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## AAD Spring 2023 Newsletter

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Greetings to all as we start a new year and chapter in the story of the Association of Army Dentistry, and Happy 112th Birthday to the Army Dental Corps!

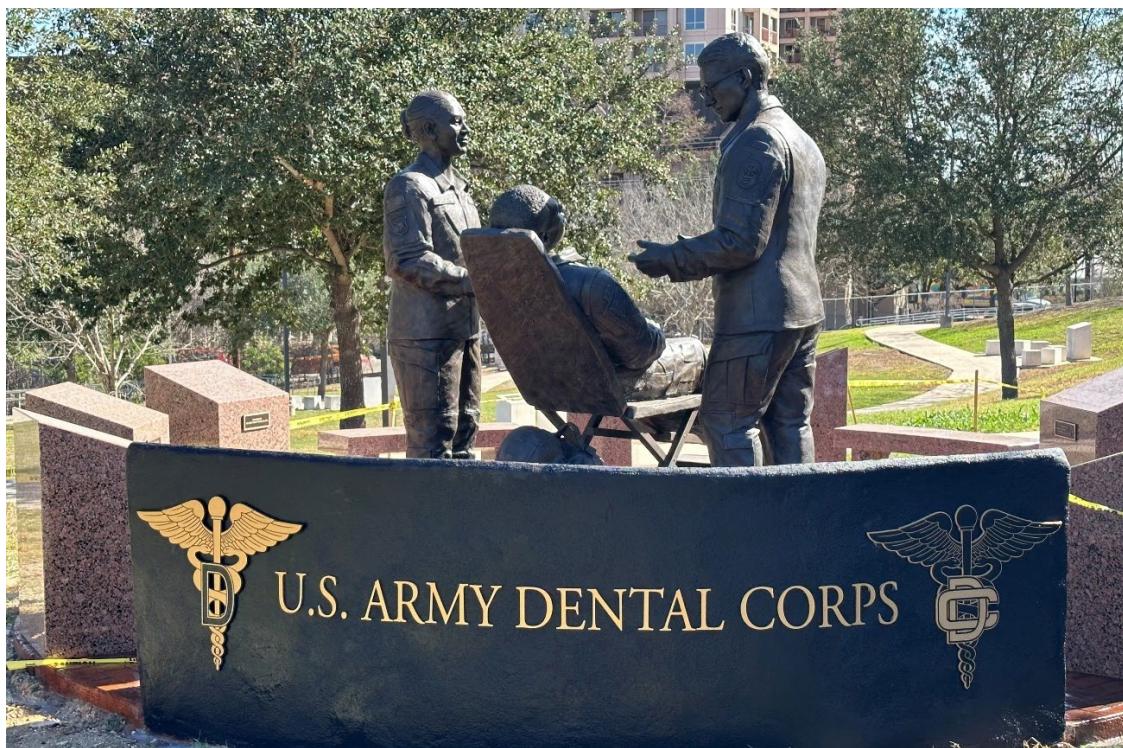
I would like to first thank Ron Lambert for his five years of dedicated and exceptional service and leadership as the President and Board Chairman of the AAD. Under his sage guidance, courageous vision, and deft management, the AAD has developed into a highly effective organization, with a well-defined purpose and direction. As the AAD's senior leader, Ron can be proud that he leaves behind an organizational legacy of wonderful accomplishments and initiatives that include a newly created strategic plan, enhanced social media platforms, a superb newsletter, enhanced partnership with the Active Duty organizations, and his pièce de résistance—The Army Dentistry Monument. I also want to thank Richard "Ship" Shipley and Mike Rethman for their many years of dedicated service on the AAD Board of Directors. Both have volunteered their talents and experience in developing and executing key AAD projects like our mentorship program, membership recruitment, and the Army Dentistry Monument. We are pleased to welcome Shan Bagby to the Board of Directors. Shan is our recently retired Army Dental Corps Chief and brings a wealth of leadership and business experience, limitless energy and enthusiasm, and new perspectives that will benefit our organization.

