



Uniformed Services West Chapter – AAP News sheet – Spring 2010

Presidents Message:

Happy Spring Chapter West Members!

First, let me introduce myself to those members who may not know me. I am Lt Col Christine Erdie-Lalena, Interim President. Our President, LTC Keith Lemmon, is deployed. The Chapter would like to extend our thanks and gratitude to CAPT (ret) Wendy Bailey for helping us through an additional year as Acting President under these circumstances. She has been a wealth of information!

It was great to see many of you at 44th Uniformed Services Pediatric Seminar in March in San Diego, CA. We had a record attendance at our Chapter West Business Luncheon! We would like to extend a big welcome to our new Chapter West members, whether you are new to the military or have recently moved back into the area. Please talk to your colleagues and encourage them to come join us too! They are welcome to visit our website on the AAP member center (www.aap.org). As discussed at USPS, Chapter West is making a move into the Twenty First Century. We will be giving our website a facelift over the next several months. Likewise, we have created a Facebook page, where we hope to keep you up-to-date with the most important news and postings.

A huge congratulations to this year's **Pediatrician of the Year Award** winners:

Capt Justin Rowberry, USAF, Staff, Mountain Home AFB, Idaho

MAJ Roselynn Cuenca, USA, Staff, Madigan Army Medical Center, Tacoma, WA

LCDR Matthew Broom, USN, Staff, Naval Hospital US Naval Hospital Okinawa, Japan



Speaking of USPS, next year's meeting will be at the L' Enfant Plaza, DC on March 11-15, 2011 and is being sponsored by the National Capital Consortium. See you there!

MAJ Roselynn Cuenca has been selected as the Chapter PROS Coordinator. Please contact MAJ Cuenca if you are interested in PROS. roselynn.cuenca@amedd.army.mil

In other news, the Chapter celebrated the distribution of the 200,000th copy of its Military Youth Deployment Support Video Program (MYDSVP) in February. The program is made up of two videos – Military Youth Coping with Separation: When Family Members Deploy (for older children and teenagers), and Mr. Poe and Friends Discuss Reunion After Deployment (for elementary school age children). There is an excellent series of videos developed by the Sesame Street Talk, Listen, Connect organization, but the target audience for these videos is primarily preschool age children. A couple years ago military pediatricians noticed the developmental gap in resources and decided to fill in the gaps with the two videos making up the MYDSVP. You can access these on our website and MilitaryOneSource.

Dr. Bailey and I represented the Chapter at the Annual Leadership Forum (ALF) in Schaumburg, IL in March as well. I wanted to share the highlights of that meeting. Top resolutions are brought to the ALF from all over the Nation. They are discussed and debated for validity and importance. Later, voting members of the Chapters, Districts, Sections and Councils assemble to cast their votes on topics that are the most important to them and the AAP. A final compilation of the votes determine the Top Ten Resolutions for the Year, of which the AAP pursues to make into Policy or change. Last years' MILITARY-specific resolution, "Improving Access to Care for Military Children and Adolescents: Tri-Care Reform," authored by Drs Bailey and Lemmon, was #5. You have the opportunity to bring forward an idea and possibly turn it into a resolution that may impact the goals and agenda of the AAP at the national level! Go to the AAP Website, www.aap.org/moc/alf, for more information. Contact us if you need help drafting your resolution!

Chapter Grant Coordinator

Dr. Norman J. Waecker, Jr., is the Chapter Grant Coordinator. Dr. Waecker is familiar with grant management and AAP policies. He is available to assist with questions and problems with obtaining and managing grant and contract funds. Please feel free to contact him at Norman.Waecker@med.navy.mil

Young Pediatricians Network

A young pediatrician-driven Web site that contains all the links and resources of interest to the new generation:

Check it out:
www.aap.org/ypn