



THE SCA ENEMNS

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Dear Fellow SCA Member:

SCA New Members:

We were pleased to welcome the following new members in September;

COL (Ret) Henry B. (Duke) Marley CPT (AD) Samantha S. Rieger

SCA Excellence In Leadership Award:

At the AMEDD Captain's Career Course Graduation Ceremony on September 12, 2013, CPT Samantha Rieger was presented the SCA Excellence In Leadership Award by MG, (Ret) David Rubenstein, 16th Chief of the Medical Service Corps. CPT Rieger graduated from Wake Forest University in 2005 where she majored in Biology and received her commission as a Distinguished Military Graduate as a Medical Service Corps Officer. She graduated from the AMEDD Officer Basic Course and was placed on the Commandant's List upon completion of the Principles of Military Preventive Medicine Course. CPT Rieger was assigned to Charlie Company, 82d BSB, 3rd BCT, 82d ABN DIV as the Brigade Environmental Science Officer where she deployed to Tikrit, Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. She was then assigned to the Center for Health Promotion and Preventive Medicine-North at Ft Meade, MD as a Project Manager in the Field Preventive Medicine Division.

CPT Rieger was awarded a four year scholarship through the Health Profession Scholarship Program to attend the Rosenberg School of Optometry, University of the Incarnate Word. She earned her Doctorate in Optometry and graduated as valedictorian of her class.

CPT Rieger is currently assigned to the Katterbach Health Clinic in Bavaria as the OIC of the Optometry Clinic. The SCA extends hearty congratulations to CPT Rieger on her outstanding achievements and wishes her continued success in her military career.



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2013 Membership Renewals:

Members with 2013 Membership Expiration Dates are encouraged to renew early rather than waiting until the end of the year. We have a large number of members who will be renewing their 2013 membership, and we want to avoid a queue. Additionally, it will allow our volunteer staff to spread out the workload and not be saddled with processing renewals during the Holiday Season. Renewing early will not negatively affect your membership date; it will still be the end of the next calendar year. I also encourage you to renew for multiple years which also helps to reduce the workload for our volunteer staff.

SCA Delaware Valley Social Gathering:

On September 25, 2013, fifteen members of the Silver Caduceus Association paid a visit to Carlisle Barracks, Pennsylvania at the invitation of Major General Anthony Cucolo, Commandant of the U.S. Army War College. MG Cucolo penned his personal regrets for not being able to be present to greet the group due to scheduled demands requiring his absence from Carlisle Barracks. We were greeted by COL Matthew Dawson, Director of the U.S. Army Heritage and Education Center, and led on the tour by Mr. Karl Warner, Education Program Coordinator. The tour began with a walk through Ridgway Hall to view the extensive collection of books and artifacts in the Education Center's library and archives. Next, we boarded a bus which took us on a windshield tour of the post and a stop at Root Hall. Root Hall is named after Elihu Root, founder of the Army War College, and is the building where most of the War College classes are held. We also visited Bliss Hall known for its collection of stained glass artwork. Among them, a stunning piece titled, "A Line In The Sand," captured the group's attention as it was created by a fellow Medical Service Corps Officer, then LTC George S. "Shack" Robinson, War College Class of 1992. Following this, we walked to Upton Hall, which until 1951 was named Hoff Hall. Hoff Hall, named after COL John Van Rensselaer Hoff who had a career in military medical training, was the home of the Medical Field Service School (MFSS), until it was relocated to Fort Sam Houston, Texas in 1946.

Upon our return to the U.S. Army Heritage and Education Center, we had the opportunity to have lunch with Colonel Rebecca Porter, Commander of Dunham Army Health Clinic and Mr. Joe Vancosky, Deputy Commander for Administration at the Clinic. Both Colonel Porter and Mr. Vancosky welcomed the group and expressed their appreciation for our visit. Colonel Porter is a Clinical Health Psychologist and is proud to be a Medical Service Corps Officer. Likewise, Mr. Vancosky is a Health Care Administrator who retired from active duty as a LTC in the Medical Service Corps. At the conclusion of lunch, George Waters expressed our thanks to both COL Porter and Mr. Vancosky for serving as excellent role models for all Medical Service Corps Officers.

Nominating:
Jim Van Straten

Webmaster:
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Memorial Services:
Jim Vinci
Doug Braendel

**SCA & SCS
Partnership:**
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Ed Lynch

Our tour concluded with a visit to the U.S. Army Heritage Museum, which supports the U.S. Army Heritage and Education Center through its research and exhibits. A primary focus of the Army Heritage Museum is to acquire items of Army history that are directly linked to individual stories. This way, the Museum is achieving its goal of, “*Telling the Army Story, One Soldier at a time.*” The Museum staff informed us that all Veterans can participate in its online survey program. The survey is designed to collect the memories and stories of U.S. Army Veterans. For more information on the Online Veterans Survey, please visit the following website: <http://www.carlisle.army.mil/ahec/VEC/VeteranSurveys.cfm>.

The Silver Caduceus Association would like to thank MG Cucolo and the staff of the U.S. Army Heritage and Education Center for providing us the opportunity to visit Carlisle Barracks. It was a memorable and enjoyable time for SCA participants. We would also like to thank the Delaware Valley SCA for coordinating this event. [Contributed by COL, (Ret) ED Haraguchi.]



Historical Marker At Upton Hall, Carlisle Barracks, PA.



SCA Delaware Valley Group Photo At Upton Hall.

SCA 2014 Reunion:

Save the Date for the 2014 SCA Reunion. It will be held in the National Capital Region, (NCR), Washington, D. C. Area, September 3-6, 2014, at the Renaissance Arlington Capital View Hotel, Arlington, Virginia. COL, (Ret) Mark Lyford and the SCA Reunion Committee are busy putting the plans together for this event. If you would like to be a part of the planning for this reunion event, please contact Mark at mlyford@lmi.org. You are encouraged to step forward and provide assistance to Mark in order to make this reunion a successful event. He welcomes your help.

A Thought To Ponder:

“Good example will produce the deepest impression. Lighthouses blow no horns; they only shine.” (D. L. Moody).

In Memoriam:

It is with great sadness that I inform you of the passing of the following Fellow Medical Service Corps Officers;

COL, (Ret) L. Fred Belcher
LTC, (Ret) Robert H. Hayman
LTC, (Ret) Dale Shaw

COL, (Ret) Gary L. Fuller
LTC, (Ret) James V. Mahoney, Jr.
LTC, (Ret) Robert H. Willis

Warmest regards,



George A. Waters, Jr.
President, SCA

“In The Silver Caduceus Association, Camaraderie Is A Passion That makes Friendships Endure!”

George Waters
presents medal
to Mr. Karl Warner
on behalf of
COL Rebecca Porter
and the SCA.