As your new AAD President, I look forward to building on the strong organizational foundation laid by Ron and the AAD Board of Directors. Having served on the board for several years, I have had the pleasure and benefit of watching the great work and camaraderie demonstrated by Ron and the entire Board of Directors. I know my job is made easier because of the talent, determination, and fervor embodied in the current Directors. And having Art Scott, Bob Stieneker, and John Storz volunteer one more year as Executive Director, Secretary, and Treasurer, respectively, is truly a bonus for the organization.

Following the dedication of the Army Dentistry Monument at the end of March (I'm hoping to see many of you at the event), we will focus the AAD on the initiatives that support our Strategic Pillars and look to validate our value to members and future members, strengthen our membership in all categories (AC, RC, civilians) within Army Dentistry, and implement more programs in support of dental education, mentorship, esprit de corps, and Dental Corps history. If you are not yet an AAD member, I invite you to learn more about our organization and join us as we work to honor our past, prepare for the present, and inspire the future of Army Dentistry. If you are an AAD member, I encourage you to get more involved and help us launch some exciting programs and initiatives. Remember, The AAD is *YOUR* organization.

M. Ted Wong, MG, USA (Ret)  
President and Chairman of the Board  
Association of Army Dentistry

## **The Army Dentistry Monument**





### **The Army Dentistry Monument Dedication**

The Association of Army Dentistry (AAD) will dedicate the Army Dentistry Monument on Friday, March 24, 2023, in a ceremony at the U.S. Army Medical Department (AMEDD) Museum in San Antonio, Texas. The Monument is a lasting tribute to all Soldiers, civilians, and spouses who have served and continue to serve in the U.S. Army Dental Care System in support of the U.S. Army, the military mission, and our Nation. The Monument recognizes and honors the selfless service of the diverse members of the Army Dental Care System.

The dedication ceremony culminates six years of design, construction, fund raising, and persistently overcoming mountains of administrative and logistical hurdles. The monument is composed of three bronze figures partially surrounded by nine granite monoliths. The bronze sculpture depicts a dental officer, dental assistant, and patient in a field setting, highlighting the primary mission of Army Dentistry, caring for Soldiers in any location, at any time. The bronze sculptures are the creations of artisans Stan Watts and Tami Brooks of Atlas Bronze, Kearns, Utah, using an initial design sketched by illustrator, Jorden Pao. The individual granite monoliths recognize the various components and aspects of Army Dentistry; Non-Commissioned Officers (NCOs) and enlisted Soldiers, civilians, spouses and volunteers, dental laboratory services, dental research, education and training, leadership, and the U.S. Army dental history. The name plates and the likenesses of the three bronze figures honor the diversity of key personnel that are represented in Army Dentistry: the father of Army Dentistry, Dr John Marshall, the only Army Dentistry Medal of Honor recipient, Captain Ben Salomon, and African American and female pioneers, Dr. William Birch, and Dr. Leonie von Zasch, respectively. The back wall will have several bronze plaques acknowledging the people and organizations that have donated their time, talents, and funds to this project.

The Association of Army Dentistry, founded in 2009, is focused on keeping the legacy of the Army Dental Corps alive and preserving its rich history in order to inspire those who choose to serve and support the nation's military. The Army

Dentistry Monument Dedication commemorates this unique contribution to the U.S. Army and the Nation and will stand in perpetuity. Membership in the AAD is open to all active and former servicemembers from all branches and services, and to all civilians and family members associated with the Army Dental Care System. The mission and goals of the AAD are to promote, support and recognize individuals, organizations, and activities within the Army Dental Care System, while at the same time ensuring our rich history is preserved. The AAD works closely with the Active and Reserve components on all levels and stands ready to offer its support whenever possible. Furthermore, the AAD seeks to further foster the already solid relationship between military dentistry and organized dentistry and promote the benefit and value of Army Dentistry. Lastly, the AAD stands in support of its members and all those affiliated with Army Dentistry and continues to develop new avenues of support.

The AAD is YOUR organization.

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



## **Army Dentistry Monument Dedication Schedule of Events**

**23 March 2023**

**Association of Army Dentistry Social**

- 6-9 PM
- Alamo Beer Company, 202 Lamar Street, San Antonio, TX 78202

**24 March 2023**

**U.S. Army Dentistry Monument Dedication Ceremony**

- 10:00 AM
- U.S. Army Medical Department Museum, 3898 Stanley Road, Building 1046, Joint Base San Antonio Fort Sam Houston, Texas
- Reception immediately following the ceremony at the U.S. Army Medical Department Museum
- Note: Please download the QR code application on your smart phones prior to the dedication as a bookmark with the codes will be provided to access the videos of describing the significance of the various monoliths.

