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Dear Alumnus:

The SAMMC Alumni Association has had an exceptional first two years, and we'd like to update you on your Association's work. The 18th Annual Omer Day was an unequivocal success featuring cutting edge research and an excellent presentation by our alumni speaker, Dr. Mark Miller. This year's overall attendance was the best yet and more alumni attended than ever before. We celebrated our graduating residents with another enjoyable golf tournament and graduation banquet at the Quarry Golf Club. In March, nearly 30 alumni attended our reception at the AAOS Annual Meeting in Orlando.

With the help of DataTrace, Inc. the Association has raised nearly \$100,000 in donations from industry and \$2000 from our alumni membership. These generous contributions are directly improving residency education and celebrating the rich heritage of San Antonio military orthopaedic surgery. The Alumni Association has now sponsored two Visiting Professors to SAMMC: Dr. Mitch Harris from Harvard and Dr. Miller from the University of Virginia at Omer Day. Generous contributions allow us to continue this program quarterly for the residency. We are pleased to welcome Dr. Stephen Burkhart from the San Antonio Orthopaedic Group to discuss advances in shoulder reconstruction on 9 Sep 16. Dr. Alex Shin, an expert in upper extremity and microvascular surgery from the Mayo Clinic, will visit SAMMC on 18 November 2016. Your attendance is certainly welcome.

Future events include a reception for SAMMC Alumni at the AAOS Annual Meeting in San Diego. The 19th Annual Omer Day and Graduation will be on 15-16 June 2017. We are planning the event at the Hyatt Hill Country Resort or the La Cantera Resort for these events including the 3rd Annual Golf Tournament. We are honored that former faculty member, Dr. Tom DeBarardino from the University of Connecticut, will be attending Omer Day as our visiting professor. Additionally, we have broadened the appeal of Omer Day by inviting UTHSCSA, UTMB and the Baylor College of Medicine to participate. Based on the number of abstracts submitted, we may add a poster competition to the current format. The *Texas Orthopaedic Journal* has agreed to publish the top papers from the meeting. SAMMC research accomplishments will be highlighted statewide.

We look forward to greater alumni participation and more timely updates to you. We hope to introduce a semi-annual, at least, emailed newsletter on the department, graduate accomplishments and any information our alumni want to disseminate. Please forward this information to your classmates and other colleagues. If you have email addresses for other alumni please forward that information to Ms. Angela Martin (angela.a.martin.civ@mail.mil) or Katie Tennent (katieeshinn@gmail.com) who can update your contact information. You can also contact them with anything you'd like in our newsletter. Please contact me at patrickosborn@mac.com if I can be of any assistance as well.

Sincerely,

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