

The Federalist

*** FROM THE NATIONAL TRUSTEE ***

Greetings from the United States Naval Academy to each of you serving the great nations of the United States and Canada! The 2018 Scientific Session of the Academy is occurring



earlier than normal this year – June 6th – 9th. So many events are included in the Scientific Session including new course offerings and, as always, the great fellowship to be had among our members. Speaking of CE, I want to reiterate the many CE opportunities afforded by the Academy. Our Dental Education Council provides six free webinar learning sessions yearly to AGD members. The Council is also responsible for the Fellowship, Mastership and LLSR management as well as producing AGD CE offerings—this includes supporting multiple Fellowship Review Courses run by Region 17! The Academy also operates an Online Learning Center – a repository allowing both members and non-members to select both live and pre-recorded or archived webinars and track their education within their own personal learning profile. You can easily access this extensive continuing education program on the www.agd.org website under the “Continuing Education and Events” tab. Within this section, you will be able to locate webinar information, continuing education courses, track your CE ac-

complishments, learn about advanced recognition opportunities including the Fellowship, Mastership and LLSR awards and much more. The Academy also provides a state licensing record to make license renewals much more convenient.

As mentioned earlier, I hope all of you are looking forward to the Academy’s meeting in the “Big Easy” in early June. It’s still not too late to register for the meeting but courses may be limited. If you have not made hotel reservations, rooms are still available at the Hyatt Regency New Orleans for the conference rate of \$189. The inserted Agenda in this edition will provide you with a summary of important activities occurring during that time. The Region 17 Social is being sponsored this year by the Army. All the festivities take place on Friday evening, June 8th from 6:30 – 9:00 p.m. at the World War II Museum, Kushner Restoration Pavilion, located at 945 Magazine Street (directly across the street) and approximately one mile from the Hyatt Regency. You do not want to miss this one – as always, a great time to connect with friends and colleagues from across all the federal services. Another important event is the AGD Convocation, taking place on Saturday afternoon, June 9th at 2:30 p.m. where we will be honoring our new Fellow, Master and LLSR recipients.

Thank you again for your service to our great nations. For those deploying I send prayers every day for your safety and quick return home. I hope 2018 continues to be a most successful year for all of our AGD members in Region 17. I wish you all the best!

CAPT Don Worm, USN, DC

***** Regional Director's Comments *****

Greetings from Las Vegas! We are fast approaching the 2018 Scientific Session in New Orleans. If you haven't made the commitment yet, it's not too late to make plans to join us!



I recently came across an article that piqued my interest. The Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA) is an institution dedicated to “investigating the realm of the possible.” Its pursuit of emerging technologies

paves the way for a future that reads like a science fiction novel. However, these advances may develop into real-life soon enough! While it's exciting to think about the future of hypersonic technology (speeds in excess of Mach 5, or one mile per second) and directed energy, these new technologies could only be realized if scientists can build on the those of the past.

This gave me food for thought. We certainly have experienced a technology explosion in dentistry, even in the past 20 years. CAD-CAM dentistry, lasers, and digital radiography have upped our “techiness” and enhanced our treatment capabilities immensely. Have you ever wondered, “What's next?”

3-D printing has shown a lot of promise with laboratory applications. When the technology can support fabrication of indirect restorations, we might be able to stop burning up diamonds and whittling blocks down! Or could it be that the next revolution in dental materials is just around the corner?

One way to stay abreast with the latest and greatest in dentistry is to commit to lifelong learning. I have found that nothing quite takes the place of hands-on experience

and treatment planning with colleagues. It is no small coincidence the AGD offers both of these modalities, through top-notch courses and mentorship opportunities! The strength of our organization lies with its membership, so please invite a colleague to join us!

One important final comment: the Army will host our Region 17 Social this time around, which is always a “must attend” event. This opportunity to connect with each other will be held on Friday, June 8 from 6:30 – 9 p.m. at the World War II Museum's Kushner Restoration Pavilion (located across the street from the 945 Magazine Street entrance, approximately one mile from the headquarters hotel). We hope to see you there! As always, if you have any questions or concerns about AGD or are interested in getting involved with leadership, please do not hesitate to contact me at jennifer.fong2@va.gov.