**24 March 2023**

**112<sup>th</sup> Dental Corps Birthday Ball Celebration**

- 5:00 PM Receiving Line
- 6:00 PM Attendees seated.
- 7:15 PM Dinner Menger Hotel, 204 Alamo Plaza, San Antonio, TX 78205

### **Donations to Support the Army Dentistry Monument.**

The list of donors who generously supported the Army Dentistry Monument project is listed below. This is an extensive list of those who made this historic project possible - the Association of Army Dentistry (AAD) is deeply indebted and thankful for your generous support. The last step in the fund-raising campaign will be to finalize the names of the various levels of donors on the bronze plaques. The final list of donors who will be recognized on the bronze plaques will be submitted to International Bronze Plaque Co., Inc., on 30 June 2023.

Contribution levels that will be recognized on the plaques are as follows:

Marshall Society	\$10,000 and above
President's Circle	\$5,000 to \$9,999
Founders Circle	\$2,500 to \$4,999
Friends of Army Dentistry	\$1,000 to \$2,499
In Remembrance Honorees	\$1,000

#### **Marshall Society**

**COL (Ret) Michael & Gilia Rethman**

**MG (Ret) Ted and Jeannie Wong**

**COL (Ret) Gary and Susan Allen**

**COL (Ret) Russell and Michelle Czerw**

**SFC (Ret) Jimbo Dycus**

**Brett Brocki**  
**United Concordia Dental (UCCI)**  
**Henry Schein and Zahn Dental**  
**MG (Ret) Thomas R. and Elaine Tempel**  
**COL (Ret) Ron and Edna Lambert**  
**COL (Ret) Theresa S. Gonzales**  
**Dr. Patricia L. Blanton**

**President's Circle**

**COL(Ret) Robert Stienecker**  
**COL (Ret) Peter Tan**  
**American College of Dentists**  
**COL (Ret) John Zweig**  
**MG (Ret) John J. and Bonnie Cuddy**  
**MG (Ret) Joseph and Ann Webb**

**Founders Circle**

**COL (Ret) Mark and Mary Bodenheim**  
**COL (Ret) Nazrin Mazuji**  
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**COL (Ret) Leonard Mueninghoff**

#### **In Remembrance**

**Col (Ret) Steve Kenney**  
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**COL (Ret) William F. Bowles**  
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**Dr. Allen T. Webb**

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**COL (Ret) Gary Valiant**  
**LTC (Ret) and Mrs. Robert Weaver**

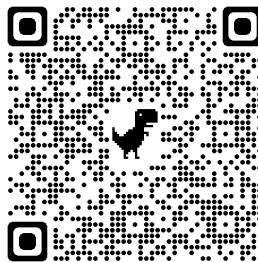
For those still wishing to support the Army Dentistry Monument project, please do so by 30 June 2023 when the donor plaques will be finalized by making checks payable to the Association of Army Dentistry, FOR Army Dentistry Monument, and mail to the address below. "In Remembrance" donations can be made to honor colleagues, mentors, and others who were significant influences and/or impacted your careers and your lives. If specifying an "In Remembrance" donation, please provide the name of the person being honored.

Association of Army Dentistry  
914 P Street, NW  
Washington, DC 20001

Alternately, those wishing to contribute with a credit or debit card, may go to the Association of Army Dentistry's website at the following web address:

<https://www.associationofarmydentistry.org/donations-to-support-the-army-dentistry-monument/>

You can also link to the Donation Page via the QR Code below.



## AAD Strategic Pillars

One of the strategic pillars of the AAD is *Dental Education* (The AAD Strategic Pillars are listed at the conclusion of this newsletter). In support of the Dental Education pillar, the AAD Dental Education Initiative Task Force is currently in consultation with Medical Readiness Command Europe (MRC, EUR) on how the AAD can best support Army Dentists overseas. Please see the article on the *AAD's Dental CE Initiative* that follows.

