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As we celebrated Independence Day on July 4, 2026, our nation marked an extraordinary milestone – the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence. Drafted by 33-year-old Thomas Jefferson over just 17 days in a rented room in Philadelphia, this remarkable document laid the foundation for a nation dedicated to liberty, self-governance and the enduring belief that all people are created equal.

Our Founding Fathers were not perfect, nor were they always in agreement. Yet their shared commitment to freedom, individual rights and government by consent led to one of history's most remarkable experiments in democracy.

Fifty-six patriots signed the Declaration of Independence, risking their fortunes, their honor and their lives. Thirty-nine later signed the Constitution of the United States. Most were in their thirties and forties; Benjamin Franklin, at age 70, was the elder statesman of the Continental Congress. Their vision, courage and willingness to sacrifice continue to inspire us today. The gratitude we owe them is immeasurable, and we share a responsibility to preserve the nation and ideals they entrusted to future generations.

"We in our time must make certain that the genius of the Constitution and of our government shall not perish, that it shall belong to the young and to those who come after us..."

*President Dwight D. Eisenhower
February 5, 1954*

As we reflect on our country's history this summer, let us also recognize the generations of officers, enlisted personnel, civilians, volunteers, and spouses and families whose talents and dedication have supported soldiers around the world. Their collective service has strengthened Army readiness and advanced the proud legacy of Army Dentistry for more than a century.

This year, we celebrated the retirement of COL Steve Tanner, the 29th Chief of the U.S. Army Dental Corps, following more than 33 years of

distinguished service. His leadership and contributions leave a legacy, joining the many exceptional leaders who came before him.

We also recognize the visionaries who established the Association of Army Dentistry in 2009. MG Bill B. Lefler, BG Robert “Jerry” Strader, and a dedicated group of retired Army Dental Corps officers created an organization that continues to thrive through the commitment of its members and volunteers. Their foresight provided Army Dentistry with a platform to preserve our history, promote mentorship, strengthen esprit de corps, advance professional education and advocate for our profession and community.



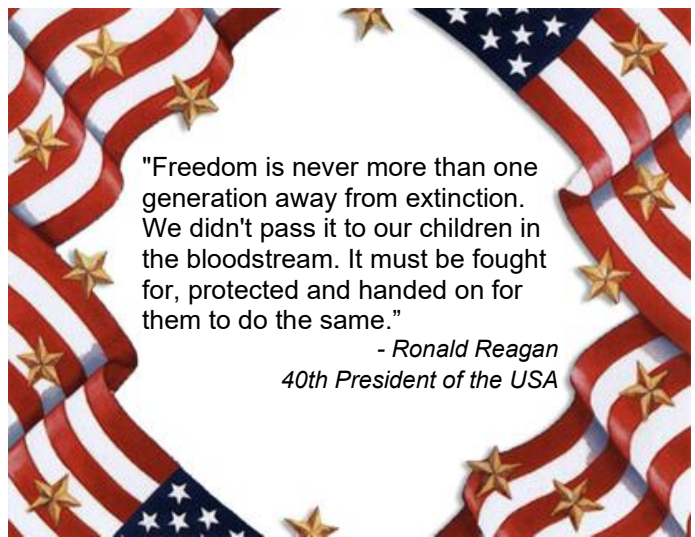
In June, I had the privilege of visiting the Dental Corps Monument at the AMEDD Museum at Fort Sam Houston in San Antonio, Texas, once again with COL (Ret) Bob Stieneker, whose dedication was instrumental in bringing this enduring tribute to life. The monument and its monoliths tell the story of generations of Army dental professionals who served with distinction and honor. It stands as a powerful reminder of our heritage and the profound impact Army Dentistry has had on soldiers, the Army and our nation.

As Army Medicine continues to evolve, so must we. Remaining adaptable, engaged and relevant while never losing sight of our mission and those we serve will ensure that the legacy of Army Dentistry remains strong for generations to come.

On behalf of the Association of Army Dentistry, best wishes to you and your families. As we celebrate 250 years of the United States of America, let us also celebrate the remarkable legacy of the Army Dental Corps and all who have contributed to its success.