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The Army *Generalist* News



President's Message

Konnichiwa (Hello) fellow Army AGD members! I send final greetings from Japan with my soon departure. The AGD Scientific Session is only a few weeks away. It would be

MAJ Demarcio Reed

an exciting time to visit New Orleans as the city celebrates its tri-centennial this year. Whether it's sightseeing, shopping or dining, the city has something for everyone in conjunction with a variety of continuing education courses being offered.

It's not too late to register for the meeting but courses may be limited. If you have not made hotel reservations, rooms are still available at the Hyatt Regency New Orleans for the conference rate of \$189 at: <https://aws.passkey.com/go/AGD2018>. The date of the Army Breakout Session has changed to Thursday afternoon, June 7th and will take place at the Hyatt Regency New Orleans from 4:30 – 6:30 p.m. in the "Imperial AB" room. The Region 17 Social will take place Friday evening, June 8th from 6:30 – 9:00 p.m. at the World War II Museum, Kushner Restoration Pavilion, located at 945 Magazine Street (directly across the street) and approximately one mile from the Hyatt Regency. The Army is hosting this year's event and you don't want to miss it.

The AGD Convocation Ceremony will take place on Saturday afternoon, June 9th

at 2:30 p.m. The Army has taken the lead in Region 17 this year with 13 Fellowship and 3 Mastership award recipients. The leadership would like to recognize and present a gift to all awardees during the Army Breakout Session. A group photo will be taken of all awardees together before the start of the Convocation.

We bid farewell to MG Thomas R. Tempel, 27th Dental Corps Chief and Army AGD member, as he enters retirement and thank him for his years of service to our country. Congratulations to all of our AEGD-1 and AEGD-2 graduates and we wish you well at your next assignment.

We welcome CPT Matthew Kinstler as our new Facebook Page Administrator. With his efforts, an Army AGD group has been created on Facebook to allow more visibility and involvement with our members. It will provide opportunities to ask questions, get information on AGD events, post cases, give advice, etc. Search for us on Facebook and request to join the group. Finally, we need your feedback on ways how we can better serve you and move our Constituency forward. As last-minute information becomes available, it will be sent through the monthly updates. Thanks for your membership in the Academy, commitment to continuing education and service to our nation. We look forward to seeing you in New Orleans.

MATA JIKAI MADE (Until Next Time).



The Navy Masthead News



CDR Troy Brooks

President's Message

Greetings from sunny, San Diego, California! As my presidency of the Navy AGD comes to a close, I look back at the last 15 years of being an active participant in the politics and governance of the AGD, and what I remember most are all the great leaders I have had the privilege to work with. I remember all the enthusiastic members with whom I had conversations. I

remember the amazing social events, and camaraderie. I've been inspired by people working together to make a difference in our profession. I'm proud to be one of you. All of you made my voyage worthwhile.

Dr. Thu Luu will be the new President at the conclusion of this summer's Scientific Session in New Orleans, with Dr. Justin Rogers as the President-elect. You - the Navy AGD - could not be in better hands. There is a new wave of constituent officers moving up with innovative ideas and creative ways to help improve your experience with the Navy AGD. I'm excited for the future of our Constituency and our profession because of their energy and desire to make things better. Of course, to do that, they need your input and a few more volunteers to help them.

The Navy AGD has had a long history of welcoming less experienced members. It has helped them grow in understanding about what constituent officers do and what the organization is about. The Navy AGD has nurtured members as leaders, created mentors and improved the community with members of our federal service and our profession. You can be a part of that as a mentor or as a protégé. Just contact one of the current officers to find out more.

Fellowship and Mastership are milestones on our learning path, which really has no end. There are a lot of options for relevant continuing education through the AGD, the Navy and outside sources. We can help you reach your goal. The Navy AGD will be coordinating the Fellowship Review Course this year, headed by Dr. Kate Cheng. This course will focus your memory and instill confidence in your knowledge for the Fellowship Exam. Many have done it. You can too! If you're not sure about the process, or just have a question about how to achieve Fellowship or Mastership, send us an email or ask us on Facebook.

