**President and Chairman's Comments**

MG Bill Branham Lefler, USA (Ret)

20 October 1933 - 25 September 2017

It is with sad news that we report the passing of MG(Ret) Bill Lefler this morning at his home in Hot Springs, Arkansas. As soon as we have details about any services we will pass them on.

A few times in your life you meet someone who is just so unique they simply appear bigger than life. Someone who has a dynamic, giving, caring personality who cares more about others than about self. Someone who picks others up in a time of need, who exudes enthusiasm in all walks of life. Someone who gives everything to the organization he or she loves and has dedicated his or her life to God. Someone who shows what it means to lead a wonderful loving family.

That "someone" for me is Major General Bill Lefler. He was a mentor, teacher, friend who made it a point to make me a better clinician, commander and most importantly a better person. I and so many others will miss this magnificent individual. He will be in my thoughts always. I truly believe he is now in the Lord's choir, singing and playing the piano in the key of F. God Bless you my dear friend.

It was General Lefler's idea to organize the Association of Army Dentistry. He put countless hours into getting the AAD started. We owe it to him to continue to grow this wonderful organization and allow his vision to come to fruition.

To gain a greater perspective of the grace and humility of the person and the breadth and scope of his many accomplishments several links are provided below. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family.

Major General (Ret) Russell J. Czerw

The Old General's (TOG) Daily Prayer

"I meet God in the morning when the day is at its best. His presence comes like glory in my breast. All day long his presence lingers through the worldly wrath. We travel in perfect harmony along this troubled path. I know, I know the secret based on many a challenging day. You must meet God in the morning if you want him along the way." SELF PORTRAIT Bill Lefler

The following article appeared on October 18, 2009 in the Arkansas Democrat Gazette.

[http://m.arkansasonline.com/news/2009/oct/18/bill-branham-lefler-20091018/](http://m.arkansasonline.com/news/2009/oct/18/bill-branham-lefler-20091018/" \t "_blank)

The following links are provided to the U.S. Army Medical Department, Office of Medical History, U.S. Army Dental Corps home page and the Dental Corps Chiefs Oral History Interviews, Volume I. MG Lefler's interview can be found on pages 91 - 117.

[http://history.amedd.army.mil/corps/dental/dental.html](http://history.amedd.army.mil/corps/dental/dental.html" \t "_blank)

[http://history.amedd.army.mil/corps/dental/OralHistoryInterviews\_012908.pdf](http://history.amedd.army.mil/corps/dental/OralHistoryInterviews_012908.pdf" \t "_blank)

MG Bill Lefler, USA (RET) was the twentieth Chief of the Dental Corps. Links are provided to the following posts on the Dental Corps History Page.

List of All U.S. Army Dental Corps Chiefs

[http://history.amedd.army.mil/corps/dental/corpschiefs2015.pdf](http://history.amedd.army.mil/corps/dental/corpschiefs2015.pdf" \t "_blank)

Dental Corps Chiefs Poster

[http://history.amedd.army.mil/corps/dental/DCChiefsPoster2014.pdf](http://history.amedd.army.mil/corps/dental/DCChiefsPoster2014.pdf" \t "_blank)

For those in receipt of this newsletter, comments or special memories of MG Lefler can be made in the General Forums section of the AAD webpage.

[https://www.associationofarmydentistry.org/forums/](https://www.associationofarmydentistry.org/forums/" \t "_blank)