Meeting of the Medical Consultants to the Arm Forces was called to order at 12:30 p.m. on April 15th, Friday, by Dr. Fred Cecere, President. The meeting was held in the Board of Regents Room of the Uniformed Services University of Health Sciences in Bethesda, Maryland.

Major discussion was held under the direction of Dr. Cecere on the status of the Society today and the projected status of the Society in five years. Major questions asked: What should the Society become? How much flexibility the Society has in addressing coming changes in healthcare delivery?

SMCAF has a proud tradition and affords a wealth of experience and valuable consulting potential. Several negative factors were mentioned such as the decrease in membership and the precarious financial position of the Society. Also a decrease in influence with the medical leadership of the military, especially with the Surgeons General was mentioned. It was felt that the Society should be primarily an organization for military medical officers and it should take a leadership position in this crucial period of transition of American military medicine. It was stressed that the Society should be selective, not elitist. It may become "the medical alumni group" for medical officers of the armed forces.

George Anderson, the executive director of AMSUS, stressed the outstanding CME programs that have been presented by SMCAF at the last two Annual Meetings. He emphasized how well this reflected on SMCAF's reputation nationally. Dr. Cecere and others emphasized the need for SMCAF to support AMSUS and to become the "physician's arm of AMSUS".

Margo Cabrero reported that there are now 30 active dues paying members. We have an additional 50 Emeritus members who are not required to pay dues.

Dr. Sanford emphasized the need for high-grade medical meetings annually and the offering of CME through AMSUS for attendees at our meeting. It was noted that the CME process through AMSUS is somewhat burdensome. Dr. Sanford further mentioned the importance of promoting the strategic plan of AMSUS.

The seal award was discussed and it was felt that it should be continued. Potential recipients of this year's seal award were discussed. Also discussed was the question of keeping the Seal Award presentation in the SMCAF luncheon as a surprise to the recipient versus scheduling it during the AMSUS Annual Awards Banquet and publishing the recipient in the AMSUS Annual Meeting Directory.

Funding plans for the Brian Algood statue construction on the USUHS campus were discussed. The statue will be dedicated "to all military health care givers who have made the supreme sacrifice in the armed conflicts of the United States of America.

The ethics report was given, and it was emphasized we maintain critically high ethical standards and be available to comment on military medical ethical questions.

The society plans to continue efforts to embrace the medical members of The United States Public Health Service and The United States Department of Veterans Affairs. We now have Society members from both of these organizations. It was further noted that several revisions will be needed in the constitution and bylaws. There is a committee assigned for this task. Dr. David Lichtman will be in charge of revisions of the bylaws.

**MINUTES FROM THE SPRING COUNCIL MEETING OF THE
SOCIETY OF MEDICAL CONSULTANTS TO THE ARMED FORCES CONTINUED**

Dr. Cecere mentioned that more functions of the Society will be performed by the councilors and less emphasis will place on the committee structure.

Much of the administrative duties of the Society will be transferred to AMSUS staff due to minimal finances of the society.

Dr. Ahearn mentioned the importance of conviviality at our meetings and the importance of having a spousal program and enjoyable social events. He also mentioned that our general goal should be to sustain and enhance the US military medical family.

Michael Kussman discussed healthcare reform and its impact on military medicine. He emphasized the importance of continuing to include the four Surgeon Generals in our meetings. A copy of the AMSUS strategic plan was disseminated and it was voted unanimously that the Society endorse this plan.

The treasurer's report was given by Dr. Michael Clarke indicating that approximately \$22,400 remains in the Society's account. Dues at present are insufficient to sustain the Society; therefore it is necessary to transfer much of the administrative functions of the Society to AMSUS. However, we are required to perform our own audit yearly. It may be necessary to change the society from a 501-C19 status to a 501-C3 status. This is a requirement of AMSUS.

The councilor's meeting was adjourned Friday at approximately 4:00 p.m. by Dr. Fred Cecere.

Saturday morning, April 16th, Dr. Cecere reconvened the councilor's meeting at 8 a.m. Dr. Randy Howe was present. An ethics report was given and further discussion on the status of the society and its future continued. An extensive discussion of suicide in the military along with alcoholism, drug abuse, and HIV prevalence was included in the ethics report. The Society may on occasion comment publicly on such controversial ethical issues.

A separate meeting of the nominating committee was held under the direction of Dr. Cecere.

