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PA Recognized as Distinguished Member of the 75th Ranger Regiment Received from MAJ John Detro, PA-C



Major (Retired) John (Jack) Hurley III

Major (Retired) Jack Hurley III served a long and distinguished career in the Ranger Regiment and the United States Army. His dedication and commitment to excellence set the highest standard for future Combat Medics, Physician Assistants, and in the Regiment. His first assignment was with 1st Battalion, 75th Infantry (Ranger) Regiment, Fort Stewart, GA. He served from 1979 to 1985 and performed numerous duties to include: Platoon Medic, Medical Operations NCO, and Bravo Company Senior Medic. In addition, he deployed to Operation Urgent Fury. After leaving 1st Battalion, 75th Ranger Regiment, Major Hurley attended the United States Army Physician's Assistant Program. Upon completion of training,

he was promoted to the rank of Warrant Officer and was assigned to the 2nd Engineer Battalion (Camp Castle, Korea). After returning from Korea, Major Hurley was assigned to 3rd Battalion, 75th Ranger Regiment, where he served for five years, and deployed to Panama during Operation Just Cause. In 1993, he was selected as the U.S Army Surgeon General's Physician Assistant of the Year. Following his tour with the 3rd Ranger Battalion, Major Hurley returned to Korea (Camp Hovey) providing medical care for an infantry battalion. In 1994, Major Hurley became an instructor at the U.S Army Physician's Assistant Program (Fort Sam Houston, TX). During his three years of teaching, he was twice recognized as the outstanding instructor of the year. After completion of his instructor duties, Major Hurley returned to Korea as the Assistant 2nd Infantry Division Surgeon and Division Senior Physician's Assistant. After his return from Korea, Major Hurley was assigned to Fort Bragg as the 82nd Airborne Division's Senior Physician's Assistant, where he served for three years. He was then assigned to the Patterson Army Health Clinic (Fort Monmouth, NJ). Following September Eleventh, he volunteered for combat and deployed twice as an augmentee to the 82nd Airborne Division (Khandahar, AF and Fallujah, IZ).

Major Hurley served in the Ranger Regiment for over ten years as a Ranger medic and physician's assistant. In addition, he served with infantry units for over twenty-four years. He deployed to combat twice with the Regiment and twice with the 82nd Airborne Division. He served as the Division Senior PA on two separate occasions, and was an integral part of the Army Physician Assistant Program. Major Hurley is the epitome of what a Ranger physician assistant or medic should strive to be. His invaluable service and tireless commitment to our nation reflects great credit upon himself, the 75th Ranger Regiment, and the United States Army.

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L-R: MSG Harold (Monty) Montgomery (Regimental Senior Medic), Major (Retired) John (Jack) Hurley III, CPT Ray Sterling (former Regimental Senior PA), MAJ John Detro at the Ranger Memorial



L-R: CPT Ray Sterling, Salvadore Muralles, Rosemarie Dill, Dominic Muralles, Anna Muralles, MAJ John Detro, Diana Muralles, Leonel Muralles, MAJ-R Jack Hurley, MSG Harold Montgomery

Jack joined others in presenting awards to the Marcus Muralles family. SFC (deceased) Muralles was MAJ Detro's former Bravo Company Senior Medic. He was killed in Afghanistan during a rescue attempt of the Navy Seals. He was scheduled to be home for his daughter's birthday on the 4th of July and was killed on the 28th of June after volunteering to take the place of an injured 160th medic who could not have been able to move by ground in the rugged mountains.

Marcus was awarded the Order of Saint Maurice and Order of Military Medical Merit, and the family was presented with a flag flown on the Nation's capitol and signed by GA Senator Sanford Bishop, and finally a signed (Dietz photo) of the new Ranger GWOT painting.

Physician Assistant Wanted

Received from Johnny King III, MAJ, AN

Tired of traffic jams, high crime, living behind security systems and the asphalt jungle? Are you looking for a great family-oriented area located in a recreational paradise nestled in a lush, green national forest with friendly folks and very little crime? Then look no further. Military Occupational Health Clinic is seeking a Physician Assistant to work a 40-hour work week from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. weekdays, paid vacation and sick leave, health and dental insurance plus retirement. Position has a 25% incentive bonus and relocation expenses will be paid. Qualified applicant may be licensed in any of the 50 states. Experience preferred, but will train in Occupational Health field. Position has direct hire authority. For more information or to apply, please contact Dr. Machado at (337) 531-6131 or 531-4730.

