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## **Fall 2020 Newsletter**

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2020 has been an unprecedented year with the challenges brought about by the global pandemic. COVID-19 has changed almost every aspect of our normal lives and impacted the operation of military facilities across the globe. Throughout all of the trials during this time, I wish everyone continued good health and safety as we await better days ahead.

The 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the end of World War II occurred recently on 2 September.

The National World War II Museum recently posted "Victory in Japan: The 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the end of WWII."

"On September 2, 1945, the Japanese unconditionally surrendered aboard the USS Missouri in Tokyo Bay. World War II was the bloodiest conflict in human history. The world breathed an enormous collective sigh of relief at the conclusion of hostilities. Celebrations broke out across the free world as a result of the end of the world war. The dark war years gave birth to a new, optimistic future as the world looked hopefully towards an existence without world wars and massive human suffering. The video link below is part of an ongoing series commemorating the 75th anniversary of the end of World War II, made possible by the Bank of America." We owe a huge debt of gratitude to the greatest generation for persevering and triumphing in this great struggle to preserve our freedoms.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eXHSGsT3pUw>

Each fall on 11 November we observe the national holiday honoring the service of all military veterans. Thank you and all veterans for your service and the sacrifices you have made for our Nation

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Ronald J. Lambert, COL, USA (Ret)  
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# Membership

I would like to thank each of our members for renewing your memberships. As we increase the number of members in the AAD, our ability to support our 501(c)(3) mission expands. I would like to actively grow our membership, but I need your help. Please reach out to your colleagues or friends who may not be members and encourage them to consider membership in the AAD. At \$25/year it is one of the least expensive professional memberships available. Share the AAD newsletter with them. The link to apply for membership is provided below to renew on the website or to download the membership form if you wish to renew by mail at the address on the membership form:

<https://www.associationofarmydentistry.org/memberships/>

## Army Dental Corps Monument Update

DENTAL CORPS MONUMENT UPDATE  
15 September 2020

Fort Sam Houston (FSH)/Joint Base San Antonio (JBSA) Health Protection Control was lowered to HPCON B, which allowed for a visit by retired Colonels Stieneker, Leeds, and Shipley to the AMEDD Museum at JBSA from 25 Jun - 4 Jul. During the visit, meetings were held with George Wunderlich, AMEDD Museum Director; Rebecca Ward, Chief, Facility Operations, FSH; and Walter Lamar, General Contractor, who served as the Veterinary Corps monument concrete contractor in 2016. The Director of the AMEDD Museum enthusiastically supports our concept of design as it will enhance the grounds of the museum. The monument will occupy a 16.5' diameter circle concrete base, which is in an ideal location that has the old Brooke Army Medical Center (BAMC) in the background.

The basic design of the monument (see sketches below) was reviewed at the meetings, including the bronze sculpture depicting a dental officer, dental assistant, and patient in a wartime setting, the monoliths described below, and two seating benches to enable visitors to experience the monument and the Museum grounds. At this point, requests for proposals for the bronze statue have been made to two foundries:

Bronzesmith, <https://bronzesmith.com/> and  
Atlas Bronze, <http://www.atlasbronzecasting.com/>.

Two monument companies in SA were contacted, Meier Brothers Monuments and South Texas Memorials, to provide proposals for the 6 Texas Sunset Pink granite monoliths that will be located at the edge of the platform. These monoliths will be permanently fixed to the slab via stainless steel anchors. In addition to the etching on the top of the monolith, the use of QR Codes (See attached example) is being explored as an avenue to transmit information to visitors. The QR Reader is a free App that can be downloaded on your mobile phones. This App will enable visitors to use their cell phones to obtain an expanded written and/or video narrative that will acknowledge the importance and support provided to the Army Dental Care System (ADCS) by Enlisted Soldiers, Civilians, Laboratories, Training, Research and the ADCS Total Force – Active Duty and Reserve Components. A

seventh QR Code will cover the sculpture itself as well as Army Dental Corps History. Additionally, two concrete contractors in San Antonio will be providing bids for the concrete slab for the project.



### **Artist's Sketches**





Oscar Ramos-Rivera, SGM, USA, Ret, serves as the AAD's Senior Enlisted advisor. The article below was published on 21 September 1995 in the Fort Leavenworth Post Newspaper, the *Lamp*, and is consistent with SGM (Ret) Oscar Ramos-Rivera's speech at the Hispanic Heritage Month Luncheon at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. The narrative is provided below in larger font.

