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*Salutations.* Welcome to **THE SILVER CADUCEUS**, the newsletter of the Silver Caduceus Association of Medical Service Corps Officers and Warrant Officers, Inc.

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## ***EDITOR'S NOTES***

**We have big news!**

### **FOUR MSC GENERALS, INCLUDING A MAJOR GENERAL**

*For the first time, there will be four MSC general officers in the Army.*

**BG Sheila Baxter** is Commander, Western Regional Medical Command and Madigan Army Medical Center, and Chief of the Medical Service Corps.

**BG David L. Smalley** is Deputy Commander, Army Reserve Medical Command.

**BG (P) David A. Rubenstein** has been selected for promotion to major general. This is a big first in the history of the MSC, and a gratifying recognition of an outstanding officer and member of our Corps. General Rubenstein is currently the Commander, Europe Regional Medical Command, and Command Surgeon, U.S. Army, Europe. He will be reassigned as the Deputy Surgeon General, Falls Church, Virginia.

Prior to his current assignment, General Rubenstein was the Assistant Surgeon General for Force Sustainment, US Army Medical Command, Fort Sam Houston, Texas. Before that he commanded the 30th Medical Brigade and was the Command Surgeon, V US Army Corps. He previously commanded the Landstuhl Regional Medical Center, Germany; 21st Combat Support

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Hospital, Fort Hood, Texas; Task Force Med Eagle in Bosnia & Herzegovina; 18th Surgical Hospital (MASH), Fort Lewis, Washington; and the Headquarters Company, 307th Medical Battalion (Airborne), 82nd Airborne Division, Fort Bragg, North Carolina. Other assignments have been with the 3d Medical Battalion, 7th Infantry Regiment; the Eisenhower, Madigan, and Beaumont Army Medical Centers; DeWitt Army Community Hospital; the Office of The Surgeon General; Europe Regional Medical Command; and the Academy of Health Sciences.

General Rubenstein is a graduate of Texas A&M University and the Army War College. He has a Masters Degree in Health Administration from Baylor University and a Masters Degree in Military Art and Science from the Army Command and General Staff College.

Among his awards and decorations are the Legion of Merit, Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Humanitarian Service Medal, NATO Medal, Overseas Ribbon, Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal, Army Superior Unit Award, and German Proficiency Badge (Gold).

He has earned the Expert Field Medical Badge, Master and Canadian parachutist badges, Ranger Tab, German Marksmanship Badge, Army Staff Identification Badge, The Surgeon General's "A" professional proficiency designator, and German Sports Badge. Among his honors are the US Army-Baylor University Alumni Club Distinguished Alumni Award, Order of Military Medical Merit, Federal Excellence in Healthcare Leadership Award, Regent's Healthcare Executive Award from the American College of Healthcare Executives, the Medical Service Corps Chief's Award of Excellence, and the Senior Federal Health Care Executive Award of the Association of Military Surgeons. He is listed in four *Who's Who* publications and has been included in *Modern Healthcare's* list of the 100 most influential people in healthcare.

General Rubenstein is a board certified healthcare executive with fellow status in the American College of Healthcare Executives. He is Chairman-Elect of the 30,000-member College, and he served as the Healthcare Administration Consultant to the Army Surgeon General from 2003 to 2005. His other professional memberships include the Association of the United States Army, Association of Military Surgeons of the United States, American Hospital Association, and Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States.

General Rubenstein has authored peer-reviewed professional articles, has two books on military medical history in progress, and has served as a book reviewer in such professional military journals as Military Review, Army, and Military Medicine.

**COL (P) Keith Gallagher**, Commander, Blanchfield Army Hospital, Fort Campbell, Kentucky, has been selected for promotion to brigadier general. He will be re-assigned as the Commander, Europe Regional Medical Command and Command Surgeon, USAREUR, Heidelberg, Germany. Colonel Gallagher was born at Fort Gordon, Georgia to 1SG (Retired) and Mrs. Edward

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Gallagher. He earned a Bachelor of Science degree in biology from Augusta College, Augusta, Georgia in 1978, and was commissioned a Second Lieutenant, Medical Service Corps.