LOST MEMBERS

Every year we elect individuals to attend the House of Delegates Session at the annual AAPA conference. These delegates represent the views and concerns of the SAPA constituency. The number of delegates authorized is determined by the number of Fellow members in the chapter. If you know of prior members who have let their membership lapse; encourage them to renew SAPA and AAPA membership and declare SAPA as their constituent chapter!

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NATIONAL PA WEEK
OCTOBER 6-12

Pictures received from Bob Potter, PA-C



CPT Terri Gurrola treating an Iraqi child at a local clinic in Wahita Iraq Aug 07.



CPT Terri Gurrola being greeted at Atlanta Airport by her 3 year old daughter Gabrielle where she was coming home 11Sep 07 for her mid tour leave of a 15 month deployment, stationed in Iraq with 3rd Combat Brigade Team, 3rd Infantry Division



National Physician Assistant Week will have added significance this year as PAs and PA students celebrate 40 years of the physician assistant profession. On October 6, 1967, the first physician assistants graduated from Duke University. Today, approximately 64,000 PAs are providing essential medical and surgical services to people throughout the United States and internationally.

As it grows in the United States, the PA profession continues to influence quality health care in other countries, several of which are developing their own educational programs following the model of the American PA profession.

Scholarship for Army Veterans, Retirees, National Guard, Reserves and Active Duty

Received by Donald A. Black, PA-C

As most of you know, the PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT family lost their first PA EVER to be killed in combat. Captain Sean P. Grimes, PA-C lost his life while serving in Iraq on 4 March 2005. Since that day SAPA with the generosity of the Grimes family has established the CAPTAIN SEAN P. GRIMES EDUCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP AWARD. If you need, or someone you know needs educational financial assistance please visit the SAPA website for details. (www.sapa.org)

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Officer Basic Leaders Course (OBLC) and Basic Officer Leaders Course (BOLC)

Received by MAJ Robert Lindsay

INFORMATION PAPER

SUBJECT: Officer Basic Leaders Course (OBLC) and Basic Officer Leaders Course (BOLC).

1. Purpose. To provide information about the Army Medical Department's (AMEDD) Officer Basic Leaders Course (OBLC) and the Basic Officer Leaders Course (BOLC).

2. Background. The former AMEDD Basic Officer Leader Course (BOLC) consisted of four phases. Completion of all four phases of the course met the requirements of Initial Entry Training mandated by Title 10, U.S. Code, the completion of which is required before an officer can be deployed outside the Continental United States (CONUS). These were:

a) Phase 1: 6-8-C20 (PREP) is initial military orientation and skills for Officers with no prior military experience or training.

b) Phase 2: 6-8-C20 (AWLC) offers basic field and survival skills training for those students who will not attend the Army Basic Officer Leader Course (BOLC).

c) Phase 3: 6-8-C20 (AMEDD) consists of leadership and military skills training, Field Training Exercise (FTX), and AMEDD-specific training culminating in a Health Service Support Exercise.

d) Phase 4: Is AMEDD Area of Concentration specific training to prepare the officer for initial assignment.

3. Discussion. There are now (3) specific AMEDD Officer Basic Leaders Courses (OBLC) and 3 Phases of the AOC specific Basic Officer Leaders Course (BOLC).

a. AMEDD Officer Basic Leaders Course (OBLC).

Where: Fort Sam Houston, Texas.

What: **7 Weeks** of Common Core Training.

1-2 Weeks of Track-Specific Training for MS, MC, AN, SP, DC.

5 Weeks of Track Specific Training for VC.

Who:

COMPO 1: MC, AN, SP (**minus 65D**), DC, VC, and MS (**minus 70B/67J**).

COMPO 2 and 3: **70B/67J**

When: Executed 4 times per year.

b. AMEDD Officer Basic Leaders Course (OBLC) for RC / ARNG Officers.

Where: Fort Sam Houston, Texas.