Another strategic pillar of the AAD is *Honoring Service*. COL (Ret) Karen Keith reports the selfless service and humanitarian missions of COL (Ret) Christian Hsu and her team in the Philippines, and COL (Ret) Chris Bowen and his team in the Dominican Republic.

## AAD Dental CE Initiative

By COL (Ret) Michael F. Cuenin

On February 28th, Dr. Michael Cuenin and Dr. Theresa Gonzales initiated contact (virtually) with the Commander, Dental Health Command Europe (DHCE), Colonel Scott Rankin. DHCE stood up in 2016, replacing the former Europe Regional Dental Command (ERDC). DHCE Headquarters is located at Sembach, Germany and is a subordinate unit of the United States Army Regional Health Command Europe (RHCE). DHCE provides sustained dental services in support of the forces in U.S. Army Europe, U.S. Army Central and U.S. Army Africa to enable readiness and conserve the fighting strength while caring for Families and Soldiers for Life.



Drs. Cuenin and Gonzales are part of the Dental Education initiative of the Association of Army Dentistry Board of Directors along with Dr. Rob Temple. COL Rankin, along with DHCE Continuing Education (CE) Officer, Captain Shane Hansen, discussed how the AAD can best support Army Dentists overseas. The group decided that the way ahead is for the Command staff to canvas the Dental Corps Officers of the DHCE regarding their preference for continuing education subject matter. The AAD Dental Education Initiative Task Force will then be soliciting input from AAD members who would like to provide virtual lectures on the desired topics to this next generation of Dental Corps Officers. We will keep the membership updated on this initiative as it takes shape.

**Note: Regional Health Command Europe was redesignated as Medical Readiness Command Europe (MRC, EUR) on 1 October 2022.**

## Honoring Service

COL (Ret) Karen Keith

Selfless service is one of the seven Army Values and one to which we should all aspire. Many of us contribute much of our time, talent, and treasure throughout our military careers and beyond. Recently, two such exemplary Army Dental Corps Officers did just that – gave of their time and talent to assist those in need.

COL (RET) Dr. Christiansen Sicat Hsu is not new to advocating for humanitarian missions. Currently a practicing oral and maxillofacial surgeon in Bonsall,

California, Dr. Hsu served 21 years Active Duty in the Army Dental Corps as well as the Navy Dental Corps. As a young Naval Officer in 2004, she participated in her first humanitarian mission in her homeland of the Philippines. Fast forward to 2015, while serving as a COL in the Army, she led a successful multinational and multifunctional team supporting the Navy-hosted Pacific Partnership Humanitarian Exercise. Over the course of four months, COL Hsu and 54 other healthcare providers conducted more than 250 global health engagements in the South Pacific and Southeast Asia.

Her military career, her skills, her passion, and her spirit of giving enabled her to develop a well-organized five-day mission to the Philippines from 20-25 February 2023. Under the auspices of the Metropolitan Humanitarian Foundation, her family and two fellow oral and maxillofacial surgeons spent five days visiting Santa Rita, Pampanga and Olongapo where they rendered dental triage, extractions, oral hygiene education, medical care and optical services to more than 2300 villagers! Over three hundred children were given oral hygiene kits. The team also spent a day at Our Lady of Peace Charity Hospital, where Dr. Hsu and her team donated supplies and a patient monitor to support cleft surgeries at that facility. To identify future opportunities for volunteers, her team and she met with hospital leadership at the Rosario Medical Center in Guagua, located near her hometown of Santa Rita.

In addition to all the medical and dental care rendered, the team had the opportunity to participate in cultural and historical opportunities. The pinnacle of their trip was a four-hour trek to the famous Mount Pinatubo volcano in Pampanga. They also visited Mt Samat National Shrine, dedicated to the fallen Filipinos and Americans during World War II. They remembered the tragic 1942 Bataan Death March where over 70,000 American and Filipino Soldiers were forced to march 65 miles across the Filipino peninsula to a POW encampment. Many were already sick with dysentery or weakened from malaria and suffered horrible deaths. It is a testament to their inner strength and faith that so many did survive. At White Sands, New Mexico, this forced road march is annually commemorated each March with the 26.2 mile Bataan Memorial Death March with participants from all over the military and world. Until just a few years ago, survivors would be recognized before the start of the event, and then participants could greet these remarkable men. COL(Ret) Hsu's grandfather was one of these remarkable Soldiers.