Cheers to America at 250 – and cheers to Army Dentistry. **This We'll Defend!**

COL (Ret) Karen Keith
AAD President and Chair of the Board



Active Component News



Honoring the 29th Chief of the U.S. Army Dental Corps

Submitted by COL Scott Rankin, Corps Specific Branch Proponent Officer (CSBPO)

On June 11, 2026, the Association of Army Dentistry (AAD) hosted a social at the legendary Beethoven's Maennerchor in San Antonio, Texas, to honor the legacy and retirement of our 29th US Army Dental Corps Chief COL Steve Tanner. Special thanks to COL (Ret) George Hucal and Dave Ferguson for coordinating this casual gathering to celebrate COL Tanner and his family. Thank you also to former Dental Corps chiefs MG (Ret) Rob Tempel and MG (Ret) Russ Czerw, former Civilian Assistant to the Secretary of the Army COL (Ret) Peter Tan, as well as to the many friends and past leaders of the Army Dental Corps, for attending. It was a truly enjoyable evening!

The following day, June 12, BG (Ret) Shan Bagby presided over COL Tanner's retirement ceremony, sharing inspiring remarks that characterized COL Tanner's 33-year career, his love of the Army and his contributions to our corps and to Army Medicine.

COL Tanner's story is incredible – from working as an assistant in his father's Beverly Hills, Calif., dental practice to earning an HPSP scholarship and entering the Army. His Army career includes completion of a comprehensive general dentistry residency, service at the Office of the Surgeon General, and positions as deputy commander of William Beaumont Army Medical Center, director of the Army Recovery Care Program and the 29th U.S. Army Dental Corp Chief. He has led with dignity, grace and humility – with a huge heart for service.

The AAD wishes COL Tanner and his family the very best. For your service, COL Tanner, we salute you!



The Tanner Family (left to right): Darian Lupton (son-in-law), Vinny (grandson), Patrick (son), Brittany Lupton (daughter), Kathy (spouse), Steve, Troy (brother) and Brent (brother)



Recognizing COL Tanner during the AAD social (left to right): COL (Ret) Pete Tan, MG (Ret) Rob Tempel, MG (Ret) Russ Czerw, Kathy Tanner, COL (Ret) Karen Keith (AAD President), COL Steve Tanner and COL (Ret) George Hucal



COL Stephen Tanner, Kathy Tanner and BG (Ret) Shan Bagby at COL Tanner's retirement ceremony on June 12, 2026.

Recent Dental Corps LTHET and PME Graduates

MAJ Reed McKinney, Executive Fellow, Office of the Chief, U.S. Army Dental Corps

Please join us in congratulating our recent Senior Service College (SSC), Intermediate Level Education (ILE) and Graduate Dental Education (GDE), graduates on the successful completion of their training programs. This milestone is a testament to each soldier's commitment to lifelong learning, serving as a force multiplier and excelling as a proficient dental officer.

The Dental Corps is proud to welcome three SSC and nine ILE graduates as emerging leaders within our ranks. We are also proud to add more than 40 specialty and fellowship-trained soldiers to our cohort of exemplary clinical officers. Finally, more than 40 1-Year Advanced Education in General Dentistry (AEGD) graduates join the operational force, leading by example and developing their skills as new captains. Congratulations to our graduates. We look forward to your continued contributions to the Corps!



Recent Senior Service College graduates (left to right): COL Kelly Tomsett, COL Thomas Stark, COL Demarcio Reed



Dental Corps Chief Awards of Excellence 2026 Selectees

Submitted by MAJ Charles A. Mazal, Executive Officer, Office of the Chief, U.S. Army Dental Corps

Congratulations to all winners of the 2026 Dental Corps Chief Awards of Excellence. Each winner will receive a Corps Chief coin and letter of recognition from COL Paul M Colthirst, chief, U.S. Army Dental Corps. The winners in each category are:

Civilian: Ms. Stephanie Hart (Fort Bragg, N.C.)

Junior Enlisted Soldier: CPL Roderious Hammond (Fort Bragg, N.C.)

Non-Commissioned Officer: 1SG Julie Carmona (Germany)

Junior Officer: MAJ Brandi Gervaise (Fort Bragg, N.C.)

Senior Dental Education: LTC Michael Kroll (Fort Campbell, Ky.)

Junior Dental Education: LTC Stephanie Helmus (Fort Hood, Texas)

Exceptional Service and Leadership: COL Eric Danko (Fort Bliss, Texas)

Reserve Component: MAJ Deepa Mehta (USAR, Cary, N.C.)

2025 MHS Award for the Advancement of Dentistry in Military Medicine

In May of this year, the 2026 Military Health System Conference recognized outstanding military medicine professionals who are excelling at their craft, rising stars, and innovators. Dr. Stephen Ferrara, principal deputy assistant secretary of war for health affairs, said that the conference was an opportunity to honor all these incredible Soldiers, Sailors and Airmen who are out there doing incredible work.”