His initial assignment was with the 82nd Airborne Division, Fort Bragg, North Carolina. For his entire career, he has balanced field unit and fixed facility assignments. He established a foundation of soldiering by serving as a Medical Platoon Leader, 4th Battalion, 68th Armor (Airborne); Division Medical Supply Officer, 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne Division; Battalion S4, 307th Medical Battalion (Airborne); and Commander, B Company, 307th Medical Battalion (Airborne). In the latter position, he provided Level I/II Combat Health Support to the 504th Parachute Infantry Regiment, 82nd Airborne Division during Operation Urgent Fury.

He later served as the Executive Officer, 122nd Medical Detachment (DS), Dhahran, Saudi Arabia during Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm; Battalion Executive Officer, 261st Area Support Medical Battalion (Airborne), 44th Medical Brigade (Airborne); and Commander, Academy Battalion, Center Brigade, Fort Sam Houston, Texas. As Deputy Commander, 44<sup>th</sup> Medical Command (Airborne), Fort Bragg, North Carolina, he deployed with the unit in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom 04-06.

Colonel Gallagher's fixed facility assignments began as the Administrator, Department of Medicine, Eisenhower Army Medical Center, Fort Gordon, Georgia. This was followed by Executive Officer, Landstuhl Dental Activity, Landstuhl, Germany; Administrator, Ambulatory Care Division, Health Services Command, Fort Sam Houston, Texas; Chief, Managed Care Division, Womack Army Medical Center, Fort Bragg, North Carolina; Deputy Commander for Administration, 67th Combat Support Hospital, Wuerzburg, Germany; Deputy Commander for Administration, Blanchfield Army Community Hospital, Fort Campbell, Kentucky; Commander, Moncrief Army Community Hospital, Fort Jackson, South Carolina; and Commander, Blanchfield Army Community Hospital.

Colonel Gallagher is board certified in healthcare administration and is a Fellow in the American College of Healthcare Executives. He holds a Masters in Healthcare Administration from Baylor University and a Masters in Strategic Studies, U.S. Army War College, Carlisle, Pennsylvania. He has also completed the Command and General Staff College, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. His military awards include the Legion of Merit with one oak leaf cluster, Bronze Star Medal with one oak leaf cluster, Meritorious Service Medal with a silver and a bronze oak leaf clusters, Army Commendation Medal with three oak leaf clusters, Army Achievement Medal with two oak leaf clusters, Southwest Asia Medal with three bronze stars, Iraqi Freedom Medal, the Humanitarian Service Medal, Global War on Terror Service Medal, and the Kuwait Liberation Medal. He has also earned the Order of Military Medical Merit, the Master Parachutist's Badge, Canadian Jump Wings, German Sportsman Badge, and the Expert Field Medical Badge. He has earned the "A" designation in healthcare administration from the Army Surgeon General, and is the recipient of the ACHE Regent's Award for the Senior Healthcare Executive in South Carolina. His community awards include the J.C. Penney Golden Rule nomination for

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outstanding volunteerism, and the Outstanding Young American Award. He has also been awarded the Boy Scouts of America Order of the Arrow.

Colonel Gallagher is married to the former Sandra Miller from Sanford, North Carolina, and they have three children. Dianne is a reporter at Cable News 2 (CN2) in Rock Hill, South Carolina; Susan is a 4<sup>th</sup> grade school teacher in Bessmer, North Carolina; and William is a freshman at Middle Tennessee State University.

## In other news...

We now have a website, <http://silvercaduceusassociation.com/> courtesy of **Joe McClain and Mary Ann Svetlik**. Please pass this on to your friends and associates.

As we discussed in our last *Newsletter*, the **Silver Caduceus Association of MSC Officers and Warrant Officers, Inc.** is officially registered with the State of Texas. Discussions with representatives of the SCA and the Office of the Chief of the Medical Service Corps continue to address details of the new organization.

**Jim Vinci**, our treasurer since the formation of the MSC Network, has resigned from that position, and **Jim Martin** has taken his place. We salute Jim Vinci for his dedicated efforts on our behalf, and extend a warm welcome to Jim Martin.

