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Each fall we observe the national holiday honoring the service of all military veterans. Veterans Day, the official United States public holiday honoring those who served in the United States Armed Forces, is observed annually on November 11<sup>th</sup>. It coincides with other holidays, including Armistice Day and Remembrance Day, celebrated in other countries that mark the anniversary of the end of World War I. Major hostilities of World War I formally ended at the 11<sup>th</sup> hour of the 11<sup>th</sup> month of 1918, when the Armistice with Germany went into effect. The United States observed Armistice Day, until the U.S. holiday was renamed Veterans Day in 1954.

The United States Congress adopted a resolution on 4 June 1926, requesting that President Calvin Coolidge issue annual proclamations calling for the observance of Armistice Day on 11 November with appropriate ceremonies. A Congressional Act approved on 13 May 1938, made the 11<sup>th</sup> of November in each year a legal holiday. In 1945, veteran Raymond Weeks of Birmingham, Alabama, conceptualized expanding Armistice Day to celebrate all veterans, not just those who died in World War I. Weeks led a delegation to General Dwight D. Eisenhower, who supported the idea of a National Veterans Day. Weeks led the first national celebration in 1947 in Alabama and annually until his death in 1985. President Reagan honored Weeks at the White House with the Presidential Citizenship Medal in 1982 as the driving force for the national holiday. Elizabeth Dole, who prepared the briefing for President Reagan, deemed Weeks as the "Father of Veterans Day." U.S. Representative Ed Reeds from Emporia, Kansas, presented the bill establishing the holiday through Congress. President Eisenhower signed the bill into law on 26 May 1954. Congress amended the bill on 1 June 1954, replacing "Armistice Day" with "Veterans Day."

With Veterans Day approaching, thank you for your service to our nation.

Ron  
Ronald J. Lambert, COL, USA(Ret)  
President and Chairman, Board of Directors

# Interment of MG Bill B. Lefler

The interment ceremony for MG Lefler will take place on **1 October 2018** at Arlington National Cemetery in Arlington, Virginia. Those who wish to attend the ceremony are asked to gather in the Administration Building at **1400 (2:00pm)**. Drivers will need to use the main entrance of the cemetery past the visitor parking area and give the security personnel MG Lefler's name. Your vehicle will then be allowed to enter and be directed to the parking area for the administrative building. The attendee group is given an orientation and further instructions in the administrative building.

The Lefler family has reserved a block of rooms at The Virginian Suites in Arlington, just outside of Fort Myer for those who wish to stay nearby. The phone number for the hotel is **866-371-1446**. The room block ID is **1088373** and is under the name of Lefler.

Arlington National Cemetery Website for latest updates/directions:

[www.arlingtoncemetery.mil/Funerals/Funeral-Schedule/Search-by-Name](http://www.arlingtoncemetery.mil/Funerals/Funeral-Schedule/Search-by-Name)

Below are the links that the AAD newsletter provided in the special edition honoring MG Lefler in September 2017.

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

<http://m.arkansasonline.com/news/2009/oct/18/bill-branham-lefler-20091018>

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

Dental Corps Chiefs Poster

<http://history.amedd.army.mil/corps/dental/DCChiefsPoster2014.pdf>

Attached is a tribute to MG Lefler's promotion of the "Total Army Concept - One Army One Fight" by MG (Ret) Jim Cuddy and BG (Ret) Jerry Strader.

[See Total Army Concept.pdf](#)

# **BG Shan Bagby, Chief, Army Dental Corps**

Colonel Shan K. Bagby was promoted to the rank of Brigadier General on Friday, 7 September, by MG Barbara R. Holcomb, Commanding General, U.S. Army Medical Research and Materiel Command and Chief, U.S. Army Nurse Corps. The ceremony was conducted at Fort Belvoir, Virginia.

Congratulations BG Bagby!



# Dental Corps History

Nolan A. (Andy) Watson, Acting Chief of the AMEDD Center of History and Heritage (ACHH) and the AMEDD Regimental Historian submitted the following article about *CAPT/CPT Creighton L. Lane: Dual Service Dentist.* Andy has written over 40 articles published in magazines, journals, online formats, and newsletters. His publications in relation to Army Dental Corps History include *Colonel John L. Shock, WWII Prisoner of War; COL Charles M. Taylor, Restored Army Dentist;* and co-editor of *Highlights in the History of Army Dentistry*, 2012.

Andy's research of Creighton L. Lane began in connection with possible memorialization goals and once undertaken, Lane's adventures unfolded to reveal a lifetime of service. The AAD thanks Andy for sharing his work with our membership.

I invite to you read Andy's article about CAPT/CPT Creighton L. Lane at the following link:

[See Creighton Lane Bio.pdf](#)



## **Active Component News**

CPT Paul J. Gilroy reported in July to the Office of the Chief, U.S. Army Dental Corps, to serve as the Executive Fellow at Joint Base San Antonio, Fort Sam Houston, Texas. He serves as the primary liaison with the Association of Army Dentistry under the direction of COL Craig Patterson, the Corps Specific Branch Proponent Officer at the Corps Chief's office.

## **Reserve Components News**

Your attention is invited to the attached article by MSG Marcela E. Reyes, entitled "More than a Dental Assistant." MSG Reyes is currently with the 97<sup>th</sup> Training Brigade, Fort Sheridan, Illinois. MSG Reyes provides her perspective of the duties of a senior Non-Commissioned Officer in the Army Dental Care System, Compo 3.