Individual professional awards were given in seven categories, along with several facility awards. The honors highlighted meritorious achievements in a range of topics, including leadership, innovation and advancements in warfighter healthcare. Among the recipients were three U.S. Army dental personnel. Congratulations to the following members of the Army Dentistry team.

2025 MHS Award for the Advancement of Dentistry in Military Medicine – Junior Winner:

MAJ Eric C. Hu, Fort Hood, Killeen, Texas

2025 MHS Award for the Advancement of Dentistry in Military Medicine – Senior Winner:

COL Melissa F. Tucker, Blanchfield Army Community Hospital, Fort Campbell, Ky.

2025 MHS Enlisted Leadership Excellence Award – Rising Leader

CPL Valerie Bravo, Fulton Dental Clinic, Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Tacoma, Wash.

In conclusion, Ferrara addressed the recipients, saying, “You set the bar, you are the role model ... Thank you for what you do, and for strengthening the chain. You inspire others, and you motivate others to do more. You are supporting the mission.”



View a complete list of all [MHS award recipients](#).

Reserve Component News

MAJ Tadros Takes on New AAE Leadership Role

By COL A. Lichelle Aldana



MAJ Tadros M. Tadros was elected as the District 1 Director of the American Association of Endodontists (AAE) during the association's annual meeting in April in Salt Lake City, Utah. He currently serves as the dental surgeon for the 804th Medical Brigade. MAJ Tadros earned his Certificate of Advanced Graduate Studies in Endodontics from Boston University School of Dental Medicine and maintains several private practice locations in New Hampshire.

2nd Medical Brigade Welcomes New Commander

By COL A. Lichelle Aldana

The 2nd Medical Brigade marked a leadership transition during its change of command ceremony on June 7 at Camp Parks, Calif. MG Michael Yost, commanding general of the 807th Theater Medical Command, presided as COL David Hatch passed command to COL Jacqueline Ojimba. Ojimba recently commanded the 380 Hospital Center in Bell, Calif. She is a graduate of the University of Pittsburg School of Dental Medicine and has a private dental practice in George. Camp Parks, officially Parks Reserve Forces Training Area (PRFTA), is a premier academic institution, military intelligence facility and Mission Training Complex that supports military readiness for both the Army Reserve and the entire Joint Force. PRFTA proactively plans for future military deployments and natural disasters by ensuring that the installation footprint and facilities can house, feed and care for those who serve. PRFTA is a sub-installation of Fort Hunter Liggett in Jolon, Calif.



Left: COL Ojimba (third from left) completes her tenure as the commander of the 308 Hospital Center on June 6 before assuming command of the 2nd Medical Brigade on June 7.



Middle: MG Yost passes the 2nd Medical Brigade guidon to COL Ojimba, signifying her assumption of command.



Right (left to right): BG Scott C. Valley, deputy commanding general of operations; CSM Tully J. Culp; COL Ojimba and MG Yost pause for a group photo following the change of command. Yost, Valley and Culp are from the 807th Theater Medical Command, the largest medical command in the U.S. Army Reserve. It is headquartered at Fort Douglas, Utah.

IMA Dental Corps: The Mission Continues

By COL Mark Stanalajczo, Director, Individual Mobilization Augmentee, Dental

What is an IMA? An IMA (also known as DIMA) is an Individual Mobilization Augmentee. AR 140-145 created the positions in 1981. These are preplaced members of the U.S. Army



Reserve assigned to active-duty units. They are part of that active-duty unit, although many on the active-duty side may not understand the role. The purpose of the IMA program is to train reservists during peacetime with a COMPO 1 unit so that during times of war they can mobilize to that active-duty unit and help rapidly expand the staff with minimal additional training. The positions and units are determined by "Big Army" G3/5/7.

Although it is not an official Army title, COL Mark Bodenheimer established the IMA/DIMA Dental Corps in the early 2000s under the authority granted by the DENCOM commander. COL Bodenheimer determined that the best use for the Army of the required IMA two-week annual training was to provide First Term Dental Readiness (FTDR) support for COMPO 1 when personnel were moving due to permanent change of station orders. Typically, this was during the summer months. This schedule allowed flexibility for skilled dental professionals to support the dental commands during times of need. There were missions to Europe where more than 30 Dental IMAs filled in during critical shortages of dentists. And, in 2017 25 Dental IMAs went to DENTAC Hawaii to help fill a critical shortage.