What: **Two phases.**

Phase 1: Distributed Learning (DL) - DL training will replicate the 9-week OBLC didactic classroom instruction. DL program awaiting funding and development. Phase 1 will be grandfathered until developed.

Phase 2: Resident Training - 25 days of resident attendance that will include one day of in-processing, approximately nine days of classroom instruction followed by 15 days of field training and one day of equipment turn-in/out-processing.

Who:

COMPO 2: AN, DC, MC, SP, VC, and MS (**minus 70B and 67J**)

COMPO 3: Same as Compo 2.

When: Executed 5 times per year (Resident training integrates with AMEDD OBLC during field training exercises).

c. AMEDD Officer Basic Leaders Course (OBLC) for USUHS/HPSP Officers.

Where: Fort Sam Houston, Texas.

What: **6 Weeks** of Common Core training (No track specific training as students will return to individual medical training programs).

Who: Medical, veterinary and dental students attending USUHS or those in the Health

Professions Scholarship Program (HPSP).

When: Executed once each calendar year.

d. Army Basic Officer Leaders Course (BOLC).

BOLC Phase I

Where: (Pre-Commissioning Training) ROTC, USMA, and OCS.

Who: Pre-commissioned Army Cadets.

COMPO 1, 2, and 3: **70B/67J** COMPO 1: **65D**

When: Per ROTC, USMA and OCS training requirements.

BOLC Phase II (Warrior Training):

Where: Fort Benning, GA or Fort Sill, Oklahoma.

What: **7 week** training program on Army-wide leadership skills and warrior tasks for those officers that have met previous BOLC Phase 1 prerequisites.

Who:

COMPO 1, 2, and 3: **70B/67J**.

COMPO 1: **65D**.

When: Executed 4 times per year.

AMEDD BOLC Phase III:

Where: Fort Sam Houston, Texas.

What: **5-Week** AMEDD specific training program followed by **2 Week** corps track training for those officers that have met BOLC Phase 1 and 2 prerequisites.

Who: COMPO 1, 2, and 3: **70B/67J** COMPO 1: **65D**

When: Executed 4 times per year.

4. Examples. As a 70B coming from ROTC, I would have already attended BOLC Phase I and need only complete BOLC Phase 2 and 3. As an Army Nurse, coming from ROTC, I would need only the AMEDD Officer Basic Leaders Course (OBLC).

SAPA General Membership Meeting

Thursday, 26 April 2007

Meeting was called to order at 1353

DIRECTORS PRESENT:

President: Frank Piper

President Elect and Membership Director: Paul W. Lowe

Immediate Past President: Steve Ward

Treasurer: Jim Miller

Secretary: Casey Bond

Director of Active Duty: Sherry Womack

DIRECTORS ABSENT:

Executive Director: Hal Slusher (Excused)

Director of Reserves: Richard Tea

Director of National Guard: Michael Labelle

CONFERENCE STAFF:

Conference Registrar: Bob Potter

Conference Coordinator: Pat Malone

COMMITTEE CHAIRS:

Sales Booth: Steve Ward

Sean Grimes Scholarship Committee: Don Black

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP: Sixty-two (52) members were in attendance. A quorum was present.

Frank welcomed the members and thanked them for their attendance.

REPORTS:

1. Past President: Steve thanked the Society for all the support they gave him last year and recognized the hard work done by the conference staff Pat and Dave. He stated one thing we need to do is to let the younger guys know what SAPA does for them and let them know that we need their support to continue in the future.

2. President: Frank stated that the main function SAPA does during the year is to put on the conference and he thanked all those who volunteer to make this happen. He also

stated he welcomed any new volunteers who wished to assist.

3. President-Elect: Paul thanked the society for sending him to the Core Conference this year. He stated that it was a very valuable learning experience and he recommended SAPA continue to send new President Elects.

4. Secretary: Casey requested that the membership review the minutes of the 27 April 2006 General Membership meeting. Tom Matherly made a motion to accept the minutes as written. The motion was seconded and the motion carried.