The Army AGD will be hosting the Region 17 Social in New Orleans. They always do a great job, and the turnout is sure to be impressive. Social events are one of the many benefits of membership - great food and entertaining conversation for free. We will also be having a Navy AGD Luncheon and business meeting at Borgne, 601 Loyola Avenue, a restaurant in the conference center area on Friday June 8th from 11 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. You MUST RSVP to attend. Lunch will be modest, and free for members. Email Dr. Jared Geller to RSVP for our Luncheon. His

contact email is: jaredageller@gmail.com. The agenda will include a welcome to the new constituent officers.

Communication is key to our continued success. Please search for "Navy AGD" on Facebook and ask to join us. It's a great way to stay connected.

◆ Annual Meeting Information

The Scientific Session will be in New Orleans, June 6th thru the 9th at the Hyatt Regency. Registration is still open and classes are filling fast. Region 17 federal service members will get the advance registration rate because AGD Headquarters knows we have funding constraints and request processing delays. See you there!

◆ Membership

We currently have 537 members in our Navy Chapter. Our growth is directly due to your retention and recruiting efforts. When you renew on time and make sure that AGD Headquarters has your most up-to-date information, you are helping to keep our numbers stable. That's important for maintaining representation during the governance sessions in the House of Delegates. Thank you! Please continue to make sure when you move, you are not accidentally put in the constituency of your new state. We lose members that way. Remember that DOD, GS and contractors, emeritus members and dentists retired from the military (and no longer practicing) are eligible for Region 17 membership. Recruit!

◆ Leadership Opportunities

Our elected officers are: President - CDR Troy Brooks; President-elect - CDR Thu Luu; Secretary - LCDR Jared Geller; Treasurer - LCDR Justin Rogers. By the time you read this, the elections for the new officers will be completed. Look for the results in the Weekly Dental Update and Facebook.

We are still looking for replacements for many of our appointed officers who are moving up or moving on to other challenges. This means YOU have an opportunity to get involved. Our current appointed officers are: Membership Chair - LCDR Joshua Henson; Continuing Education Chair - LT Andrew Knofczynski; Public Information Officer - LT Farid Hamidzadeh; Constituent Sponsor Approval Representative - CAPT Rodney Gunning; Webmaster - LT David Burr. These appointed officers' terms also end at the Scientific Session in New Orleans. If you are interested, now is the time to prepare your letter of motivation and brief CV, which you can submit to Dr. Thu Luu or Dr. Justin Rogers for consideration by the board. We need your help. The opportunity is open to all Navy AGD Members.

Thank you for your continued leadership, membership, mentorship, and friendship. You make a difference. Keep letting us know what you need. For contact information, go to the AGD Navy Constituent page and Facebook. We look forward to seeing you in New Orleans!



The Air Force Flyer



Lt Col Dragos Stefan-Dogar

President's Message

Greetings Air Force AGD members!

We are fast approaching this year's Scientific Session in New

Orleans from June 6 - 9. Unfortunately, I will not be able to make this year's meeting, as I will be in the midst of a PCS move to Whiteman AFB. However, our Treasurer, Maj Rachael Parrish, our Secretary, Maj Ashley Ives and our Membership Chair, Maj Christopher Jordan, will be representing our Constituency. The Air Force Breakout Session (an informal get-together) will be held on Thursday evening, June 7th, from 7 - 8:30 p.m. Major Jordan is coordinating this event; please email him at: chrisjordan.dmd@gmail.com for details (location to be announced) if you are interested in attending. Another great event is planned for Friday evening, June 8th—the Region 17 Social held at the World War II Museum, Kushner Restoration Pavilion. The Social will run from 6:30 - 9:00 p.m. The Pavilion is located at 945 Magazine Street (directly across the street) and approximately one

mile from the Hyatt Regency. It will be a casual event; dress comfortably and enjoy the fellowship of the other federal dental service members.

