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SMCAF 2012 MEETINGS

*The SMCAF spring council meeting will be held at the
Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences (USUHS) on
Friday and Saturday, April 13 & 14, 2012.
Council Members will be notified separately by letter.*

*This year's annual meeting is being held during the 118th Annual Meeting of AMSUS
November 11 – November 16, 2012 in Phoenix, AZ. Details will be published as soon as
they become available.*

Mark your calendars and start making plans.

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From The President

On November 10, 2011, with the conclusion of our SMCAF Annual Meeting in San Antonio, COL Fred Cecere turned over the Presidency of SMCAF to me. We are all indebted to COL Cecere for his superb leadership over these past 2 years. Thank you Fred!

There is still much to do and a definitive outline of plans is in the making. Being the “curator” of our web site, I have become intimately familiar with a section of the site dedicated to the [history of SMCAF](#). I highly recommend that we all take a few moments to read this over as well as the several white papers SMCAF authored in support of [GME](#). We need to know “where we have been” as we determine “where we are going”.

Frankly, I’m in awe of the individuals who have preceded me in this role as [President](#) and what they have done. For instance, are you aware that SMCAF is largely responsible for establishing GME in the military and has been forthright in defending military GME against its detractors? It should be no surprise then, that SMCAF first proposed a military medical institution of higher learning in its second annual meeting in 1947. “The Society's efforts and the actions of many of its members were instrumental in securing approval for establishment of the USUHS in 1972. Two of the Society's Presidents were especially influential in this regard: Dr. Louis M. Rousselot, while serving as Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs, and Dr. Chris J. D. Zarafonetis, in written testimony to U. S. Congressman F. Edward Hébert.” By the way, in reference to the position of Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs, note the following: “The efforts of Society members led to the establishment of the Armed Forces Medical Advisory Committee in 1948, and the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs (OASD-HA) in 1954. The position of Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs was held by members of the Society for many years. Several years after the position's establishment, it was reduced one echelon. The Society, along with other organizations, was influential in having it returned to the Assistant Secretary of Defense level.”

SMCAF has been a moving force for the better and has grappled successfully with tough issues. Another prominent accomplishment was the “Berry Plan”. Established in 1954, “it was named for the Society's third president, Frank B. Berry, M.D., who instituted the Plan while serving as Assistant Secretary of Defense (Health and Medical)”. So you can see, with this legacy, continuing success for SMCAF is our only option.

I bring this up, lest we forget what SMCAF has been and what it can be as we amalgamate with and solidify our relationship with AMSUS.

On a very sad note, we lost one of our greatest supporters and SMCAF member on December 14, 2011, VADM James A. Zimble, MC, USN (ret). The Washington Post [obituary](#) is reproduced on the SMCAF website. VADM Zimble, fourth President of USUHS and former Surgeon General of the Navy, was President of SMCAF 2000-2001 and received the SMCAF *John R. Seal, MD Award* in 1994. We and military medicine will miss this gracious and kind man.

We have an excellent Council for 2011-12, with brain power to spare. Please see our [slate of officers](#). Congratulations go to our new Vice-President John Chandler, MD and special congratulations to RADM Fred Sanford, the 2011 recipient of the *John R. Seal, MD Award*. The SMCAF Council will be meeting April 13-14, 2012 at USUHS. As usual, the meeting is open to all SMCAF members. Should any of you wish to attend, please email me to ensure we have sufficient space. If you have thoughts on any of the above or other suggestions, please don't keep them to yourself. Email me at herb_alexander@msn.com.

Very respectfully,

Herb Alexander, MD
CAPT, MC, USN (ret)
President

Minutes: Annual Meeting, SMCAF, Nov. 6-9, 2011

The Council of SMCAF met November 8, 2011 at the San Antonio Convention Center, San Antonio, Texas.

The business meeting was conducted by President Fred Cecere.

Those present were:

A. Mason Ahearn, M.D.
 A. Herbert Alexander, M.D.
 Joseph B. Anderson, M.D.
 Kevin Berry, M.D.
 Ronald Blanck, D.O.
 Fred Cecere, M.D.
 John Chandler, MD
 Michael Clarke, M.D.
 Michael Cowan, M.D.
 David M. Lichtman, M.D.
 Bryan Masterson, M.D.
 Lee E. Payne, M.D.
 Frederic G. Sanford, M.D.
 George Weightman, MD

Minutes from the October, 2010 Council Meeting were presented and approved unanimously. President Cecere's remarks focused on the advances of the SMCAF over the past two years, and the future of the SMCAF. He emphasized the induction of prominent new members as consultants. The purpose of SMCAF and the necessity for a clear vision of its future program were emphasized. A close association with the National Defense University at Fort McNair was proposed. The purpose of the society was discussed in depth by Admiral Cowan and General Blanck. The Spring Council meeting and symposium were announced. Potential dates were discussed. Members will be notified by email. Dr. Ahearn and Dr. Blanck commented on the progress of the Allgood Memorial. Fundraising is still in progress. Colonel Brian Masterson complimented Dr. Cecere on his success as president. Dr. Cecere spoke on the new close association developed between SMCAF and the Veterans Administration. Physicians within the

VA are now eligible for membership by invitation and nomination.