5. Treasurer: Jim mentioned that the current financial status of SAPA is sound with \$278,004.98 on deposit (including the money market account, the checking account, and CDs); this was approximately \$8,000 less than a comparison to last year. Jim thanked all who participated in the recruitment of exhibitors. Jim asked the membership to review the Treasurer's Report (Enclosure 1). Jim stated he investigated opening a USAA account but that it was not an option since SAPA was not a USAA member. In response to a question, Jim informed the BOD of the fees for utilizing credit card sales which are \$38 per year and 1.5 percent of each sale in addition to a \$5 per month fee for American Express. Stan Shank asked that the Treasurer and the BOD consider setting up a separate account specifically earmarked for the scholarship fund as this may encourage people to contribute to the fund. He added that he had received feedback from some members that they did not like purchasing raffle tickets or other items that in their promotion stated proceeds of the sale went to the scholarship fund when it appears that they may be going into the general operational fund. Jim assured the membership that what SAPA takes in for scholarships to include booth sales and raffles or any other proceeds which we say goes to scholarships; that money is used exclusively for scholarships. Discussion followed and the BOD decided to take up this topic at their close out meeting on 27 April. Sherry Morrey moved to approve the Treasurer's Report as written. The motion was seconded and the motion carried.

6. Executive Director: (Absent) Frank informed the membership that Hal was absent to attend to matters of his health. He wanted to reflect in our minutes that we were thinking of him and praying for him and hopefully he would be joining us shortly. He stated that Hal anticipated that he would be able to attend the AAPA meeting in Philadelphia next month and he hoped to see him there.

7. Conference Committee: Pat thanked everyone for attending the conference and stated that without them there wouldn't be a conference. He stated this year we have 523 attendees, down only a few from last year which is good considering the amount of people deployed. He thanked

the BOD, and the entire conference staff for helping to make this year's conference another success. Pat stated next year the conference would be held at the same location from 21-25 April.

8. Director of Active Duty: Sherry stated that the active duty PAs were either there in theater or on their way there and that she was headed there this Saturday.

9. Director of Reserves: (Absent) Frank stated that most of the Army reserve PAs have been deployed.

10. Director of National Guard: (Absent)

11. Membership Director: Paul called everyone's attention to the Membership Report (Encl 2). Paul reported a total of 842 members as of today. The Fellow members is 142, Associate members 423, Affiliate or Other members 175, Life members 43, Honorary members 12, Student members 37 totaling 832 and 10 for information only for a grand total of 842. He stated every year he moves people from active membership over to the inactive data base files or former members. That data base totals 516. He said he purged the data base of fellow members whose AAPA membership had lapsed. The total numbers that AAPA gives SAPA credit for claiming SAPA as their constituent chapter is 607. Steve reminded members of the importance in renewing their AAPA membership by 31 January and claim SAPA as their constituent chapter in order for SAPA to get credit. Paul stated he updated the Membership portion of the Policies and Procedures Manual and updated the membership renewal form and that he worked closely with AAPA regarding SAPA membership. Paul reviewed membership categories and stated that voting members included Fellow members, Associate members and the Life members. The remaining members are non-voting members. It was suggested that the newsletter encourage former members to rejoin SAPA and to include a "Lost Souls" article encouraging those who know how to reach former members to contact them and encourage them to rejoin.

12. Sales Booth Committee: Steve thanked everyone who visited the sales booth and all the volunteers who worked the booth, specifically Tom Matherly, Laurie Wysong, Bob Egbert and Rita Ward. He stated the top bid on the homemade quilt donated by Laura Hume was \$175 and that the BOD would be sending Laura a thank you letter expressing SAPA's appreciation. He acknowledged Sharon Joy Fosler for being the biggest contributor to the on site sales booth this year. He mentioned the new striking of the SAPA coin removing the apostrophe s. He stated they would turn a better profit this year.