So many were positively impacted by the dedicated and passionate team of Filipino and American volunteers with Dr. Hsu and her team during this humanitarian mission, which will now be conducted annually every February. For those interested in participating in a future mission, you can reach Dr. Hsu at [mhinfo@yahoo.com](mailto:mhinfo@yahoo.com).



Our Lady of Peace Hospital was founded by a Catholic Nun Sra. Eva who trained as a general surgeon. Dr. Christensen Hsu, Dr. Xenia Velmonte, Dr. Samira Meymand, Dr. Glenda de Villa, and Dr. Joyce Jeffries are all oral and maxillofacial surgeons.



Building relationships with hospital leadership at Rosario Medical Center in Guagua, Pampanga



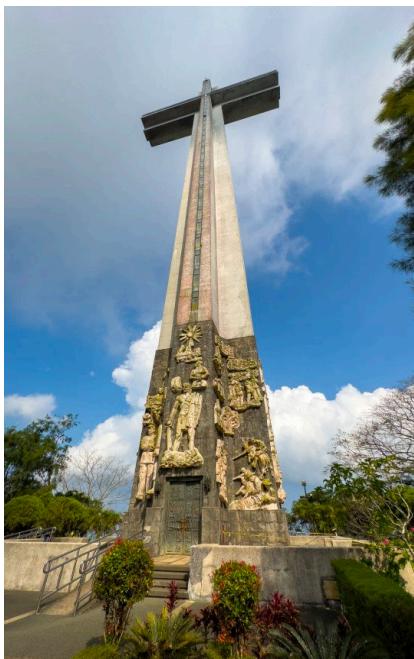
Dr. Hsu assisting Dr. Velmonte (One of the few female oral and maxillofacial surgeons performing cleft surgeries in the Philippines.



Presenting the donations provided by Dr. Hsu, Dr. Jeffries, Dr. Meymand, Digicare Biomedical Technology, and APLA Health to the Surgical Team at Our Lady of Peace Charity Hospital.



Dr. Hsu performing extractions in Olongapo City, Zambales.



Mount Samat National Shrine  
Pilar, Bataan.



Dr. Hsu with her team and family members preparing for the 1.5-hour trek to the in crater of Mount Pinatubo.

COL Chris Bowen, the current AEGD-1 Program Director at Fort Carson, Colorado, also recently participated in a humanitarian mission to the Dominican Republic with COL (Ret) Bob Meyer and COL (Ret) Brian Fitzpatrick as part of a team with the Christian Dental Society and the Fellowship of the Rockies Church. The team set up a fully portable and functional dental clinic in Puerto Plata and Dajabon, DR. They were able to provide needed dental care to more than 250 children and adults. A special bonus was getting to meet one of the precious children the Bowen family sponsors through One Child. The generosity of the Fellowship of the Rockies Church enabled the team to provide 300 food baskets to families in the Dominican Republic. The mission was a huge success filled with many blessings and tangible as well as spiritual needs met!





Being able to step outside our comfort zone and to walk in the shoes of those less fortunate is a good way to gain a genuine appreciation for our good fortune. It allows us to take less things for granted. In our Army Dental Care System, we are fortunate to have the resources to care for Soldiers and eligible beneficiaries without having to determine the financial requirements.

We are most grateful for all those who selflessly serve in every capacity as Soldiers, and we celebrate and commend all who give of themselves through all manners of service as Soldiers and civilians within our Army Dental Care System.

## Active Component News

### Chief, Army Dental Corps AAD Liaison

The AAD is working closely with the Dental Corps Chief's office of COL Tamer Goksel, Corps Specific Branch Component Officer (CSBPO), MAJ Ino Ruiz, Executive Officer, and CPT James Cholewa, Executive Fellow, to coordinate all of the events related to the dedication of the Army Dentistry Monument – thank

you! In addition to the AAD Social on Thursday evening and the dedication Friday morning, the JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Dental Activity is hosting the 112<sup>th</sup> Dental Corps Birthday Celebration on Friday evening, the 24<sup>th</sup> of March. The world-wide dental leader's conference will be held during this same week at Fort Sam Houston. All indications are that it will be an historic and memorable weekend celebrating the unique and storied history of the U.S. Army Dental Corps.

