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## Newsletter June 2015

Welcome to the summer edition of the newsletter of the Association of Army Dentistry (AAD). The AAD has been busy with a number of activities this year. The Association provided financial support to the 104<sup>th</sup> Dental Corps anniversary celebration in the National Capital Region. The ball was held on March 14th at the Fort Belvoir's Officers' Club. There were quite a number of participants to include the current Dental Corps Chief, MG Tempel, AC and RC dental officers from around the region, a large number of NCO's and enlisted soldiers, civilian members of the ADCS, as well as numerous retirees. The attendees reported having a lovely fun-filled evening!

The AAD has been a great supporter of the AMEDD Museum located at Fort Sam Houston, Texas. On the occasion of the Museum's 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary the former AAD President, MG(Ret) Lefler, presented a donation on behalf of the AAD. Additionally, a number of deceased members of the Army Dental Care System have been memorialized by the AAD with bricks on the Museum's walkways.

Last year the AAD provided financial support to a welcome social event for the approximately 120 new Dental Corps graduates of the Officer Basic Leadership Course at Fort Sam Houston. This was a wonderful opportunity to welcome the newest officers, both AC and RC, into the Dental Corps family and is an event that the AAD hopes to continue supporting.

The AAD has an updated website at <http://www.associationofarmydentistry.org> We appreciate the efforts of our new webmaster, Jake Weiss, in making the website more current.

The last newsletter reported the formation of a new Membership Committee. The chairman, Jim Kulild has identified POC's for all DC specialties along with POC's for Enlisted/NCO's and civilians. The committee plans to host receptions or booths at major dental meetings, produce high-class "recruiting" materials, recognize members making significant contributions to the AAD, and make enhancements to the AAD web page. If called upon by a member of the Membership Committee for help, please give them all the help you can.

We appreciate all of our members who renewed their membership for 2015. Your continued support helps us expand our services to Army dentistry. For those of you who had forgotten, we urge you to renew as soon as possible, as this will be the last newsletter you will receive with a lapsed membership. Also, we plan to send a membership roster to all current (2015) members at the end of July, so you may connect with former colleagues with whom you may have lost contact.

## Upcoming Events

The AAD will host a reception in conjunction with the annual meeting of the American Dental Association this year in Washington, DC. Look for us on Friday evening, November 6, 2015 to enjoy a few hours of comraderie. We will host the event in the upstairs space of Baby Wale, 1124 9<sup>th</sup> Street, NW – directly across the street from the Washington Convention Center.

On March 10-12, 2016, the Vietnam Center and Archive at Texas Tech University, Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences, and the Army Medical Department Center of History and Heritage will be co-sponsoring a conference on the medical history of the Vietnam War. This two-day conference will be hosted at the Doubletree Hotel, San Antonio, Texas. For further information please contact Mr. Sanders Marble at: (210) 295-0983.

The plans for the 105<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration of the Army Dental Corps in San Antonio, Texas are well underway. The committee chaired by COL(Ret) Marshall Cox has already secured dates and venue for all the events. Rooms have been blocked at the Wyndham San Antonio Riverwalk Hotel beginning on 31 March 2016. There will be an icebreaker that evening at the hotel. A reception will be held the following evening at the Alamo Brewery. On Saturday evening, 2 April 2016 a ball/dinner will be held at the hotel ballroom. Updated information will be emailed to members as we get closer to the date.

## Member News

Dr. Leo Rouse, Dean of the Howard University College of Dentistry, was recently confirmed by the Secretary of Defense as the newest member of the Board of Regents of the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences.

## In Memoriam

COL(Ret) James Koonce	7 Mar 1944 – 12 Mar 2015
COL(Ret) Leander “Tom” Gallegos	26 Jul 1930 – 3 May 2015
COL(Ret) Larry Camp	5 Jan 1952 – 9 May 2015
COL(Ret) Andrew Christopher	8 Apr 1922 – 20 May 2015
MG(Ret) George Kuttas	24 Feb 1927 – 27 May 2015
COL(Ret) Robert “Bob” Schanzer	2 Feb 1951 – 1 Jun 2015

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