“Every year since 1968, by presidential proclamation, a week has been set aside to recognize the role played by Hispanic groups of the past and present, from early days of exploration and colonization of the Americas to modern times.

Effective 1 January 1989, Congress passed a bill to change Hispanic Heritage Week to a month-long celebration. The theme for this year's celebration is "Hispanics Defending America."

Most Americans know of the Alamo, but few know that Juan Abamila, Juan Antonio Bodillo, Gregorio Esparaza and other Hispanics fought alongside Davy Crockett and Jim Bowie, defending the Alamo against Mexican General Antonio Lopez de Santa Anna's army.

In fact, Hispanics have played a role in each of America's conflicts, including the Revolutionary War. Spanish, Dominican, Puerto Rican and Mexican soldiers and Cuban militiamen in the Louisiana Regiment of Infantry were instrumental in defeating British forces in the Gulf of Mexico region.

Contributions raised by women in Havana, Cuba, allowed embattled French and American forces to continue their siege of Yorktown in 1781, ensuring an eventual American victory.

Hispanics were also on hand during the war of 1812; Spanish-Americans from Louisiana joined Gen. Andrew Jackson's troops in defeating British invaders during the Battle of New Orleans. Hispanics also fought in Cuba, the Philippines and Puerto Rico during the Spanish-American War.

Hispanics have distinguished themselves during both World Wars, Korea, the Vietnam conflict, the bombing mission in Libya and Operations Urgent Fury, Just Cause, and Desert Storm.

Thirty-seven Hispanics have earned the Medal of Honor, including eight during the Korean War and 13 during Vietnam. One Marine, PVT France Silva, earned the Medal of Honor for actions during the Boxer Rebellion in China.

Perhaps the best known Hispanic soldier to earn the medal is retired Master Sergeant Roy Benavidez. As a SSG with the 5<sup>th</sup> Special Forces Group in Vietnam, he was cited for rescuing comrades injured in the dense jungle west of Loc Nihn.

Hispanics are the fastest growing ethnic minority in America. They comprise nearly 10 percent of the total U.S. population, making them the second largest minority group behind Black Americans.

Census figures estimate that shortly after the turn of the century, Hispanics will become the largest minority group in the Nation.

There are 89,353 Hispanic Americans who continue to serve with honor, pride, and courage in the defense of America."

(CaC Equal Opportunity Office)

**Note:** *Legend: The Incredible Story of Green Beret Sergeant Roy Benavidez's Heroic Mission to Rescue a Special Forces Team Caught Behind Enemy Lines*, by Eric Blehm, was published in 2015, and is available on Amazon and other sites. If you search the web, there are a number of books detailing SGM Benavidez's remarkable heroism and his 6-hour battle to rescue his Team on May 2, 1968, in the jungles of Southeast Asia. MSG Roy Benavidez was never promoted to SGM due to his mandatory medical separation, but became well-known as a motivational speaker at military and public events.

## Active Component News

The AAD's primary conduit to the active component is through the Corps Specific Branch Proponent Officer (CSBPO) at the Corps Chief Office, US Army Dental Corps, Joint Base San Antonio, Fort Sam Houston, Texas. COL Peter Guevara recently assumed the CSBPO position and as the Corps Chief's representative, he attends AAD virtual meetings as a non-voting member. MAJ Alyson Lasater, the Executive Fellow, functions as the primary liaison with the Association of Army Dentistry. The July, August, September, and October editions of *The Dental Corps Bulletin*, have been added to our website since the last edition of the newsletter. Each of the Bulletins is placed on our website when received from the Corps Chiefs office and can be found at the following link or under the *Home* or *News* headers on the AAD website. The News header contains both Dental Corps Bulletins and the AAD Newsletter. Due to the large number of items featured, please allow extra time for the newsletters and bulletins to load.

<https://www.associationofarmydentistry.org/the-dental-corps-bulletin-2/>

The Fort Carson Dental Health Activity, Smith Dental Clinic and the Advanced Education in General Dentistry (AEGD-1) recently announced that they will memorialize the Smith Dental Clinic Conference Room in honor of COL (Ret) Lawrence G. Breault on 7 October 2020. The room will be known as the COL Larry Breault Education Center. Please see the October 2020 edition of *The Dental Corps Bulletin* for more details. The link to COL Breault's obituary is below:

<https://www.associationofarmydentistry.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/03/161114-Breault5b113945d.pdf>

## Reserve Components News

Board member Peter M. Tan, COL, USA, Retired, was recently featured in the September 2020 edition of *Call to Duty* for his philanthropic support of the National Museum of the United States Army. The article below details four generations of service by the Tan family and appears below.