**The Mailing Address** for membership applications and renewals, dues, scholarship donations, changes of address, and correspondence has changed back to Silver Caduceus Association of MSC Officers & Warrant Officers, Inc., P.O. Box 39514, San Antonio, TX 78218.

**2008 Reunion.** Mike McGinley and his stalwart committee are hard at work planning our 2008 Reunion that will be held in San Antonio in September. Mike has more to say about the reunion elsewhere in this newsletter.

## OUR OFFICERS

**Board of Directors:** George Adams, Melinda Deffer, George Hammond, Wendy Martinson, Carroll Ockert, Ernie Sylvester, and George Waters.

**Elected Officers:** President, George Krueger; Vice President, Earl McSwain; Secretary, Ed Hollingsworth; Treasurer, Jim Martin.

### Appointed Officers:

Audit, Ken Lingle; Bylaws Review, George Waters; Chaplain, Bob Bories; Membership, Vacant; Newsletter Editor and Historian, Dick Ginn; Reunion 2008 Committee Chair, Mike McGinley; Silver Caduceus Scholarship Chair, George Hammond, with Ernie Sylvester and Jim Hayes.

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## ***PRESIDENT'S CORNER***

**The next reunion will be held in San Antonio**, September 2008 at the Double Tree Hotel, San an. Mark your calendars and plan on attending.

**Membership Dues:** Check your membership card to ensure it's current. As always, we encourage you to renew your membership for two years (\$30.00). By doing so it helps to reduce our paper work. If you have any questions, contact Earl McSwain at [emcswain@satx.rr.com](mailto:emcswain@satx.rr.com) or by mail to the Silver Caduceus Association, P.O. Box 39514, San Antonio, TX 78218

**Complimentary Membership:** I have obtained approval from the Board of Directors to award a complimentary membership to each of our current and former Corps Chiefs.

**Silver Caduceus Association:** BG Baxter, Chief of the Medical Service Corps, has approved the consolidation of the Silver Caduceus Societies with the former MSC Network as the combined Silver Caduceus Association.

**MSC 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Ball, San Antonio:** The SCA donated \$1,000 for the Anniversary Ball that was held on Friday, June 22<sup>d</sup> at the Saint Anthony Hotel. Congratulations to COL Bradley Freeman and his committee for an outstanding evening. Unfortunately, the identity of the winner of the door prize was misplaced. Please contact me at [georgek1952@yahoo.com](mailto:georgek1952@yahoo.com) if you can identify the winner.

**Scholarship Winner: Ms. Patricia Sicari**, granddaughter of COL (Ret) and Mrs. Joseph I. Brown, has been named recipient of a Liberal Arts Award for Academic Excellence for 2006-2007 from Texas State University, San Marcos, Texas. This award recognizes students who maintain a 3.50 or higher Texas State GPA and 3.75 or higher GPA in courses in their major. Ms. Sicari was one of five recipients of a \$1,000.00 scholarship award from the Silver Caduceus Association in 2006. I am pleased to extend my sincere congratulations for this academic excellence, and offer my congratulations to her parents and grandparents.

George R. Krueger, COL, MSC, Ret.  
President

## ***FROM THE VICE PRESIDENT***

Your Vice President is busy with the "in addition to" duties, as all of you have experienced, including:

- Keeping the necessary documents current as it pertains to the corporation's status approved by the Secretary of State of Texas and the IRS tax exemption. This status for our association is a benefit to all of us.
- Reminding membership that a donation to the scholarship fund is tax deductible and a little goes a long way to help our young folks.

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- Helping officers and chairpersons to do what they need to do by providing support and necessary resources.

Your President and Vice President have been active members of the merger committee to bring together the Silver Caduceus Societies and the MSC Network, now known as the Silver Caduceus Association of MSC Officers and Warrant Officers Inc. Progress is encouraging but slow.

That's it in a capsule – and I have been privileged to work in this capacity. As I see it there is one last responsibility I should share with you -- recruiting new members in the association. This responsibility is shared by all members.