As the U.S. Army Dental Command disestablished in 2017 and regional dental commands and subordinate commands were inactivated, there have been some challenges to the IMA Dental Corps mission. FTDR is no longer a priority, but the same summer provider shortages still occur. So how do we, as a group, maintain mission relevance and direction, knowing that the commands we must work with do not fully understand the benefit we are able to provide?

The answer: We have support from the top. U.S. Army Dental Corps chiefs have been instrumental in supporting and maintaining the IMA Dental Corps mission. From BG (Ret) Shan Bagby to COL (Ret) Steve Tanner and our current corps chief, COL Paul Colthirst, each one has understood the benefit IMAs bring to the corps' mission. The IMAs still fill critical vacancies in the provider roster during the summer months, which is a total readiness focused mission. With the inactivation of most Army dental commands and the new alignment of dental services under military treatment facility commands, strong support from the Corps Chief's office is crucial.

The changing Army landscape has been a challenge for all of us in the Dental Corps. Unit support for Dental IMAs has almost evaporated. This is primarily due to the authority moving to the MTF, and the contacts and knowledge needed for processing IMA paperwork is not as straightforward as it once was. Thankfully, Dental IMAs can participate in an annual IMA Dental Corps meeting in San Antonio, Texas, at which we can participate in face-to-face training, receive critical updates and talk directly to HRC Reserve Directorate personnel. This past January, 45 out of the 63 Dental IMAs attended this all voluntary, self-funded meeting.

The IMA Dental Corps' current director is COL Dennis Ayer, who has been instrumental in making connections to keep our mission current. He serves as a mentor to the rest of the 63 IMA Dental Officers, and I am fortunate to call him my friend. Working with the Dental Corps chief and with COL Adam Rich, the Dental IMA at the Office of the Surgeon General, has helped our group navigate the changes and stay on point to support the needs of the U.S. Army during challenging times. The IMA Dental Corps continues its mission of providing critical provider support to COMPO 1 and fulfilling our ultimate mission of training with the active-duty unit so seamless integration occurs during war. And so, despite all the changes, our mission continues.

Spouses Corner

A 250-Year-Old Tradition of Support

By Susan Allen

It was February 5, 1778. The Declaration of Independence was not yet two years old. The Continental Army was less than three years old. And, yet, the most well-known Army wife, Martha Washington, had just arrived at the Army's winter camp at Valley Forge, Penn. Martha's trip was not easy. It took 10 days and covered hundreds of miles. She did it, however, because she felt compelled to answer her husband's call when he needed her support. She



*The General and Martha Washington at Valley Forge.
Harry T. Peters, "America on Stone" Lithography
Collection, National Museum of American History.*

set up her household at Valley Forge, and at every future winter camp throughout the Revolutionary War. In addition to daily household duties, Martha hosted political leaders and military officers, and also served as General Washington's secretary and close confidante.

Martha was not the only Army wife at Valley Forge that year. The estimate is that 200-400 Army wives stayed with their husbands during winter camp to perform daily chores, such as laundering, cooking and caring for ill or injured soldiers. Recognizing

their contributions, the Army housed and fed the wives and even provided some of them with occasional wages. The wives of MG William Alexander, General Nathanael Greene, General Henry Knox and Drum Major William Norton were regulars at the Army's winter camps.

Some Army wives, like Margaret Corbine (better known as Molly Pitcher), took her responsibilities a step further. Margaret, the wife of William Hayes of the 4th Continental Artillery Regiment, was also at Valley Forge. She helped carry buckets (pitchers) of water to the artillery crew during training exercises, and she stepped in to join the artillery crew and man her husband's cannon when he was injured during the Battle of Monmouth.

Daily life was extremely challenging for wives of soldiers on the frontier and during the Civil War. Some wives chose to remain at home when their husbands were reassigned. In turn, they single-handedly managed households, farms and businesses. Others chose to follow their husbands to their new duty assignments and learned to put up with rudimentary housing and never-ending labor to maintain a home and lifestyle.

"To the ladies of the Army, our cups shall ever flow, companions of our exile and shield against every woe. May they see their husbands generals, with double pay also, And join us in our choruses of Benny Havens O!! Benny Havens O!!

– Old Army Ballad beloved by cadets
at the U.S. Military Academy at West Point.
Written by Lieutenant Lucius O'Brien

As the decades have gone by, the lives of Army wives have changed, but in some ways have also remained the same. While still supporting their husbands emotionally, many more wives have held jobs outside the home. During World War I and World War II, women often filled factory positions that were vacated by men who were deployed, only to lose those jobs when the men returned home. And today, there are significantly more Army husbands as laws have changed and the armed forces have acknowledged that there is a role for women who choose to serve their country through military service.

