



Corps Chief's Message

The Only Thing Constant is Change

Labor Day is around the corner. Students (at least here in Texas!) are back in school. Most of the summer moves have been completed. FY 04 is almost upon us. Can you believe it?

For us here in the SP Corps Office that cycle of events means that we've recently said farewell to MAJ Yvette Woods, Assistant to the Corps Chief, and will soon do the same to CPT Gail Maxwell, Executive Fellow. My sincere thanks go to both of these outstanding officers who have made my life immeasurably better and have contributed much to the "care and feeding" of all 1100 officers in the SP Corps.

On the flip side, I'd like to introduce you to MAJ Sara Spielmann and MAJ Matt Garber who signed-in this summer. Among countless things she does for the Corps Office, MAJ Spielmann will be your POC for all VTCs and the *Medallion*. MAJ Garber's role as the Executive Fellow includes managing the Corps Balanced Scorecard and other projects and taskers that come our way.

The beginning of FY 04 also means that I will be starting my last year as Corps Chief. The opportunity to serve as Chief has been very rewarding and humbling. Every time I get the opportunity to visit or communicate with SPs in the field, I feel that I am going to simply "bust my buttons" with pride. The quality of officers we have in our Corps is revealed in the positive attitudes I read in AARs and e-mails I receive from deployed folks and evidenced by the things being accomplished daily on installations around the Army. I am continually impressed with the depth of commitment shown by each and every one of you and it makes me proud to wear the "S" on my collar. Once again let me say "thank you" for all you do to support me, the Corps, the AMEDD, and most of all, the soldier.

One of the areas that I'd like to concentrate on during my final year is marketing. I want the rest of the AMEDD to know who you are and what you do. To that end, I'm very excited to announce that the *AMEDD Journal* has agreed to publish a Specialist Corps "Special Edition". If you've never read the *AMEDD Journal*, it's a quarterly magazine published "to expand knowledge of domestic and international military medical issues and technological advances; promote collaborative partnerships among Services, components, Corps, and specialties; convey clinical and health service support information; and provide a peer-reviewed high quality print medium to encourage dialogues concerning health care initiatives." My purpose in supporting this SP Corps edition is to encourage SPs from all four AOCs to publish case studies, clinical research findings, deployment statistics, health care support information, and other pertinent articles to help the AMEDD community know what we do. And everyone knows that SPs do, what we do, better than anyone else!

I'll need lots of help to make this idea become a reality. Please let me know ASAP via e-mail (rebecca.hooper@us.army.mil) if you are interested in contributing a manuscript to this endeavor. Instructions to authors may be found inside the back cover of the Journal.