## FAMILY WITH FOUR GENERATIONS OF SERVICE SUPPORTS THE MUSEUM



**DR. PETER M. TAN**, a retired Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeon is President and CEO of TANARM, LLC. He spent 36 years in the United States Army and retired with the rank of Colonel. His father, a career civil servant and a World War II Army veteran, and his mother, a Congressional Gold Medal awardee, instilled in Dr. Tan the importance of the Army Values, which resulted in four generations of the Tan Family serving our country proudly, to include his two sons. Dr. Tan's eldest son,

Captain (P) Peter M. Tan, Jr. recently completed his surgical residency at Walter Reed National Military Medical Center, and his youngest son, Cadet Ryan S. Tan is a senior at West Virginia University.

"Our families have served this nation for four generations in conflicts since World War II to include two Bataan Death March survivors (Prisoners of War), the occupation of Japanese forces in the Philippines, the evacuation of Saigon, and Operation Iraqi

Freedom/Enduring Freedom," explained Dr. Tan.

Dr. Tan has previously held 4 command positions and was the DIMA Dental Corps Chief, the ranking Dental Corps Reservist at the Office of The Surgeon General and the Pentagon. He is currently an Army Medicine Ambassador (Tier 3) for The Surgeon General of the Army, Vice President for the MOAA Citrus County, Fla. Chapter, and on the Board of Directors for AUSA's, Suncoast Chapter and the Association of Army Dentistry.

Upon hearing about The Army Historical Foundation (AHF) and their charge to build the National Museum of the United States Army, Dr. Tan recognized the natural fit for his personal and philanthropic endeavors. "I supported the Museum initially with a brick for my parents, and then decided to commemorate the memories of our rich family history with the dedication of an Alcove in the Veterans' Hall."

"We are grateful to have such strong support from the Tan Family. Dr. Tan has shown through his support and dedication to the Museum, he and his family are committed to seeing this mission through to the end" acknowledged Shannon Spencer, AHF's Development Officer, Major Gifts. "As an Army veteran myself, supporters like the Tan family, are not only helping to create a place for Soldiers to call home, but are also helping to show those, who may not be familiar with the Army, the intricate role the Army has played in American history and our society."

If you are interested in learning more about the different ways in which you can donate to the Museum, like the Tan Family, please contact Julie Kaplan at [Julie.Kaplan@armyhistory.org](mailto:Julie.Kaplan@armyhistory.org) or (703) 562-4175.



The June 2020 opening of the National Museum of the United States Army at Fort Belvoir, Virginia, has been delayed due to the COVID-19 public health emergency, which has hindered some of the finishing work and impacted the Museum completion timeline. The opening date for daily operations has yet to be determined.

<https://www.thenmusa.org>

## **Retirees**

The U.S. Army Soldier for Life website offers resources and links for service members and their families. There are more than 44,000 organizations that can assist service members, veterans, and their families with all aspects of their life. The link below provides a list of organizations that U.S. Army Soldier For Life has worked with. This is not a complete list, so check back periodically as the list is updated.

<https://soldierforlife.army.mil/Resources-and-Links/>

The link below provide information for Retired Soldiers.

<https://soldierforlife.army.mil/Retirement/>

Additional information may be found under the tabs for Soldiers, Veterans, Family, Educator, Employer and Community Organizations.

## **Dental Corps History**

**Dental History Corner with John King, COL, USA, (Ret), Dental Corps Historian, Emeritus**

### **Legacy Changes with Time**

One of my personal anecdotes-of-service concerns the large portraits of the Dental Corps (DC) Chiefs.

#### **Installment 1**

Starting in the Fall of 1987 I was assigned to US Army Institute of Dental Research (USAIDR) with an office located in the hallway of a Walter Reed research building where the USAIDR Command Suite was located. Over the years I had attended several dental continuing education courses in the same building and became aware that the USAIDR HQ hallway was adorned with impressively large painted portraits of previous Army Dental Corps Chiefs. The presence of a "Hall of Heroes", the high visibility role USAIDR had with dental, oral and maxillofacial research, advanced specialty and scientist training and proximity to dental management offices of the Army Surgeon General's office



encouraged many in the Dental Corps to *unofficially* call USAIDR: **The Home of the Army DC.**

Another nick-name associated with this institute was **The Army Dental School**, drawing on the similarity of functions with universities - scholarly research and knowledge and a source of skilled manpower.