Regards,  
Earl McSwain, Vice President  
Email [emcswain@satx.rr.com](mailto:emcswain@satx.rr.com)

## ***TREASURER'S REPORT***

Geo Bank Accounts:	
Checking	\$27,361.45
Savings	10,495.90
Cash Accounts	20.00
Asset Accounts:	0.00
Credit Card Accounts	<u>0.00</u>
Overall Total:	\$37, 877.35

Jim Martin, Treasurer  
Email [ma7422@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ma7422@sbcglobal.net)

## ***MSC WARRANT OFFICERS***

My fellow MSC Warrant Officers:

Another day has dawned and Summer 2007 is well under way. How wonderful it is to be here and able to share the blessings of this great nation with those who are such an important part of my life. I am thankful to be an American. I am especially thankful that I have been blessed with the privilege of living in this wonderful country and to serve her for so many years.

Things at the Hollingsworth home are busy and sometimes hectic. We are approaching the mid point of the landscape project for our new home and I am ready for it to end. It will be a nice day when I look outside and not see contractors with their trucks parked in front of my home.

I was privileged to attend the MSC 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary ball at St. Anthony's Hotel in San Antonio, June 22. It was good to visit with and share experiences with both active duty and retired MSC

officers. We had a grand time.

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Remember the next MSC Reunion will be at the Doubletree Hotel in San Antonio, September 25 – 27, 2008. We had a good warrant officer representation at the 2006 reunion and hope to improve on that in 2008. I believe each participant enjoyed the event and the opportunity to visit with old friends.

Respectfully:

Ed Hollingsworth, CW3, USA, Ret., Secretary

Email [ed2rie@cox.net](mailto:ed2rie@cox.net)

## FROM THE HISTORIAN

*Remember Our History, Preserve Our History*

**Vietnam Dustoff:** COL John Temperilli, USA, Ret. was inducted into the DUSTOFF Hall of Fame on 24 February 2002. His citation follows:

*In February 1962, CPT John Temperilli, Commander, 57th Medical Detachment, spearheaded events that formed DUSTOFF. Reassigned to Vietnam, they arrived, bringing the first Hueys in country. He fought for things taken for granted today, like refueling and weather support, maps, and repair parts. The first mission was flown 12 May 1962, when they evacuated a U.S. advisor. Their single greatest threat was their own commanders, several of whom felt that combat and combat support were higher priority missions than DUSTOFF. He constantly fought the issue of "transportation versus evacuation." With a shortage of Hueys their solution was to remove the red crosses, place the aircraft in general aviation units, and task them to fly evacuation missions as needed. He halted this misguided initiative, citing the inherent lack of responsiveness and the result of needless loss of lives. He completed his tour and returned to a succession of significant Army assignments. His leadership and professionalism were exceeded only by his dedication to what he had begun with the 57th.*

## History of the MSC:

**Sale to the Public:** The history of our Corps is available for public sale by the Government Printing Office, Superintendent of Documents. Price: \$36 (softbound) GPO Stock Number 008-029-00308

Internet: [HTTP://bookstore.gpo.gov](http://bookstore.gpo.gov)

Phone: (toll free) 866-512-1800 (D.C. area) 202-512-1800

Mail: Superintendent of Documents, P.O. Box 371954, Pittsburgh, PA 15250-7954

**Members of Active, Reserve and National Guard Units:** The book is available for issue free of charge to any member of a military unit. Submit unit requisitions for CMH Pub 30-19

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(hardbound) or CMH Pub 30-19-1 (softbound) to the U.S. Army Publications Distribution Center, 1655 Woodson Road, St. Louis, MO 63114-6181.

The ordering information is: Ginn, Richard V.N., *The History of the U.S. Army Medical Service Corps*, Washington D.C., Office of the Surgeon General and Center of Military History, U.S. Army, 1997, 536 pages, tables, charts, illustrations, appendices, bibliographical note, and index. ISBN 0-16-045353-4

**MSC History Program:** BG Baxter has announced the initiation of the U.S. Army Medical Service Corps History Program, a permanent program for MSC officers and warrant officers of all Army components.

**Mission:** The purpose of the Army Medical Service Corps History Program is to increase the effectiveness of the MSC by:

- Providing historical perspective to current decision makers.
- Enhancing morale, traditions, esprit de corps, and potentially retention.
- Providing MSCs an appreciation of how the past forms and conditions our responses to the future.