## **Army Dental Corps Bulletin**

The *Dental Corps Bulletins* are added to our website when they are received, courtesy of MAJ Ino M. Ruiz, who serves as the Executive Officer, Office of the Chief, U.S. Army Dental Corps, and CPT James, Cholewa, the Executive Fellow. The bulletins can be found at the following link or under the *Home* or *News* headers on the AAD website. The link below provides access to both Dental Corps Bulletins and the AAD Newsletters.

<https://www.associationofarmydentistry.org/dental-corps-bulletin/army-dentistry-the-dental-corps-bulletin-november-2022-vol-6-no-10/>

Additionally, newsletters and bulletins are posted on the AAD's Facebook Page and sent to members through Constant Contact

## **Reserve Components News**

### **Army Reserve Endodontist balances military, work, and family**

By COL Anna Lichelle Aldana



Army Reserve Soldiers often face the challenge of balancing Army obligations, professional careers, and their family life. This is true for LTC Takashi Komabayashi, an endodontist with the 810<sup>th</sup> Dental Company Area Support (DCAS) in Cary, North Carolina.

LTC Komabayashi began his Army career as a dental officer with the 965<sup>th</sup> DCAS in Seagoville, Texas in 2010. He served as the Executive Officer for the 455<sup>th</sup> DCAS at Devens, Massachusetts when he moved to the New England area in 2015. LTC Komabayashi mobilized in 2020 to perform endodontic treatment and comprehensive dental evaluations to Soldiers at the Fort Bliss mobilization site.

He is a graduate of the Command and General Staff Officer Course. LTC Komabayashi received his Doctor of Dental Surgery Degree from Hiroshima University in Japan. In 2005, he received his U.S. dental degree from the University of California in San Francisco. He graduated from the University of Connecticut with an Endodontic certificate and a Master of Dental Science degree. Additionally, the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center in Dallas awarded him an M.S. in Clinical Science.

A firm believer in the value of education, LTC Komabayashi shares his passion for learning with his students. He is the Director of the Graduate Endodontic program at the University of North Carolina, Adams School of Dentistry in Chapel Hill. He also engages in research where he currently focuses on evaluating endodontic sealer performance at the dentin interface using advanced imaging technology. His interests include applying ultramodern research to the clinical setting to achieve excellent patient care with innovative and cost-effective materials and procedures.

LTC Komabayashi maintains balance between his Army and dental career by fostering a can-do atmosphere and promoting esprit-de-corps in both the dental school and in his Army unit. He shows a high degree of professionalism and leadership qualities that motivate both his students and his Soldiers. In return, he receives a lot of support from the University and his family especially during his mobilization. LTC Komabayashi lives in North Carolina with his wife, son, and twin daughters.



LTC Komabayashi providing dental treatment to a patient.



LTC Komabayashi reunites with his family after a four-month deployment.

# In Memoriam

## **Robert Roy Tromly, COL, USA (Ret)**

06/06/1933 – 07/04/2022

After graduating from the University of Montana with a pre-med emphasis, COL Trombly attended Northwestern Dental School. Upon graduation in 1960, he joined the U.S. Army Dental Corps. After a distinguished 30-year career in which he achieved board certification in prosthodontics and served as a DENTAC Commander on multiple occasions, he and his wife Mary retired to Montana. To read more about his distinguished career, please follow the link below.

<https://www.associationofarmydentistry.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/Tromly%2C%20COL%20Ret%20Robert%20Roy%20%2006-06-1933%20--%2007-04-2022.pdf>

## **Mark Rogow, COL, USA (Ret)**

02/28/1955 – 12/13/2022

COL Rogow graduated from New York University College of Dentistry in 1979. He joined the U.S. Army Dental Corps in 1980 and remained on active duty for over 20 years. He achieved board certification in pediatric dentistry. After retiring from active duty, he opened a practice in pediatric dentistry in San Antonio, retiring in 2012. COL Rogow is interred at the Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery.