The next annual meeting of SMCAF will be November 6-10 in San Antonio, Texas in conjunction with AMSUS. The councilor's meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Michael S. Clarke, M.D.
Secretary-Treasurer, SMCAF



66TH SMCAF ANNUAL MEETING

The 66th SMCAF Annual Meeting 2011 will be held in conjunction with the AMSUS 117th Annual Meeting in San Antonio, TX Nov. 6 – Nov. 10. Registration and housing, which open's on August 15, 2011, 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. The SMCAF meetings will be held at the Henry B. Gonzales Convention Center, Room 212. SMCAF members need to register on line for the AMSUS Annual Meeting, when registration opens on August 15th. The meeting registration fee for current SMCAF members will be determined by your membership category in AMSUS. SMCAF luncheon and Awards Banquet tickets will be extra. Upon arrival, members will need to pick up their badges and meal tickets at the Registration Area at the Convention Center.

All additional meeting registration information is immediately available on the AMSUS website:
<http://www.amsus.org/index.php/annual-meeting>

**We look forward to seeing you 6 November - 10 November in San Antonio, TX
for the 66th Annual Meeting.**

- Registration will open 15 August. All members, non-member, early bird and onsite rates will be made available at that time.
- Housing will open on 15 August. In order to receive the prevailing government per diem rate you must book through the AMSUS website. All properties will be listed when housing is available.

To register and find information visit the AMSUS web site at:
<http://www.amsus.org/index.php/annual-meeting>

The SMCAF Meeting will take place on November 9 and 10, 2011 in the Henry B. Gonzales convention Center, Room 212.

The Annual SMCAF Luncheon with the Third Annual Enrique Mendez, Jr., M.D lecture will be on November 9 in Room 214.

Please Note: the date will not change however, the room location could (meeting and luncheon will stay in the Center, exact room location could change). It is important that all attendees check the AMSUS website for the most up to date information.



SMCAF AWARD

At the Graduation Awards Ceremony on 12 May for the Class of 2011 at the School of Medicine, Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences, the Admiral James A Zimble SMCAF award was granted to the student who had achieved the highest level of academic performance over all four years. This year, Fred A. Cecere, M.D. presented the award to 2nd Lt David Lindholm, USAF, MSC. 2Lt Lindholm is a 2007 graduate of the Air Force ROTC program at Cedarville University, in Cedarville, OH. As a student at USUHS, his academic credentials are unparalleled. He received Outstanding or Distinguished Academic Achievement Awards in almost every major course offered in the MSI and MSII years. This led to the awarding of the Dean's Award for all around academic excellence both years, and his election to the USUHS Gamma Chapter of Alpha Omega Alpha Medical Honor Society in his MSIII year. In addition, David has worked with Dr. Ken Yew in the department of Family Medicine in writing a review on mesenteric artery occlusion, which has been accepted for publication in the Journal of Family Practice. David was also one of several students to visit Peru during the summer between his MSI and MSII years. While there, the group of students participated in humanitarian aid clinics and a practicum on tropical medicine. David is one of only a handful of students who earned straight "As" in the clinical year. 2Lt Lindholm is outstanding in every sense of the word.

ACTIVE & ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

Dues Notice

If you are an "Active or Associate Member" of SMCAF, you are required to pay dues annually.

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 on a yearly basis.

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 \$50.00 on a yearly basis.

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

FINAL REMINDER

ALL ARRANGEMENTS FOR SMCAF 66TH/ AMSUS 117TH ANNUAL MEETING WILL BE HANDLED BY AMSUS: MEETING REGISTRATION; HOTEL REGISTRATION; SMCAF LUNCHEON; AWARDS BANQUET AND ALL ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE THROUGH THE AMSUS WEBSITE. ALL REGISTRATIONS OPEN ON THAT WEBSITE AUGUST 15TH. THERE WILL BE NO FURTHER MAIL-OUTS FROM SMCAF REGARDING MEETING REGISTRATION.

AMSUS WEBSITE IS <http://www.amsus.org/index.php/annual-meeting>



The Society of Medical Consultants to the Armed Forces

DUES NOTICE

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Secretary-Treasurer**

Annual Dues: Member \$50.00 \$ _____
(member = active duty and retired)

SMCAF Education Fund _____ \$ _____

Please make check payable to SMCAF TOTAL \$ _____

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SMCAF Members will need to be AMSUS Members by January 1, 2011.

If you are not an AMSUS Member do you intend to join?

Yes _____

No _____ I wish to resign my membership in SMCAF

AMA Member Yes _____ No _____

If yes please supply your AMA Member number _____

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