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AMOPS CME Meeting at UMDNJ/SOM, First Meeting Held on College Campus

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We again have a solid program for our meeting with topics ranging from survival, escape and evasion related medicine to kidney disease, the agenda is posted on page 4. At only \$325 for an anticipate 30 hours of Category 1A CME and the presidential banquet, that is quite a bargain.

New Memorial Lecture

Bob Klobnak, who served as the AMOPS Executive Director from AMOPS founding until 1999, passed away last summer. RADM Joyce Johnson, USCG, (Retired) will present the first memorial lecture in Bob's name.

Dues Structure Revisited

We have many important topics to discuss during our members meeting on Monday afternoon of AMOPS 25th National meeting. Dues rates have not changed since 1999. Proposed dues increases were discussed in San Diego and will be voted on in Stratford. There is a proposal to raise the active rate of \$100 a year to \$125. Rates will be set for all categories during this year's business meeting.

We currently have an AMOPS board member that represents both Reserve Component and Retired members. A bylaws change would split that into two board members one for the Guard and Reserve and one for those no longer on active duty. If approved the bylaw change would be sent to the AOA House of Delegates for final approval.

There is also a proposal to create an honorary Corps of Commanders that would serve to recognize the accomplishments of our past leaders and draw on their wisdom. For a more extensive discussion of the proposal see the September 2007 AMOPS newsletter at: <http://www.amops.org/SeptNewsltr07.pdf>

We will also be discussing future AMOPS CME meetings and how AMOPS can best serve its membership. We also welcome proposals the membership would like AMOPS to take to the AOA House of Delegates. Through AMOPS House representation, active duty DOs receive a reduced AOA dues fee and both CME and post-doctoral training issues are addressed by AMOPS members on AOA bureaus.

Register Now

We will be meeting, **May 3 through 6, 2008**, in Stratford, New Jersey at the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey, School of Osteopathic Medicine, UMDNJ/SOM.

Stratford, New Jersey is just ten miles from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, visit: <http://som.umdj.edu/>

We will be holding our presidential banquet at the Holiday Inn in nearby Cherry Hill New Jersey, call 1-800-HOLIDAY or 1-856-663-5300, or visit www.holidaycherryhill.com

The hotel has rooms available at the government per diem rate for AMOPS conference registrants. Be sure to register early to insure a per diem rate rooms and keep us from paying a room block penalty.

Let Us Hear From You

We will be discussing several important topics during our members meeting on Monday. If you can not be there in person, please feel free to share your thoughts with us in advance of the meeting.

Send your ideas about the future of AMOPS to me at: jim@amops.org

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www.amops.org

1. Download the AOA Census Form.
2. Fill it out.
3. Send it in to AOA.

This is how they decide how many delegates AMOPS sends to the AOA House of Delegates, the more delegates, the stronger the voice speaking for you.

AMOPS had eight delegates representing you at this year's House of Delegates.

Maj Neil Schwimley AMOPS President

Hello again from Wright-Patterson AFB, OH. It is hard to believe that a year has past and my term as President of AMOPS is drawing to a close. It seems as though it was just yesterday that we were in San Diego and LTC Bret Ackerman passed the duties of President on to me. I am looking forward to seeing all my colleagues at the upcoming conference in May.



Our Second Longest Conflict

As I write this, my final column as President, we are on the 5 year anniversary of our entrance into Iraq and our ongoing war against terrorism there. Scanning the news of the day, our endeavors in Iraq has made it the second longest conflict we have been involved in our history as a nation. We are continuing to make an impact there and hopefully, due to our successes, may start seeing a drawdown in the recent troop surge. Our efforts as medical officers have also been noticed as a larger percentage of troops who are injured are surviving their wounds.