13. Conference Registration Coordinator: Bob stated that as of today there were 527 conference registrants down, only 39 from last year. He stated that taking into

account exhibitor fees and registration fees we were only down \$2,000 compared to this time last year. Bob asked the members to have any known potential exhibitors to get in touch with him. He stated that the forms for next year were already prepared and could be picked up at the office. He informed the membership of his decision to switch web site companies due to the excessive fees of the previous company.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Jim Kielek asked if there was any consideration given to prorating the conference registration. Bob stated we were not set up to do that and it was an all or nothing registration, especially since it was already such a bargain.
2. Irvin Fish stated that some of the audio visual equipment needed to be updated. He was advised to take that up with the technology committee chair and present their recommendations to the BOD.
3. Stan Shank stated that the conference was not the same this year due to the absence of Hal. He further stated that Hal had done more for SAPA and for PAs in general than anyone he knew. He moved that the President and BOD, on behalf of the membership, send Hal a letter stating how much we missed him and how much we appreciate his service to this organization and wishing him well. The motion was seconded and the motion unanimously passed. Paul volunteered to write and send the letter.
4. Frank stated that we certainly expect Hal to be active in the organization for years to come but there is a point at which there has to be some plan to get new folks to come on as older members move on. As some of these folks move on we have to have new people to fill in and take over. He stated it is called secession planning at the VA and a lot of organizations are facing the same thing right now as the baby boomer population starts to get close to retirement. Hew strongly encouraged younger members to step forward and get involved. Casey stated the BOD could mentor new people as well. Frank also said a good opportunity to learn how things work at the macro level was to sit in on the HOD meeting at the AAPA conference.
5. Frank reminded the membership of the SAPA reception at the AAPA conference and invited them to come by and enjoy refreshments and socializing. He also informed them that SAPA would be participating in the Joint Federal Services dining out. Karen Reedy suggested putting information about the dining out on the web site and Bob said that he would.
6. Casey solicited anyone with a talent for newsletter editing and interested in taking that over to let him know. Casey said

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he would investigate reinitiating the best article award.

7. Charles Jennings issued a challenge to all PA students to submit poster presentations next year.

8. Nominations – Paul opened the floor for nominations for positions on the BOD of SAPA and delegate to the AAPA House of Delegates. Paul reminded members that nominees must be a fellow member of SAPA and a member of AAPA since SAPA is a constituent chapter of AAPA. Karen Reedy nominated Mike Champion for the office of President-Elect. Karen confirmed that Mike accepted the nomination. Paul stated he would have to confirm Mike's AAPA and constituent chapter status prior to placing Mike's name on the ballot. Steve Ward self declared for the office of President-Elect. Lloyd Buckmaster nominated Pat Malone for the office of President-Elect. Pat accepted the nomination. Hearing no other nominations, Paul closed the nominations for President-Elect. Paul opened the nominations for Treasurer. Tom Matherly nominated Jim Miller for the office of Treasurer. Jim accepted the nomination. Hearing no other nominations, the nominations for Treasurer were closed. Paul opened the nominations for the office of Secretary. Frank nominated Karen McMillan for the office of Secretary. Karen accepted the nomination. Hearing no other nominations, Paul closed the nominations for Secretary. Paul opened the floor for nominations for the position of Director of Active Duty. Sherry Womack nominated Charles Jennings for the office of Director of Active Duty. Pauline Gross self declared for the office

Director of Active Duty. Hearing no other nominations, Paul closed the nominations for Director of Active Duty. Paul opened the floor for nominations for the position of Director of National Guard. Frank nominated Michael LaBelle for the position of Director of National Guard. Paul said he would confirm Mike's acceptance of the nomination prior to placing his name on the ballot. Don Black nominated Nolan Wright for the position of Director of National Guard and confirmed that he accepted the nomination. Hearing no other nominations, Paul closed the nominations for the position of Director of National Guard. Paul opened the floor for nominations for the office of Director of Reserves. Frank Piper self declared for the office of Director of Reserves. Hearing no other nominations, Paul closed the nominations for the position of Director of Reserves. Paul opened the floor for nominations for alternates to the AAPA House of Delegates. Bob Potter, Hal Slusher, Steve Ward, Pat Malone, and Dave Paulson were nominated to be alternates to the AAPA House of Delegates and all accepted the nomination. Hearing no other nominations, Paul closed nominations for alternates to the AAPA House of Delegates. There were no other nominations from the floor and nominations were closed. The official ballot will be mailed immediately following the conclusion of this conference and it will include a space for write-in votes in each category. The President will serve as the primary delegate to the AAPA House of Delegates. Hearing no further business, Frank entertained a motion to adjourn, the motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 1555 hrs.