## Installment 2

### **Legacy Lost and Found by Chicanery**

Portrait of Father of Army Dentistry, missing, recovered in daring raid.

Yeah, uh, the way I heard the story . . . In the late 1980s an unidentified Dental Corps officer, let's call him or her LTC M had noticed that in the Army Dental Hall of Heroes the portrait of the Father of Army Dentistry, Captain John Sayer Marshall, was missing. Displayed in chronological order, where you would expect to find Dr. Marshall's portrait there was another showing distinguished DC officer, Captain Fernando E. Rodriguez. The style of painting and frame appeared different than the surrounding pictures. The mystery of the missing First Chief became clearer one day when LTC M focused past his (or her) ham and cheese sandwich to a wall of the Walter Reed Officer's Club. There it was, in an unremarkable, inconspicuous, poorly lighted area, a missing hero. The LTC asked an Officers Club official about the portrait, who replied he had no idea how it got there and preferred other art for that location ... and it was not on his property book. The LTC, sensing a need for leadership, secured an able volunteer to assist in carrying the portrait, proceeded over to the Club with a clipboard for official effect and walked it back to its proper location. The portrait was subsequently found on post by the appropriate property book holder.

### **Initial Assignments in the U.S. Army Dental Corps**

#### **John King, COL, USA (Ret)**

I practiced clinical dentistry for a very short period of time in a trailer at an elementary school waiting for my commission in the Army in 1970. Fort Polk, LA, was my first assignment. At that time, the mission at Fort Polk was primarily basic training and advanced infantry training, with almost all trainees on orders to Vietnam. Those of you of that era probably recall what practice was like. I rapidly gained experience in extractions, amalgams, IRM (then a new concept), pulpectomies but no advanced experience in prosthetics or oral surgery other than extractions. I was picked up at the local airport (on post) by the Chief of Dental Services. Dental command was the hospital commander. I had no uniform because I was not sent to Fort Sam Houston for the Officer Basic Course. I had no previous military training. On the drive from the airport

to the dental chief's office, he was more interested in the records sent to him from DC personnel. In particular the fact that I had a BA in education (elementary) and 3 years teaching experience. The good news was soon to come. Everyone shares time in "additional duties". Because the Fort Sam Houston school house was very short of personnel, about 10 soldiers would come from Basic Training directly to FT Polk (Me) for MOS Dental Specialist training. I was named the officer-in-charge of MOS training for dental assistant training. I offered several reasons (excuses) why I might not be the best choice, but was dispensed with by a firm pat on the back and "you will do fine - and you will get help." Apparently I did fine enough because I was appointed an additional duty of post preventive dentistry officer and then post forensic dentistry officer. Fortunately, I survived incidents of a disagreement with the Post commander about cleaning up the Officer's Club to meet sanitary standards; and with the dental Executive Officer about infection control (. . . and a bunch of other lesser offensive acts I perpetrated).

### **Steve Hondrum, COL, USA (Ret)**

I also believe the first tour in the Army Dental Corps influenced many of us. My first, after Officer Basic, was in a small, 3-dentist clinic in Europe. The two docs I was stationed with both had post-docs and were superb clinicians (compared to me, just out of school). Roy High and John Best taught me much, and encouraged me toward additional training. Then in my 2-yr Comprehensive Dentistry at Ft. Dix, the mentors (Benny Hipp, Jim Brascher, Mark Connelly, and Austin Russell) were all accomplished specialists eager to share their knowledge. My fellow residents went on to successful careers: Jeff Hollinger-PhD, Leo Rouse - DENCOM Commander and Dean at Howard, Ed Lacy - private practice. Many ups-downs over 30 years, but the beginning set the tone.