Deployments Strain Manpower

Since my last column, two of our providers in the WPAFB Orthopedic department have been deployed to support OIF. Another is due to deploy in May this year. With the shortfall of manpower on the homefront, we all are feeling the impact with longer hours, more call and patient load, and additional duties. We all need to keep in mind that even though we are not currently deployed, we are still supporting the members and their families of those Warfighters who are.

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As we take care of others, we cannot forget to take care of ourselves. AOA President Peter Ajluni, DO has made fitness and exercise a top issue during his term. It is easy to get caught up in the extra workload, but you must make time for exercise. Keeping your body fit will also keep your mind sharp and clear. Establishing a regular workout routine will ease some of the additional stresses we deal with, whether or not we are deployed.

First Bob Klobnak Memorial Lecture

As we get closer to our annual educational conference, held this year at UMDNJ/SOM in Stratford, NJ on May 3-6, I am pleased to see the excellent lecture topics which been arranged for this meeting. Among the presentations, RADM Joyce Johnson will deliver the first "Bob Klobnak Memorial Lecture" in honor of this great man. I once again will ask all of our members who will be attending to invite another "non-member" Uniformed Osteopathic Physician to join us at the CME conference this year.

I look forward to seeing all of you this spring in New Jersey!

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Armed Forces Health Surveillance Center

DOD has established an Armed Forces Health Surveillance Center to promote the health of military service members by providing actionable information for commanders, policy makers, planners and health care providers.

The centers functions include analyzing health surveillance data, providing information on known and potential health threats and responding to disease outbreaks by monitoring data and coordinating investigations and assessments.

The DoD Serum Repository, the Defense Medical Surveillance System, the DoD Global Emerging Infectious Surveillance and Response System and elements of the Deployment Health Support Directorate will work together to provide a comprehensive source of information. There will also be collaboration with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention which tracks DoD's sick-call data.

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Uniformed Osteopathic Physicians Treating People,
Not Just Symptoms

James H. Black, DO, Receives PCOM's Highest Honor

James H. Black, DO, was presented with the O.J. Snyder Memorial Medal at Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine's Founders' Day celebration on January 25. The O.J. Snyder Memorial Medal is the College's highest award, presented to reward and recognize leadership to the osteopathic profession and to the College.

After graduating from PCOM in 1962, Dr. Black completed his internship and residency in anesthesiology at Fort Worth Osteopathic Hospital in Texas. During that time, several of his fellow physicians decided to start what would become the Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine. Dr. Black became one of the initial donors to the new college, now part of the University of North Texas.

Joining the Navy in 1974

In search of new adventures, Dr. Black joined the Navy in 1974. Commissioned as a commander, he completed his training in aerospace medicine at the Naval Aerospace Medical Institute in Pensacola, and was designated a flight surgeon. His first assignment was senior medical officer on the USS Ranger, an aircraft carrier with 5,000 on board.

After two years in the Pacific, Dr. Black headed to Washington, DC, for assignments in the Navy's Bureau of Medicine and Surgery where he served as head of the aerospace physical examination review section and handled medical officer assignments. Since the Bureau also processed Navy scholarship applications, Dr. Black seized the opportunity to advocate for PCOM students who were applying.

Dr. Black assignments included commanding officer of naval hospitals in Oak Harbor, Washington and Yokosuka, Japan.

As fleet surgeon for the entire U.S. Pacific Fleet, Dr. Black was responsible for the medical care provided on all ships, submarines and aircraft throughout the Pacific Rim. He also served as fleet surgeon for the U.S. Atlantic Fleet with additional responsibilities for the U.S. Atlantic Command. In 1993, he was selected for flag rank and promoted to rear admiral. He retired five years later after more than two decades of service.

AMOPS Formed in 1977

A charter member and past president of the Association of Military Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons (AMOPS), he worked tirelessly to raise awareness and respect for osteopathic physicians within the Navy. A member of the PCOM Board of Trustees since 1999, Dr. Black has proudly presided over the commissioning of PCOM students into the U.S. Navy at Commencement for more than 15 years.