This year's Convocation will be held on Saturday, June 9th at 2:30 p.m., at the Hyatt Regency. The AF AGD has three eligible candidates to receive the Fellowship award. The official list will be published after this year's meeting. As a reminder, the Fellowship exam will be held on Friday, June 8th, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. If you have recently graduated from an AEGD-1 or 2-year program, this is the best time to take the exam while the information is fresh.

Lastly, please help us improve our organization. We are here to serve you! You are welcome to submit any recommendations or suggestions to drdragos@hotmail.com. We are always looking for new members so please refer your colleagues. Thank you again for your service to the military and to the Academy of General Dentistry.



VA-AGD Stars And Stripes

Serving Those Who Have Sacrificed For Our Freedom



Dr. Juan Villafane-Hernandez

President's Message

We are in the final stages of preparation for the upcoming AGD Scientific Session held in New Orleans from June 6 - 9.

The Army Constituency will be hosting the Region 17 Social on Friday, June 8th from 6:30 - 9:00 p.m. The event will take place at the World War II Museum in the Kushner Restoration Pavilion located directly across the street from 945 Magazine Street. The museum is located approximately one mile from the Hyatt Regency. If you are planning to attend, please send me an email: javillafanedmd@gmail.com. We want to thank the Army Constituency for planning the Social this year.

We still need volunteers that are interested in participating in our Constituency and serving in many other ways. If you have the desire to serve, please send an email to my address above. Additionally, if you have any ideas or ways to help as a VA member of the AGD, please contact me.

One final thought: this past March, I visited the island of Puerto Rico (six months after Hurricane Maria—one of the worst hurricanes in over a century). I spoke with relatives, friends and strangers about what they felt during and after the event: fear, sadness, worry, a sense of loss and much more. Many times, we hear about individuals taking advantage of and/or capitalizing from adverse and tragic situations such as this, but, let me assure you, this is a very small group of people. It is amazing how we can see the best of humanity elevated in times of adversity; people reach out to others to help, provide support or perhaps just give a needed hug to someone or cry together. We too often take for granted so many basic things in life: electricity, water, food and technology among others. What did I learn from all this? We need to make an effort to step boldly into our communities, connect with others, understand their needs and provide the contact and reassurance they so desperately need. Spend quality time with your family and friends, volunteer in any way you think is best and be inclusive.



The Public Health Service News



CDR Daniel Barcomb

President's Message

Bonjour y'all, et laissez les bon temps roulez! AGD's Annual Meeting is fast approaching (June 6-9) and I hope everyone has made their travel arrangements and is getting ready to have a good time in New Orleans! This year the

Army is organizing the Region 17 Social and it will be at the World War II Museum, Kushner Restoration Pavilion, located at 945 Magazine Street (directly across the street) about one mile from the Hyatt Regency on Friday, June 8 from 6:30 pm to 9:00 pm. Please watch the listserv for more details.

We have several new members who have joined our constituent recently: Felicia Yelena Fontenot located in Fort Defiance, AZ; Logan M. Kay, DMD located in Twin Falls, ID; Samantha Hindupur located in Saint Joseph, MO; and Jun Y. Park located in Santa Barbara, CA. Please join me in welcoming them! I'd like to encourage everyone to talk with other Public Health Service dentists about joining the AGD. To make it easier, here is a list of some of the great benefits we receive:

- Great articles in the Journal of Dentistry (published six times per year)
- 9 credit hours of free CE (choose any six webinars from a large selection)
- 9 credit hours of free CE (review prospective Journal of Dentistry articles)
- 36 credit hours per year of self instruction in the Journal of Dentistry (costs \$250 = \$7 per CE)
- Earn the prestigious FAGD and MAGD awards, as well as the Lifetime Learning and Service Recognition
- Track your CE for free for both state licensure and your AGD award progress

- Search for a local mentor and/or become someone else's mentor
 - Volunteer as a leader in organized dentistry
- Support the AGD in representing and defending the interests of general dentists

This summer I will be finishing my term as President of the PHS Constituent and CDR Li-Kuei Hung will be starting hers. I have worked closely with CDR Hung over the last two years and know that she will do a phenomenal job in this position. The last four years have been an incredible experience for me. I'm honored to have served as President and President-elect, and to have represented the interests of Public Health Service dentists. I would like to thank CAPT Sharon Raghubar for convincing me to apply for the position, and I would like to encourage everyone to get involved in organized dentistry.