Committee reports followed. It was noted that there is presently no chair for the committee of Archives and Medical History. CAPT Herb Alexander commented on the maintenance of our website and whether or not this function may eventually come under the wing of AMSUS. There were no new issues coming from the committee on Ethical Issues in Military Medicine. Rear Admiral Frederic Sanford reported on the TMC.. He emphasized that this organization is quite active and speaks out for us on military medical issues. He emphasized the importance of continued membership and input in the TMC. Dr. Nace, the chairman of the Medical Education committee was not present. Dr. Cecere mentioned that she had continued to do an excellent job representing SMCAF before the AMA. Dr. Nace is chair of both Medical Education and AMA representation for SMCAF. The membership report noted nine new outstanding members. The present membership is now 43. Plans are to increase the membership to a 100 and to continue to be somewhat selective in admissions. Dr. Ahearn's activities in recruitment and retention were complimented. Dr. Blanck spoke briefly on professional services. The financial report was presented by Dr. Clarke, the retiring secretary-treasurer. The treasury continues to decrease. The Society now has \$26,844.89. With the reduced salary for the executive secretary, a typical year's expenses are approximately \$9,000. Income is projected to be in the range of \$4,000 yearly. For these reasons treasurer Clarke moved for a dues increase from \$50 to \$100. It was endorsed by President Cecere. This passed unanimously.

Dr. Cecere presented the nominating committee's slate of new officers: CAPT Herb Alexander, President; CAPT John Chandler, Vice-president; CAPT Kevin Berry, new Councilor; George Weightman, MD, new Councilor; RADM David Lichtman, re-elected Councilor; COL Lee Payne, Chair of History Committee (and new member).

The council approved COL Payne's efforts on our behalf in writing the History of Emergency Medicine in the US Military, (which he has already begun).

COL Anderson was also chosen to support the President and the council in planning the upcoming SMCAF meeting. He will work closely with the Air Force co-chair of the AMSUS physician's section (COL DeFrancis) and Dr. Alexander to ensure coordination and support the continued excellence of the program.

A moment of silence was held for deceased comrades. Meeting adjourned at approximately 1800.

The following day, Wednesday, November 9, 2011 consisted of a joint federal and SMCAF meetings from 0800 to 1730. The Society's luncheon held in the convention center was venue for the Mendez Lectureship of Navy Captain Peter Letarte, a bioengineer specializing in blast injuries. Captain Letarte is a graduate of Northwestern University Medical School. The Seal Award was presented to RADM Frederic G. Sanford for his extensive contributions to military medicine. At a short business meeting of SMCAF, the slate of officers proposed by the Nominating Committee was elected by acclamation. The dues increase from \$50 to \$100 per year was approved.

Thursday morning, November 10, 2011 sessions, sponsored by SMCAF, dealt with the response to disasters and environmental emergencies.

Submitted by: Michael S. Clarke, M.D.

**SPRING COUNCIL MEETING
APRIL 13 – 14 2012**

The spring council meeting will be held in Bethesda, MD, in April. A small but enjoyable Friday Evening no host dinner event is tentatively planned with the meeting and will be open to spouses and guests. Dates for this event are Friday, April 13th and Saturday, April 14th.

WELCOME TO THE FOLLOWING NEW SMCAF MEMBERS

Member

Gerald M. Cross, M.D.
Gerald Dieter Griffin, M.D.
Richard A. Jordan, M.D.
James G. Roudebush, M.D.
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**** DUES AMOUNT**
** HAS CHANGED****

Members are physicians who have served or are serving 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 **\$100.00** yearly.

Dues are paid by all members with exception of Emeritus and Honorary members.

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

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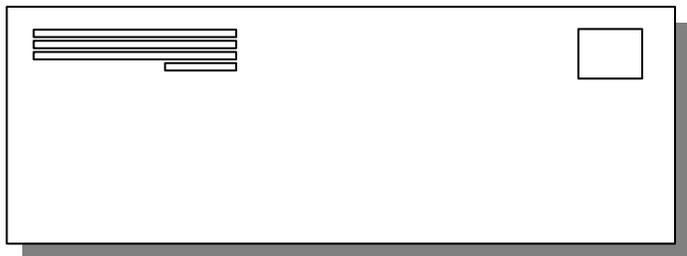
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