BrigGen Douglas J. Robb, DO, is commander, 81st Medical Group, Keesler Air Force Base, MS. General Robb is also the senior market manager for TRICARE's Gulf Coast Multi-Service Market, which includes five military medical facilities stretching from Mobile, Ala., to New Orleans. He is a 1979 Air Force Academy and 1984 Chicago College of Osteopathic Medicine grad.

Editor's Note: To the best of our knowledge he is the first active duty, Air Force, DO, flag officer. Please let us know about your achievements so we can share the good news.

The Army Medical Department has a newsletter, MEDCOM NOW with insights from the Army Surgeon General. To view the newsletter visit their website at:

www.armymedicine.army.mil/medcom/index

The New England journal of Medicine reported that acinetobacter has gone from an organism of questionable pathogenicity to an infectious agent of importance to hospitals worldwide in the last 30 years. About 25% of the PubMed citations for nosocomial acinetobacter in the past 20 years came in 2005 and 2006. The most alarming trend is the organism's ability to accumulate diverse mechanisms of resistance. <http://content.nejm.org/>

Medical New Today reported the organism that causes Buruli ulcer has been isolated and characterized. Buruli ulcer necrotizes flesh and sometimes produces enormous, disfiguring ulcers. The isolated strain was found in an insect called the Water Strider. Analysis lends support to the organism being transmitted from aquatic niches not from person to person. <http://www.medicalnewstoday.com/>

A study led by Dr. Henning Boecker of the University of Bonn and reported in the New York Times, seems to confirm the runner's high by comparing endorphins in runners' brains before and after a long run.

Osteopathic Pledge of Commitment.

"I pledge to:
provide compassionate, quality care to my patients;
partner with them to promote health;
display integrity and professionalism throughout my career;
advance the philosophy, practice and science of osteopathic medicine;
continue lifelong learning;
support my profession with loyalty in action, word and deed; and
live each day as an example of what an osteopathic physician should be.

—ADVANCE REGISTRATION FORM—

All requested information is needed for CME credit

25th National Conference

ASSOCIATION OF MILITARY OSTEOPATHIC PHYSICIANS AND SURGEONS

UMDNJ/SOM, Stratford, New Jersey

May 3-6, 2008

Rank _____ Name _____

Service Branch _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

E-Mail, if applicable _____

AOA Number, if applicable _____

Osteopathic College _____ Year Graduated _____

Registration Fees: check appropriate boxes:

AMOPS Member \$325

Non-Member \$375

Retired, Non-practicing Physician \$75

Physician Assistants & RNs \$75

Intern or Resident \$75

Student, no charge

Spouse \$60

I plan to attend the President's dinner on Monday night (cost is included in all registrations). We need to know who is attending the dinner so that we can give an accurate number to the caterer.

Enclosed is my check made out to **AMOPS** in the amount of \$ _____ to cover advance registration costs as checked above. **Or**

Visa MasterCard

Account Number _____

Exp. Date ____ / ____ (mm/yyyy)

Name on account _____

Phone # _____

Signature _____

Amount Charged \$ _____

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If charging, you may fax completed form to: **410-519-7657**