**If there other anecdotes of service our readers wish to share, please forward them to the AAD @ [assoc.army.dentistry@gmail.com](mailto:assoc.army.dentistry@gmail.com)**

## **Healthcare Corner**

### **TRICARE Open Season**

The 2020 TRICARE Open Season begins November 9 and ends December 14, 2020. If you elect to remain in the plan that you are currently in, no action is required. New TRICARE Select enrollment fees take effect in 2021, a first for retirees who joined the military prior to 2018 and their families (Group A retirees). Annual enrollment fees are \$150 for an individual or \$300 for a family. Active duty family members, survivors, and medically retired beneficiaries, or their family members are exempt from the fees. The enrollment fee also does not apply for those in the TRICARE for Life Program or TRICARE Prime enrollees. Additionally, the catastrophic cap for TRICARE Select retiree Group A beneficiaries will increase from \$3,000 to \$3,500. If you

receive retirement or other pay from a military pay center, your fees will be taken out of that payment. If not you will be asked to set up a recurring payment from a credit or debit card, or via an electronic fund transfer (EFT) from your U.S. bank account. To find out more about TRICARE plans, open season, enrollment, and fees, please go to [www.tricare.mil](http://www.tricare.mil)

## **FEDVIP Dental and Vision Coverage**

The TRICARE Retiree Dental Program (TRDP), provided by Delta Dental, ended on Dec. 31, 2018.

As of Jan. 1, 2019, dental and vision plans are available through the Federal Employees Dental and Vision Insurance Program (FEDVIP), offered by the Office of Personnel Management.

The 2020 Federal Benefits Open Season is November 9 - December 14, 2020. You can enroll in, change, or cancel a FEDVIP dental and/or vision plan during open season or after experiencing a FEDVIP qualifying life event (QLE). If you elect to remain in the plan that you are in, no action is required.

Also note that if your ID Card is about to expire, you now have until June 30, 2021 to get a new card and still be covered in DEERS. This is because many ID card facilities are not making appointments for military dependents and retirees at this time due to COVID-19. The access to facilities on post/base may be limited however if your card has expired.

## **American Dental Association information on COVID-19**

For the latest information on COVID-19 and guidelines for dental care, please go to the American Dental Association's website:

[https://success.ada.org/en/practice-management/patients/infectious-diseases-2019-novel-coronavirus?utm\\_source=adaorg&utm\\_medium=covid-resources-lp&utm\\_content=virus-updates&utm\\_campaign=covid-19&ga=2.17447097.1293985743.1585452204-1741430929.1585452204](https://success.ada.org/en/practice-management/patients/infectious-diseases-2019-novel-coronavirus?utm_source=adaorg&utm_medium=covid-resources-lp&utm_content=virus-updates&utm_campaign=covid-19&ga=2.17447097.1293985743.1585452204-1741430929.1585452204)

## **Gold Star Mother's and Father's Day 2020**

### **Proclamation on Gold Star Mother's and Family's Day, 2020**

**NATIONAL SECURITY & DEFENSE**

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The brave men and women of our Armed Forces represent the very best of our great Nation, matched only by the families who walk beside them in their service. It is our sacred duty to recognize the unending and immeasurable sacrifices our military families make in support of their loved ones and for our country, and we are cognizant of the fortitude they show enduring the anguish of knowing that their hero may never return home. On this Gold Star Mother's and Family's Day, we solemnly honor the memory of every lost Soldier, Sailor, Airman, Marine, and Coast Guardsman, and we humbly grieve with their families who persevere with remarkable courage, strength, and grace.

Today, and every day, we hold in our hearts those who have answered the knock on the door, accepted the flag folded with precision, said their final farewell, and borne the absence of their fallen hero. Gold Star Families deserve our utmost respect, admiration, and support for their tenacity and resilience, and for the work they do to preserve the memory of those who gave their lives to our Nation.

The true strength and success of our Armed Forces is found in the love, support, and unity of our Nation's military families, and this is reflected best in our country's inspirational Gold Star Mothers and Families. Shouldering their profound grief, they find the courage and conviction to move forward, transforming their heartache into hope, meaningful service, and outreach to veterans, support organizations, and other military families coping with the death of a loved one. Their ability to overcome, persist, prevail, and in turn, enrich the lives of others, exemplifies the true American Spirit. On behalf of our grateful Nation, I commend and honor them for their continued commitment to our military heroes.

Americans of every generation owe a debt of gratitude to the men and women who gave their lives in service to this Nation and to their families who remain forever changed. On this solemn day of remembrance, we hold these families in our hearts, remember them in our prayers, support them in our words and deeds, and join them in honoring their hero's ultimate sacrifice. May God provide them continued strength, comfort, and care, and may God bless the United States of America.

The Congress, by Senate Joint Resolution 115 of June 23, 1936 (49 Stat. 1895 as amended), has designated the last Sunday in September as "Gold Star Mother's Day."

NOW, THEREFORE, I, DONALD J. TRUMP, President of the United States of America, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the laws of the United States, do hereby proclaim Sunday, September 27, 2020, as Gold Star Mother's and Family's Day. I call upon all Government officials to display the flag of the United States over Government buildings on this special day.