CAPT Flauryse Baguidy will also be finishing her term this summer, and I would like to warmly thank her for her service as Secretary/Treasurer. New elections for the positions of President-elect and Secretary/Treasurer are currently being held, and several outstanding officers have been nominated for these positions. Please email the Region 17 Executive Director, Dr. John Klish, at klishdds@comcast.net with your vote for these positions.

Finally, if anyone has any issues you think that we should advocate for, or are interested in becoming involved in the AGD, please contact me at daniel.t.barcomb@uscg.mil. Contact information for all of our constituency's officers can be found on our webpage: <http://cst.agd.org/constituent/main/Default.asp>. If this address brings you to any constituency other than ours, you can contact the AGD (888-AGD-DENT) to have your membership information corrected. Thank you to everyone for your membership in the AGD and for your service to our great nation!



Royal Canadian Dental Corps Newsletter



LCol Alain Ouellet

Royal Canadian Dental Corps Message

Greetings from the Royal Canadian Dental Corps (RCDC) and more specifically from the Directorate of Dental Services (DDS) where I work. Since mid-August 2017, I have been filling a newly-created role, the Chief Dental Informatics Officer (CDIO).

Your first reaction is probably much like mine was... what is a CDIO and what does the job entail? In a nutshell, I can summarize it as the appraisal and implementation (as required) of all things to do with technology, innovation and the digital environment as they apply to dentistry.

My first task was to create a CDIO training plan to ensure I gained a comprehensive understanding of the current technology related to digital dentistry. That training plan has taken me on several conferences and symposiums to become more familiar on 3D imaging, digital workflows (from intraoral scanning to milling chairside restorations), and digital dental files storage.

Working within a defense organization with an extremely tight Information Technology (IT) architecture has created numerous challenges, particularly when the intent is to communicate with civilian colleagues in a somewhat open or cloud-based manner. I have had the pleasure of meeting several of my US military counterparts who are directly involved or have experience in implementing digital dental technologies. To all of you, thank you for your time and inputs as we ramp up the digital dental mission here in Canada.

The next phase is canvassing other organizations and institutions that have already taken the leap and are blazing ahead with integrating fully digital dental solutions, from electronic health/dental records to in-office 3D printing of surgical guides for implant placement.

The lessons learned from other organizations incorporating digital dentistry solutions are invaluable to help guide and avoid expensive missteps. “Proof of concept” is a popular term in digital dentistry; I have gained awareness of the “what-not-to-do” when considering these newer technologies.

Some current projects include investigating how to completely eliminate the physical paper dental chart, the requirements for the “next” electronic health record, solving issues with acquisition, storage and recall of 2D and 3D radiographic images, finding a comprehensive “digital dental filing cabinet” solution to house all digital dental files, and bringing digital technologies such as intraoral scanners, CBCT, chairside mills, and 3D printers to the military dental clinic, no matter where it may be.

It certainly is an exciting time to be in the profession of dentistry. The digital dental age has already been upon us for many years and these technologies have evolved from concept to everyday application. These technologies, although requiring a large upfront investment in both cost and training, have the potential to pay huge dividends. They allow us to provide cutting-edge, precision dentistry in a less invasive manner to our most deserving patients, the soldiers/sailors/air men and women of our respective countries. Getting to use these technologies in the dental operatory would allow us to interact with our patients in new ways that could lead to “Wow!” moments and could contribute to enriching job satisfaction for all dental team members.

Major Richard Mansour, DMD, is a 1999 graduate of the Faculty of Dentistry, University of Manitoba. He is a Board-certified Comprehensive Dentist who completed the AEGD-2yr Program at Fort Hood (TX) in 2010. He is currently the Chief Dental Informatics Officer, stationed at Canadian Forces Health Services Group Headquarters Ottawa, Ontario, Canada.



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Thank you!