25th National AMOPS CME Conference, May 3-6, 2008, Stratford, New Jersey, Agenda

Saturday–May 3, 2008

0800 Bob Klobnak Memorial Lecture

RADM Joyce Johnson, DO

0900 Survival Evasion Resistance and Escape – Medicine in the Wild

Maj Mark Robinson, DO

1000 Trauma Training in the Military

LTC Donald Robinson, DO

1100 Pediatric Diagnosis in the Developing World

CDR David Shapiro, DO

1200 Lunch on your own

1300 Pediatric Treatment in the Developing World

CDR David Shapiro, DO

1400 OMT On The Battlefield

MAJ Fred Schlorke, DO

1500 Medical Malpractice

G.K. Mangelson, JD

1600 Asset Protection

G.K. Mangelson, JD

Sunday–May 4, 2008

0800 Overview of Human Parasitology

COL David Towle, DO

0900 Joint Task Force National Capital Region Medical (JTF CapMed)

BG Philip Volpe, DO

1000 Traumatic Brain Injury Screening

MAJ Shawna Sculley, DO

1100 Traumatic Brain Injury

COL R. Todd Dombroski, DO

1200 Lunch on your own

1300 Combat Medicine

LTC Alexandre Migala, DO

1400 Artificial Blood Agents

LTC Alexandre Migala, DO

1500 Assessing the Wound Patient

Dawn Wilkes, MD

1600 Vascular Considerations in Wound Healing

Kathleen Ozsvath, MD

All sessions in Doctors' Pavilion, Room 3000, of UMDNJ/SOM

42 E. Laurel Road, Stratford, NJ 08084 unless otherwise noted

Monday–May 5, 2008

0800 Prostate Cancer Detection and Treatment

Gordon Brown, DO

0900 Osteopathic Approach to Ankle Injuries e

David Mason, DO

1000 OMT Lab (**Doctors' Pavilion, Room 3300**)

David Mason, DO

1100 Medical Development in Army Medicine

BG Philip Volpe, DO

1200 Lunch on your own

1300 Seizure Disorder's - diagnosis / management

Michael D'Abrosio, DO

1400 HIV Care and Treatment in 2008

David Condoluci, DO

1500 Evidence Based Approach to Prevention

Paul Krueger, DO

1600 Members' Meeting

1900 President's Reception (**Holiday Inn, Cherry Hill, New Jersey**)

2000 Banquet (**Holiday Inn**)

2100 Osteopathic Medicine & Fitness in the Nation (**Holiday Inn**)

Peter Ajuluni, DO, AOA President

2130 Osteopathic Medicine in the Military (**Holiday Inn**)

Maj Neil Schwimley, DO

Tuesday–May 6, 2008

0800 Developments in Naval Medicine

RDML Richard Jeffries, DO

0900 OMT in a Chair

CPT Aaron Williams, DO

1000 Initiatives in Army Occupational and Environmental Health

COL Beverly Maliner, DO

1100 Making Choices in the Military Medical System

Carl Mogil, DO

1200 Lunch on your own

1300 Sudden Death in the Military Population

Col Vincent Carr, DO

1400 Early Treatment of Kidney Disease

Anthony Brown, DO

1500 Conference Ends

Agenda subject to change due to needs of the service.

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Joseph H. Kanter Prize Established to Recognize Innovative Healthcare Ideas

The Health Legacy Partnership, a public-private partnership between the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) and the Joseph H. Kanter Family Foundation has established a prize to recognize a community physician practicing in the United States whose efforts best serve to minimize disparities in health care delivery.

Disparities include any inequality in health care delivery due to ethnicity, socioeconomic status, beliefs, language, bias, geographic constraints, etc.

With this prize they hope to discover innovative ideas and promote their broad usage. The prize establishes a national platform to recognize innovative and dedicated US physicians and elevate them to the distinguished ranks of comparable professional prize winners.

To accomplish this goal they are asking each state and uniformed service medical association, both MD and DO, to nominate one physician for consideration. Further information can be found on their website:

www.healthlegacy.org

A committee of distinguished physicians from across the country, from both clinical and academic environments, will serve on a selection board.

Nominee possibilities are unlimited and include licensed physicians who have introduced a successful method to enhance respect for patients dignity and their healthcare choices; improved access and efficiency in healthcare delivery; established effective systems to alert isolated populations to health threats.

This process will undoubtedly lead to a variety of interpretations, opening nominations to a diversity of innovations and providing a wider field from which to choose a winner.

The prize is a medal and \$100,000. AMOPS will be delighted to nominate a member for consideration.

Please tell us about yourself or someone else who you feel should be considered for this prize.