I also encourage the American people to display the flag and hold appropriate ceremonies as a public expression of our Nation's gratitude and respect for our Gold Star Mothers and Families.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this twenty-fifth day of September, in the year of our Lord two thousand twenty, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and forty-fifth.

DONALD J. TRUMP

## **Website Administrator**

The Association of Army Dentistry is in need of a volunteer with some basic tech skills to help with our website. Please contact the AAD at [assoc.army.dentistry@gmail.com](mailto:assoc.army.dentistry@gmail.com) or call COL (Ret) Ron Lambert at the number provided at the end of the newsletter if you are interested in helping us out.

## **Social Media**

Please check the AAD's Facebook page to check out the latest posts and news from throughout the Army Dental Care System.

<https://www.facebook.com/AssociationofArmyDentistry>

## **In Memoriam**

The AAD is saddened to announce the passing of the following:

- Jon Gordon Fisher, COL, USA, Ret 4/27/1943 – 2/13/2019

COL Fisher enlisted in the Army in 1968 and served in Vietnam from 1968 to 1969 prior to attending Infantry Officer Candidate School. He served in the Chemical Corps until 1974, when the Army sent him to dental school at the University of Detroit. Jon completed a pediatric dentistry residency at UMKC in 1984, with his last assignment at Walter



Reed Army Medical Center. COL Fisher is interred at Arlington National Cemetery. To read more about his distinguished career, please follow the link below.

<https://www.associationofarmydentistry.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/Fisher%2C%20Jon%20Gordon%2C%20COL%2C%20USA%2C%20Ret%20%20%20%204-27-1943%20-%202-13-%202019.pdf>

- Granvil L. Hays, COL, USA, Ret 12/15/1940 – 1/29/2020

While serving in the Army Dental Corps, COL Hays completed a M.S. in Oral Diagnosis. After retiring after 20 years of service, he was an Associate Professor at the University of Texas-Houston, Health Science Center and served as the President of the American Academy of Oral Medicine from 1995-1996.

<https://www.associationofarmydentistry.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/07/Hays%2C%20COL%20Ret%20Granvil%20L%20Hays%20Obituary%2012-15-1940%20--%201-29-2020.pdf>

- Fred Paul Shulski, Sr., COL, USA, Ret 1/26/1939 – 3/9/2020

COL Shulski served in the U.S. Army for 33 years as a pediatric dentist. His favorite assignments during his distinguished career were in Germany and Alaska. To read more, please go to the link below:

<https://www.associationofarmydentistry.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/Shulski%2C%20COL%20Fred%20Paul%20Sr.%201939-2020.pdf>

- Barbara Kessler Banker 1931 – 6/28/2020

Mrs. Kessler was a true friend of the Army and the Army Dental Corps. She dedicated her life to civic and volunteer military service in San Antonio, Texas. To read more about her remarkable life of service, please go to the following link:

<https://www.associationofarmydentistry.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/Banker%2C%20Barbara%20Kessler%201931-2020.pdf>

- Charles T. Bole II, COL, USA, Ret 8/3/1935 – 7/11/2020

COL Bole served in a number of key assignments during his stellar military career, including Commander, Walter Reed Army DENTAC. Following his retirement from the U.S. Army, he worked as a contract orthodontist for the U.S. Army Dental Corps in Bamberg, Germany, for 10 years before returning to the States. To read more of his life of service, please go to the link below:

<https://www.associationofarmydentistry.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/08/Bole%2C%20Col%20Ret%20Charles%20T.%20%28Ted%29%208-3-1935%20--%207-11-2020.pdf>

We post the obituaries that are brought to our attention; if there are others that you wish to share with our membership, please forward them to the AAD. The link to all of the obituaries on our website is at the following web address:

<https://www.associationofarmydentistry.org/about/in-memoriam/>

## **Conclusion:**

As Fall has arrived and Veteran's Day approaches, I would like to thank each of you for your service to our Nation, both while on active or reserve duty and into retirement and civilian life. Your life of service has made a difference for our country.

The AAD would like to thank each of you for your continued membership and support of our charitable mission. If anyone has an interest in serving on our board of directors or assisting in another capacity, please contact the AAD at [assoc.army.dentistry@gmail.com](mailto:assoc.army.dentistry@gmail.com)

Please keep our men and women serving in harm's way in your thoughts and prayers. May God Bless America!

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