In 2024, the Government Accountability Office reissued a [2021 report](#) analyzing data from two surveys of active-duty spouses and a series of group discussions. That report showed that in 2021, the most current year for that type of data:

- There were about 540,000 civilian military spouses of active-duty service members
- About 90 percent of military spouses were women
- About 50 percent of military spouses were employed, with one-third employed part time
- Those who worked part time referenced the need for flexible schedules to care for children and to accommodate frequent military moves, and facing challenges like being underpaid or overqualified for their jobs, working outside their career field, lacking opportunities for career advancement, not earning retirement benefits

And so, even after 250 years, Army spouses still struggle with similar, yet often more complex, decisions. How can I support my spouse and juggle the demands of Army expectations and the needs of our family and my career? Should I uproot our family and side-line my career by moving to a new duty assignment with my spouse? These aren't easy questions.

There is a saying: "There is strong. There is Army Strong. And then there is Army Wife Strong." We encourage all Army wives and husbands to celebrate the 250th Anniversary of our Nation's birth. You, too, were there when it mattered.

[Learn more about resources for Army spouses](#)

Advocacy in Service: Army Dentistry and 250 Years of American Military History

By Joseph A. Wineman, DMD, MHA, ABGD

As the United States celebrates 250 years of independence, it is appropriate to reflect on the enduring contributions of Army Dentistry and the advocacy that has shaped military oral healthcare into the respected profession it is today.

For nearly half of our Nation's history, Army dentists have served alongside soldiers in times of war and peace, ensuring that oral health remains an essential component of military readiness. From the earliest days of the Republic through modern global operations, the ability of soldiers to fight, deploy and sustain combat effectiveness has depended in part on maintaining their dental health and overall well-being.

Although soldiers had informal access to dental care during the Revolutionary War and throughout the Nation's early years, organized dental care did not emerge until the early twentieth century. Growing recognition of the relationship between oral health, nutrition, morale and readiness ultimately led Congress to establish the U.S. Army Dental Corps in 1911. This milestone created a dedicated corps of commissioned dental officers charged with protecting the oral health of America's soldiers in close coordination with non-commissioned officers, enlisted personnel, Medical Service Corps officers and civilian employees.

Since the founding of the Dental Corps, Army Dentistry has evolved alongside the Army it serves. During two World Wars, Korea, Vietnam, the Cold War, the Global War on Terrorism and countless humanitarian and contingency operations, the Army Dentistry team has provided essential care wherever soldiers have been called to serve. Its contributions have enhanced force readiness, improved quality of life and strengthened the overall effectiveness of military operations around the world.

Success did not occur by chance. Throughout history, Army dental leaders and professional advocates worked tirelessly to secure the resources, authorities and recognition necessary to meet the evolving needs of the force. Their efforts extended well beyond clinical care, focusing on recruiting,



retaining, educating and developing highly skilled professionals capable of supporting a modern military.

Among the most significant advocacy achievements were legislative changes to Title 10 of the United States Code that established special pay and incentive programs recognizing the advanced education, clinical expertise and professional responsibilities of military dentists. These measures strengthened recruitment and retention during periods when civilian practice opportunities became increasingly competitive.

Equally important were efforts to strengthen the role of Army Dentistry within the broader Military Health System. Over the decades, Dental Corps leaders advocated for greater representation in organizational decision-making and for leadership opportunities that ensured oral health considerations remained integrated into readiness planning and patient care initiatives. These efforts helped advance the recognition of dentistry as an essential element of comprehensive military healthcare and reinforced its direct contribution to soldier health, deployability and operational effectiveness.

Advocacy has also expanded opportunities for advanced education, specialty training, residency programs and continuing professional development. These investments enabled Army dentists to remain at the forefront of clinical excellence while supporting the operational requirements of a globally deployed force. The result has been improved patient care, enhanced readiness and a stronger military healthcare system.

Organizations such as the Association of Army Dentistry play a vital role in supporting these efforts by providing a forum for professional engagement, preserving Army Dentistry's rich heritage and helping inform policies that benefit both soldiers and members of the Army Dentistry team. By bringing together active-duty, reserve, national guard, civilian and retired members of the Army Dental community, the profession continues to strengthen its collective voice in support of military readiness.

Today, Army Dentistry is a modern, deployable and technologically advanced organization serving soldiers around the globe. Its success rests not only on clinical excellence, but also on more than a century of advocacy that secured professional recognition, educational opportunities, specialty incentives and the resources necessary to fulfill its mission.

