

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES – ARMY AGD Election 2019

Nominee for President-Elect:

MAJ James Giesen

MAJ James Giesen is a graduate of The University of Washington School of Dentistry and entered the Army Dental Corps in 2007. MAJ Giesen graduated the One-Year AEGD program at Ft. Campbell, KY in 2008 and the Comprehensive Dentistry residency at Ft. Hood, TX in 2015. As part of the Comprehensive Dentistry residency, he earned his master's degree in Oral Biology, with his thesis project focusing on xerostomia rates in the Active Duty population, as it relates to medication use. He is a Fellow in the Academy of General Dentistry as well as Board Certified by the American Board of General Dentistry. MAJ Giesen has had a variety of assignments, among them, serving as OIC of a clinic at Ft. Riley, KS, as well as deployment and overseas experiences in Afghanistan and Korea. He has had the unique experience to take part in a pediatric dental mission in Honduras in 2016. As part of his current position as the Dental Corps Executive Fellow at The Office of The Surgeon General, MAJ Giesen has seen firsthand how the Army Dental Corps interacts with organized dentistry, and how maintaining and strengthening those ties directly benefits military dentistry. MAJ Giesen will assume command of the Carlisle Barracks Dental Clinic in the summer of 2019.

As President-Elect I would seek to enhance the strong relationship the Army Dental Corps has built with the Academy of General Dentistry (AGD), in order to benefit both our members as well as the organization itself. It is important to recognize the talented providers within the Army and one of my goals would be to not only work to increase the AGD membership among Army providers, but to highlight the enterprise-enhancing contributions of our members. As President-Elect I would work to show the importance of the AGD beyond that of providing continuing education. Through my current position I have been able to witness how the legislative efforts of the AGD and others work to protect and enhance the profession of dentistry, and I would increase awareness of those contributions to our field. Finally, I am a person of dedication and strong work ethic. I would serve to represent the views of the Army AGD constituency as well as advocate for a continued mutually beneficial partnership between our providers and the AGD.

Nominees for Secretary:

LCol Joel Doucette

LCol Joel Doucette is a senior dental officer in the Royal Canadian Dental Corps (RCDC) and the Canadian Armed Forces (CAF). He completed his Doctor of Dental Surgery at Dalhousie University in 2004. Following postings at Canadian Forces Base (CFB) Petawawa, CFB Goose Bay, and CFB Valcartier, which included line, field and leadership positions, LCol Doucette was selected for AEGD 2-year residency at Fort Hood from 2009-2011. Upon completion, he was posted to CFB Gagetown as the Dental Detachment Commander. In 2015, LCol Doucette was transferred to the Directorate of Dental Services in Ottawa as a staff officer for the Director of Dental Policy and Programs and served as the grievance analyst for the RCDC. After two years, LCol Doucette was selected for the Joint Command and Staff Programme at the Canadian Forces College in Toronto where he completed a Master's of Defence Studies. During this time, LCol Doucette was promoted to his current rank and upon completion was transferred to his current post at CFB Edmonton as Dental Detachment Commander of the western regional specialty care centre.

Highlights of his career so far also include: deploying on the USS Peleliu (LHA-5) as part of the Pacific Partnership Mission in 2007; and deploying on Operation ATTENTION in Kabul, Afghanistan (2012-13) where

he also collaborated with Afghan civilian dentists to stand up the Afghanistan Dental Association introduced at the FDI Annual World Dental Congress in Istanbul 2013.

LCol Doucette is passionate about providing patient centered, operationally focused oral health care to members of the CAF. Furthermore, he recognizes the critical importance of clinical mentorship for junior dental officers and patient education. He is board certified with the American Board of General Dentistry and maintains active memberships with the Canadian Dental Association (2000-), Newfoundland and Labrador Dental Association (2006-), the Academy of General Dentistry (AGD) (2010-). LCol Doucette understands the importance of the Army Constituency within the AGD and how this partnership is vital to advocacy for both the profession as well as the Dental Corps. LCol Doucette looks forward to the opportunity to serve within the Army Constituency of Region 17.

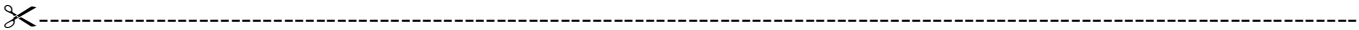
Nominees for Treasurer:

MAJ Michael Hoffman

MAJ Michael Hoffman entered the Army in February 2004 as an HPSP recipient and graduated from the AMEDD Officer Basic Course, FT Sam Houston, TX in July 2005. He graduated from The University of Michigan School of Dentistry in 2008 and was commissioned as a Captain in the US Army in June 2008. In 2009 he completed the Army AEGD 1-year Residency at FT Sill, Oklahoma. Upon graduation, he was assigned to C Co, 210th Brigade Support Battalion, 2nd BCT, 10th Mountain Division (Light Infantry) FT Drum, NY as the Brigade Dental Officer. He deployed for 10 months with 210th BSB in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom from 2009-2010. He served as the OIC of NATO Dental Clinic in Brussels, Belgium from 2011-2013. He served as the Group Dental Surgeon for the 3rd Special Forces Group (Airborne) at FT Bragg, NC from 2013-2017. Currently he is a senior dental resident at the AEGD-2 Comprehensive Dentistry Residency Schofield Barracks, HI.

MAJ Hoffman is active in organized dentistry as a member of the ADA, AGD, and Association of Army Dentistry. He served as the Army's liaison to the ADA New Dentist committee from 2011-2013. In 2015 he was selected as the Army's Alternative Delegate to the AGD House of Delegates. He currently is the social media coordinator for the AAD.

I believe that organized dentistry is a great way to bring together dentists with differing backgrounds, education, and missions across the dental enterprise. The AGD offers opportunities for mentorship, self-development, partnership with sister services, and advocacy for the profession. I wish to leverage these opportunities to invite new dental officers into the AGD. Young dentists who will ultimately continue to build the AGD and the Army Dental Corps. A strong Army AGD is imperative in building a strong Dental Corps now and as the Corps transitions to its future role in the Defense Health Agency.



**Army Constituent, AGD
2019 Election Official Ballot**

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29 March 2019
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Vote for one candidate for each position

For President-Elect

MAJ James Giesen

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For Secretary

LCol Joel Doucette

_____ (Write-in Candidate)

For Treasurer

MAJ Michael Hoffman

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