<https://www.associationofarmydentistry.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/01/Rogow%2C%20COL%20RET%20Mark%202-28-1955%20--%2012-13-2022.pdf>

## **Terri Lee Jones**

04/15/1953 – 12/25/2022

Terri Lee Jones, the wife of retired Colonel Tim Jones, passed away on December 25, 2022. Terri epitomizes the Army volunteer, starting in 1979 at Darnall Hospital, Fort Hood Texas. She volunteered at every school and with each grade level in addition to their Girl Scout and Boy Scout activities for her children. As an Army wife, she headed many Family Support Groups and spent innumerable hours volunteering at military hospitals, medical clinics, and dental clinics. To read more about her life of service, please follow the link to her obituary is below.

<https://www.associationofarmydentistry.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/03/Jones%2C%20Terri%20Lee.%20%204-15-1953%20--%2012-25-2022.pdf>

## **Walter Dunnington Shields, Jr., COL, USA (Ret)**

07/18/1947 –

01/12/2023

COL Shields, 75, of Christiansburg, Virginia, passed away on January 12, 2023. He graduated from the Medical College of Virginia with his D.D.S. in

1974 and was commissioned in the U.S. Army Dental Corps. He completed his residency in periodontology in 1981 and subsequently served as an instructor in Army dental residency programs. After retirement, COL Shields established his practice in periodontics in Blacksburg, VA, in 1994. To learn more about his distinguished military and civilian careers, please follow the link below.

<https://www.associationofarmydentistry.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/01/Shields%2C%20COL%20Ret%20Walter%20Dunnington%2C%20Jr.%20%207-18-1947%20--%201-12-2023.pdf>

**Peter A. Cecic, COL, USA (Ret)**

02/13/1949 – 01/12/2023

COL Cecic, a New Jersey native, graduated from Fairleigh Dickinson University Dental School and entered the U.S. Army Dental Corps in 1974. He achieved completed his residency in Endodontics and became a board-certified endodontist. After his retirement, Peter and his family retired in San Antonio, where he practiced endodontics over the next 18 years. To learn more about his distinguished military and civilian careers, please follow the link below.

<https://www.associationofarmydentistry.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/02/Cecic%5EJ%20COL%20Ret%20Peter%202-13-1949%20-%20-%201-12-2023.pdf>

**Herman W. "Buddy" Herring, Jr., LTC, USA (Ret)** 06/25/1948 – 02/21/2023,

LTC Buddy Harrell, a prosthodontist, taught at the University of Mississippi Dental School from 1978 to 1983 prior to entering the U.S. Army Dental Corps, where he served from 1983 to 2003. He and his wife, COL Patrice Greene, a retired Army Dental Corps Officer, retired to Longboat Key, FL, in 2004. To learn more about Buddy's distinguished military and civilian careers, please follow the link below.

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**Edwin Doyle Morton III**

09/27/1969 – 02/22/2023

Edwin "Ted" Doyle Morton III, 53, of Gig Harbor, Washington, heroically and tragically died in Alabama on February 22, 2023, while saving his son from drowning. Ted, a highly decorated Army Special Forces officer, was the husband of Jade-Lin Wong Morton, a former Army Oral & Maxillofacial Surgeon. Our heartfelt condolences to Jade-Lin and her family. To read more of his life of service and adventure please follow the link below.

[Morton, Edwin Obituary - Mobile, AL 9-27-1969 -- 2-22-2023.pdf  
\(associationofarmydentistry.org\)](https://www.associationofarmydentistry.org/Morton,_Edwin_Obituary_-_Mobile,_AL_9-27-1969 -- 2-22-2023.pdf)

Obituaries that are brought to our attention are posted on the AAD's website; if there are others that you wish to share, please forward that information to the AAD so we can share it with our members. The link to the obituaries on our website is at the following web address:

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

## **Social Media**

Please visit the AAD's Facebook page to receive the latest news from throughout the Army Dental Care System and Army Medicine. LTC Mike Hoffman, the AAD's Facebook page administrator, informs AAD members and the Army Dental community with information as it happens.

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

## **Conclusion:**

If any of our members would like to share articles, vignettes about their life and service, either before or after retirement, please forward them to the email address below. We look forward to seeing many of you in San Antonio later this month for the long-awaited dedication of the Army Dentistry Monument.

Please keep our young men and women serving around the world in your thoughts and prayers throughout the year.

Editor, AAD Newsletter, Ron Lambert, COL, USA (Ret)

## AAD Officers

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