



# San Antonio Military Medical Center Orthopaedic Surgery Alumni Association

Winter 2016-17

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## ***In Memoriam—Keith Joe (2008) 1974-2016***

Dr. Keith Joe recently passed away after a short battle with gastric carcinoma. Keith was from Anaheim, CA and completed his undergraduate studies at UCLA before attending medical school at USUHS. He served as a flight surgeon before completing an orthopaedic surgery residency at Wilford Hall/SAUSHEC in 2008. He served as an orthopaedic surgeon at Andrews AFB until he separated from the Air Force in 2015 and moved to a hospital based practice in Seattle, WA. Dr. Joe will be missed by the SAMMC community. Donations can be made to his children's future by visiting: [www.keithjoe.com](http://www.keithjoe.com)



**Dr. Keith Joe and Children**

## **Visiting Professorship**

The visiting professors have been an unequivocal success. Dr. Steve Burkhart from San Antonio and Dr. Alex Shin from the Mayo Clinic visited SAMMC this fall. Local community surgeons joined current faculty and residents for a Thursday journal club and Friday Grand Rounds with expert case discussions. We are welcoming Dr. Bruce Sangeorzan from Harborview 2-3 February 2017.

## **Alumni Updates**

**AJ Johnson** (2004) has been selected as the department's 3<sup>rd</sup> AAOS Leadership Fellow Program member. He joins predecessors **Creighton Tubb** (Fac mbr) and **Patrick Osborn** (Fac mbr) in this prestigious program.

**Creighton Tubb** (Fac mbr) will be retiring from the Army this spring after 20 years of exemplary service, and is seeking practice opportunities in South Texas.

**Brandon Horne** (Fac mbr) has been named the next orthopaedic surgery consultant to the USAF Surgeon General.

See our contact information below to update us on you or your colleagues' doings. We apologize for any omissions!

*Correction:* **Dennis Ortiz** (2016) was assigned to Ft Drum, NY, not Ft Dix as previously stated.

## **Calendar of Events**

**2-3 Feb 17**—Visiting Professor, Dr. Bruce Sangeorzan  
**15 Mar 17**—AAOS 2017 Alumni Reception; (1900-2100 Redfield's Sports Bar, Manchester Grand Hyatt)  
**14 Jun 17**—ABOS Part 2 Review Course  
**15 Jun 17**—19<sup>th</sup> Omer Research Symposium  
Visiting Professor, Dr. Tom DeBerardino (Fac mbr)  
**16 Jun 17**—3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Alumni Golf Tournament and Resident Graduation

## **2017 JGMESB Results**

Congratulations to our 2017 JGMESB Selects for fellowship and our interns for next year. We look forward to the exciting next step in their careers.

CPT **Rich Hurley** (2018): Spine Fellowship

CPT **Ian Mullikin** (2018): Hand Fellowship

CPT **Dave Tennent** (2018): Feagin Sports Fellowship

Class of 2022 Interns: Capts **Stuart Davidson**, **Gavin Mills**, **Taylor Bates**; CPTs **Zack Roward**, **Nathan Bastien**, **Adam Mann**



## **2017 Omer Day**

Plans for the 19th Omer Day Research Symposium are set! The research conference will be on **15 June 17** with the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Graduation Golf Tournament and Class of 2017 graduation on **16 June 17**. This year's symposium promises a premier scientific program including participants from SAMMC, the University of Texas Medical Branch, Baylor College of Medicine, the Burkhart Research Institute for Orthopaedics and now international participation with surgeons from the Israeli Defense Force.

Both events will be held at the JW Marriott Hill Country Resort featuring golf at the beautiful TPC San Antonio facility. The call for abstracts has gone out with a due date of **15 Mar 17**. Contact us at [sammcorthoalumni@gmail.com](mailto:sammcorthoalumni@gmail.com) if interested.

The 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Omer/Graduation event will feature keynote speaker, **Dave Teuscher** (1991) on 14-15 June 2018.

### **Residency Updates**

The program has partnered with San Antonio Orthopaedic Group and Baptist Health System in a formal training affiliation agreement. We look forward to our PGY5 residents to start rotating with our SAOG partners to further their education in July 2017. Thank you to **Rick Ursone** (2005) for his leadership in getting this deal finalized.

The program has completed its ACGME Self-Study. We look forward to our 10-year accreditation visit sometime in 2017.

**Brian Fuller** (2014) is organizing an ABOS Part 2 review and mock exam on 14 Jun 17 at SAMMC. Current SAMMC faculty will be helping as examiners. Please contact Brian (bcf478@gmail.com) or the Association email if you are interested as an instructor/examiner or participant. We suggest examinees to seek TDY funding for attending this course.

The program is always looking for dedicated, academically-inclined candidates to join our faculty. We anticipate continued needs for Hand, Sports, and Trauma Surgeons. If you are interested in joining our team and continuing the legacy of superb training at SAMMC, contact the Program Director at [patrick.m.osborn.mil@mail.mil](mailto:patrick.m.osborn.mil@mail.mil)

### **SOMOS 2016**

**Mark Slabaugh** (2005) capped off a year of superb leadership with another excellent meeting in Squaw Valley.

**Chris Lebrun** (2006) was elected as the 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President and will undoubtedly plan another great meeting in 2019. Chris joins 4 other SAMMCAA members as SOMOS president.

Eleven SAMMC Alumni moderated sessions and presented 24 papers. **Chad Krueger** (2015) presented his insight as the Mazurek Clinician Scholar Award winner.

**Joey Gower** (Fac mbr) completed his tour as the USAF orthopaedic consultant. Thank you, Joey for your dedication and tireless advocacy of AFMS surgeons.

### **Officers**

President: COL AJ Johnson (2004)

Vice-President: Lt Col Patrick Osborn (Faculty Mbr)

Treasurer: MAJ Travis Burns (2009)

Executive Director: Joel Jenne, MD (Faculty Mbr)

Administrator: Mr. Chuck Freitag (DataTrace, Inc.)

***The next Association Newsletter is planned for July 2017. Please send any updates you would like included by 30 June 17.***

### **AAOS 2017**

SAMMC will again be represented at AAOS 2017 in San Diego. Congratulations to our program participants:

**Mike Hawkinson** (2018): Podium, *Outcomes of Lisfranc Injuries in an Active Duty Military Population*

**Ross Schumer** (Fac mbr): Podium, *Effect of Progressively Larger Lateral Column Lengthening Calcaneal Osteotomy on Radiographic Measurements of Foot Alignment*; moderator

The Association plans to hold a reception for members at Redfield's Sports Bar on 15 March 17. Email [sammcorthoalumni@gmail.com](mailto:sammcorthoalumni@gmail.com) by 15 Feb 17 if you plan to attend

### **Mission**

Your Alumni Association was started to advance and support SAMMC Orthopaedic Residency educational programs by promoting *esprit de corps* and maintaining communication amongst our residents, graduates and current and former faculty. The Association also hopes to further advance the careers of our graduates through regular updates of accomplishments and transitions.

### **Contact us!**

The Association is actively trying to locate all graduates from SAMMC, BAMC and WHMC. If you don't think we have you or your classmates' contact information, email us so we can put you all on our mailing list. Send any and all career updates and anything that getting the word out to our alumni may help. If you would like to volunteer as or suggest a Visiting Professor please contact us. Our new email address is:

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If you would like to contribute to your Association, please contact Chuck Freitag at [cfreitag@datatrace.com](mailto:cfreitag@datatrace.com)