**Functions:** The program consists of:

- Preserving knowledge through collection of artifacts and records.
- Advancing knowledge through research of documents, images, and artifacts.
- Disseminating knowledge with historical products, including officer professional development and teaching.

## Your Role in Preserving MSC History

MSC officers and friends of the MSC can support the history program by contributing:

- Documents
- Interviews
- Photos
- Artifacts
- Written and Audiovisual Products

For details go to the MSC homepage <http://medicalsevicecorps.amedd.army.mil/> which will link you to Army Knowledge Online (AKO). You will be required to register with AKO to use that service.

Dick Ginn, Historian

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## ***MEMBERSHIP AND DUES***

**Membership:** Encourage fellow MSCs to join the Silver Caduceus Association. Ask them to contact Earl McSwain at [emcswain@satx.rr.com](mailto:emcswain@satx.rr.com)

**Dues:** First year dues for new members is \$25. Renewal fee is \$15 per year. Lifetime is \$200. Please send your dues to the Silver Caduceus Association, P.O. Box 39514, San Antonio, TX 78218.

## ***2008 REUNION***

Our next MSC Reunion will be held from September 25-27, 2008 at the Double Tree Hotel in San Antonio. I am pleased to report that Jim Van Straten and Jim Martin have put together a great program, which includes a talk by LTG (Ret) Ricardo Sanchez, updates from senior officers on Iraq and Afghanistan, discussions with soldiers, sailors and marines recuperating at the new "Intrepid Center", and an update on the history of our illustrious corps. As always, we will include a great Thursday evening welcome reception, a Friday afternoon golf tournament, a Saturday morning memorial service, and a Saturday evening spectacular banquet.

Please plan to attend - and pass this information on to any and all retired MSC officers and warrant officers you know. Registration letters and forms will be sent out via email in early spring 2008. We hope to see you there!

Mike McGinley  
Chairman, 2008 MSC Reunion Committee  
Email [Mikemcginley7@aol.com](mailto:Mikemcginley7@aol.com)

## ***SILVER CADUCEUS SCHOLARSHIP FUND***

**Scholarship Nominations:** Nominations for scholarships will be accepted from 1 January to 1 June 2008. For additional information contact me at [ghammond@suncoast-CHC.org](mailto:ghammond@suncoast-CHC.org) or phone 813-645-8861.

**Donations:** Our cause is worthy, and it's fully tax deductible. Send your donation to: Silver Caduceus Association, P.O. Box 39514, San Antonio, TX 78218

George Hammond  
Chairman, Scholarship Committee

## ***IN MEMORIAM***

We have received notification of the deaths of the following MSCs since our last newsletter. We offer our condolences to their families and friends.

COL Roy E. Baxter

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LTC Ralph E. Bradford  
COL Bill F. "Wild Bill" Bulla  
1LT Landon R. Casillas  
COL John Chambers  
COL Richard W. Dempsey  
LTC David Danhouser  
COL Harry Gans  
LTC James E. Lasater  
LTC Vance Loy  
MAJ Robert L. Mack, Sr.  
COL John Mathis  
COL Tom McGibony  
COL Frank G. McGrath  
COL Seymour (Sy) Meadows  
LTC James H. Nichols  
LTC Robert Sikora  
COL Jim Vallandingham  
CPT James D. "JD" Vinci\*  
COL Donald Waller  
COL E. E. "Randy" Welch  
COL Alvie Widdefield  
MAJ David W. L. Wik  
\*Medical Administrative Corps

**Please notify our Chaplain, Bob Bories**, of the death of any active or retired MSCs. You can contact Bob by email at [rbories@aol.com](mailto:rbories@aol.com) or by letter to COL Bob Bories, 50 Vienna, San Antonio, Texas 78252.

## ***SILVER CADUCEUS LEADERS***

In each issue we highlight the background of our leaders. This time we turn the spotlight on Mike McGinley and Jim Martin.