[See More Than a Dental Assistant.pdf](#)

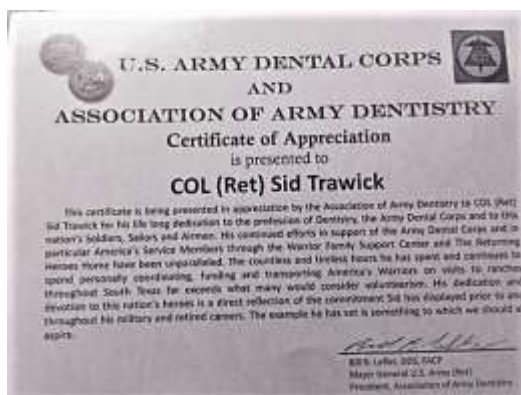
## **In Memoriam**

### **COL (Ret) Jack Sidney (Sid) Trawick**

COL Trawick passed away on 6 September 2018, in San Antonio, Texas after an extended illness. Sid had a remarkable 30-year military career, serving in multiple key leadership roles. He was a role model, mentor, influential leader, and friend to many of us, shaping our careers. While Sid had a great military career, what set him apart was his continued selfless service after retirement within the San Antonio community with AUSA and his support of the Warrior Family Support Center and The Returning Heroes Home. He established a network of ranchers in South Texas to support hunting and fishing trips for these wounded warriors. His was a record of profound impact, both during and after military service. God Bless and well done.

The attached Certificate of Appreciation was presented by MG (Ret) Bill Lefler to COL (Ret) Trawick at a 14 May 2014 luncheon in San Antonio. This certificate commemorated Sid's lifetime of selfless service to our nation. In particular, it

spotlights his contributions to the Warrior Family Support Center and The Returning Heroes Home.



[See Trawick Obituary.pdf](#)

### **LTC William (Bill) Moore**

LTC (Ret) William "Bill" Ellis Moore, passed away peacefully on Saturday, 1 September 2018 in San Antonio, Texas. LTC Moore, a Medical Service Corps officer, served in the Dental Directorate at Health Services Command (HSC) at Fort Sam Houston, Texas, in the late 1980s. Bill was a great friend and supporter of Army Dentistry, both on active duty and in retirement. His was a record of selfless service, both on active duty and in retirement.

[See Moore Obituary.pdf](#)

## **Healthcare Corner**

The Defense Health Agency implemented multiple changes to TRICARE this year. Among them were new regions, new regional contractors, and significant other modifications as mandated by Congress. Two more changes will take place in November, affecting how you enroll in health plans and the TRICARE Retiree Dental Program. Starting this year, TRICARE will have an annual open enrollment season, which is when you can enroll in or change your health insurance plan for the coming year. TRICARE's open season will run annually from the Monday of the second full week in November to the Monday of the second full week in December, which is November 12 - December 10 in 2018. Your new coverage begins 1 January 2019. If you like your present plan, you do not have to take any action.

Federal Employees Dental and Vision Insurance Program (FEDVIP) coverage will replace the TRICARE Dental Program (TRDP) beginning in 2019. With the TRDP ending on 31 December 2018, anyone who is enrolled in the TRDP this year needs to choose a dental plan among 10 dental carriers in FEDVIP if they elect to retain dental coverage. To enroll in FEDVIP vision plans, you must be enrolled in a TRICARE health plan. FEDVIP open season occurs annually during TRICARE open season.

If you aren't sure which plan is best for you and your family, check out the TRICARE health plan comparison tool. <http://www.tricare.mil/compareplans>

For information about TRICARE open season, visit <http://www.tricare.mil/openseason>

For information about dental and vision open season, visit <http://tricare.benefeds.com>

Rates for 2019 will be available in October, but options can be reviewed now at <http://tricare.benefeds.com/more/plans>

### **[See TRICARE at a Glance.pdf](#)**

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) will reimburse low-dose computerized tomography (CT) scans once a year for Medicare patients who are eligible for lung cancer screening. Patients must be between the ages 55 to 77, have at least a 30 pack-year history of smoking, and currently smoke or have quit within the past 15 years.

Because lung screening is recommended by the U.S. Preventive Services Task Force (USPSTF), private insurers have also begun covering the tests. However, the criteria for screening eligibility are slightly different. For example, USPSTF guidelines call for screening up to age 80.

## **Motivational Corner**

"Change the World by Making Your Bed" was an inspirational speech made by Admiral H. McRaven at the University of Texas at Austin 2014 Commencement Address.

**[Change the World by Making Your Bed](#)**

## Conclusion

We continue to work with Brown Boots, which maintains our website, to make improvements. Later this fall, each member will receive a message describing the changes that will be made to initial and renewal memberships via the website. Please excuse the inconvenience of navigating the website while it is under construction.

I continue to solicit your input to improve our newsletter and the Association of Army Dentistry. If you have news that you would like to submit, recommendations for AAD activities, or would like to volunteer to support our efforts, please let me know. I am actively seeking someone to assist in the newsletter by providing a recurring column for our Spring, Summer, Fall, and Winter newsletters or by submitting articles of interest for our membership. Additionally, the AAD is searching for someone who has the talent and interest to make the AAD Facebook site an active and viable site (AKA as the AAD Social Media Director). I value your input on improving our organization.

Thank you for your continued commitment to the Army and Army Dentistry.

Ron

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