**COL (Ret) Mike McGinley, Chairman of the 2008 Reunion Committee**, hails from Allentown, Pennsylvania and attended Penn State, where he graduated in June 1963, after which he attended graduate school at the University of Massachusetts, in Amherst, Massachusetts, earning a masters degree in June of 1965.

In January 1967, COL McGinley joined the U.S. Army with a direct commission as a first lieutenant in the Medical Service Corps. Planning a three-year tour in the Army, he surprised himself, and ultimately spent 26 years. Some of Mike's assignments included Fort Ord, Fort Leonard Wood, two tours in Germany, a short tour in Saigon, and two tours at HSC in San

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Antonio, the last being as Inspector General for the command. He ended his career assigned to OTSG, where he was Chief of the Officer Procurement Division, and retired in February 1993.

Mike met his wife of 38 years, Mary Ellen, in Germany in 1968 where she was a teacher for the Department of Defense. They were married in August 1969, and have two daughters; the first, Colleen, was born in Landstuhl, Germany, and their second, Meredith, was born at Fort Leonard Wood. Each is now married, with children. Meredith has a son (William, age 8) and a daughter (Camryn, age 3). Colleen has a daughter, age 2, and is due to have a son in December 2007.

After retirement in February 1993, Mike went to work at the University of Texas Medical School in San Antonio. He was administrator of a major academic/research department and retired, after ten years, on September 1, 2003.

To keep busy in retirement, Mike serves as an usher at his church, does volunteer work with the NCAA's Alamo Bowl, and enjoys his main hobby, which is singing with, and administering a barbershop four-part harmony chorus and chapter in San Antonio. He is also an avid Spurs fan, sharing season tickets with Jim Young, Tom Munley, and Miles White. Mike worked on the 2004 MSC Reunion and has chaired the 2006 and 2008 reunion committees.

**LTC (Ret) Jim Martin, Treasurer of the Silver Caduceus Association**, was born in Kendallville, Indiana. He grew up in Montpelier, Ohio, and earned a BFA from Ohio State University in 1960. Following graduation he worked in the design field, and completed a masters degree at Ohio State in 1966.

LTC Martin joined the US Army Reserve in 1960, and completed basic training at Ft Knox, and AIT at the Medical Field Service School, Fort Sam Houston. In 1965, as a staff sergeant assigned to a 1,000-bed Army Hospital in Columbus, Ohio, he received a direct commission in the Medical Service Corps, USAR. He entered active duty in 1968, and was assigned to the Medical Field Service School as an instructor, followed by assignment to the 43d Medical Group, Nha Trang, Republic of Vietnam, with duty at the 6th Convalescent Center in Cam Rahn Bay. Following his tour in Vietnam, he was assigned to the Officer Procurement Division, Office of The Surgeon General. He completed a master's degree in personnel management at George Washington University while serving in OTSG.

Jim attended the AMEDD Officer Advanced Course in 1974, and was then assigned to Headquarters, Health Services Command, Fort Sam Houston from 1975 to 1981. While at HSC he served on the Manpower Survey Team, followed by Section Chief, and later Branch Chief of the Allocations and Documents Branch. This was followed by a tour in Europe with the Headquarters, 7<sup>th</sup> Medical Command, in Heidelberg, Germany where he was the Chief, Allocations and Documents Division, Assistant Chief of Staff for Resources Management. LTC Martin returned to Fort Sam Houston in 1984 where he was assigned to the Medical Field Service School as Manpower Instructor, followed by duty as Chief, Resource Management

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Division. He retired in 1989, and worked as the office manager for a landscape architect until 2000. He is currently employed part time as a Private Investigator.

## ***FROM THE MAILBAG***

**From LTC John C. Pastino, MSC, Army G-4, Pentagon:** *I'm collecting MSC coins and am currently missing 1988, 1989 and 1996. Please contact me at [john.pastino@us.army.mil](mailto:john.pastino@us.army.mil) or phone 703-614-2118.*

## ***NEWSLETTER ITEMS***

Please forward items for the newsletter and any feedback to COL (Ret) Dick Ginn, 6825 Spring Beauty Court, Springfield, VA 22152, email [dickginn@aol.com](mailto:dickginn@aol.com) or phone 703-912-4326.