As America commemorates 250 years as a nation, we honor the generations of Army dentists and MSC officers, NCOs and enlisted personnel, civilians, leaders and advocates who have safeguarded the oral health of soldiers and reinforced its vital connection to military readiness. That legacy continues to shape Army Dentistry today and serves as an inspiration for future generations committed to clinical excellence, military professionalism and selfless service.

[Learn more about the history of Army Dentistry](#)

Military Dentistry's Greatest Marketing Lesson: Readiness, Not Teeth

By Howard Farran, DDS, MBA, MAGD

The military doesn't care about white teeth, smile makeovers, or five-star reviews. It cares about one thing: readiness.

For decades, the U.S. military has treated oral health as a deployability issue. Service members with untreated dental disease are more likely to experience emergencies, lose duty time, require costly treatment, and in some cases need medical evacuation from operational environments.

The military's solution is simple: prevention. Routine exams, radiographs, cleanings, early restorative care, risk assessment, and outcome tracking.

Studies from the U.S. Air Force and international military populations reach the same conclusion: untreated dental disease reduces readiness. The strongest risk factors are familiar to every dentist—irregular dental visits, tobacco use, and limited access to preventive care.

The real lesson extends far beyond the military. What military leaders call readiness, employers call productivity, reliability, attendance, focus, and performance.

Dentistry often undersells itself. Preventive care isn't just about avoiding cavities. It's risk management. Prevent a small problem today, so it doesn't become a crisis tomorrow.

If the military treats oral health as essential to mission readiness, perhaps we should spend more time talking about how it affects life readiness.

About the author: Howard Farran, DDS, MBA, MAGD is a renowned dentist, entrepreneur, and educator who founded Farran Media, which includes DentaTown, OrthoTown, Hygienetown, AskDentalExperts – platforms connecting dental professionals globally. He is the host of Dentistry Uncensored. This LinkedIn post appeared in June 2026. The AAD is reprinting the post with the permission of the author.



In Memoriam

In memory of our fellow service members, civilians and friends who gave so much to Army Dentistry and to our Nation. Together we celebrate their accomplishments and contributions.

If you know of someone who served in or support U.S. Army Dentistry and who has passed, please send the obituary by email to: assoc.army.dentistry@gmail.com, or mail to: Association of Army Dentistry, 18203 Rim Drive 101 #1146, San Antonio, TX 78257

Boglarski, Stephen Paul, COL, USA (Ret)

7-26-1940 – 4-10-2026



Stephen Boglarski, 85, of Fairfax Station, Va., passed away peacefully on April 10, 2026. He earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in history from the University of Connecticut in 1962, followed by a dental degree from Tufts University School of Dental Medicine in 1966. That same year, he was commissioned into the United States Army, beginning a distinguished military career that spanned close to 30 years. [COL \(ret\) Boglarski obituary](#)

Stalker, William Henry, COL, USA (Ret)

3-29-1944 – 3-11-2026



William Henry Stalker, 81, of Concan, Texas, passed away on March 11, 2026. He was a devoted son, brother, husband, father, grandfather, and friend. Dr. Stalker, a retired Army Colonel and Ranger served as a periodontist, naturopathic physician, and ordained minister. He was known for his kindness, humor, and unwavering dedication to every person he encountered.

[COL \(ret\) Stalker obituary](#)

From the Admin Desk

By Frank Nasser, COL (Ret), AAD Executive Director



As America celebrates 250 years of independence, it is fitting to recognize that Army Dentistry has stood alongside our nation's soldiers for more than 115 years. Since the establishment of the Army Dental Corps in 1911, Army dentists and dental teams, consisting of NCOs, enlisted, soldiers and civilians, have provided essential support to the fighting men and women who safeguard our freedoms. Preserving the legacy of Army Dentistry and highlighting its enduring contributions to the U.S. Army and the Nation remains a central mission of the Association of Army Dentistry (AAD) and an important component of our advocacy efforts.

As the AAD continues to grow and advance the objectives outlined in our organizational pillars, we must pursue new initiatives that strengthen our profession and support future generations of Army dental personnel. Success depends on the active involvement of our members. We encourage every member to recruit a colleague and help expand the reach and influence of the association.

The strength of the AAD has always come from dedicated members and volunteers who are willing to contribute their time, talents and experience. To support our expanding programs and services, we are seeking volunteers interested in helping establish a future AAD Scholarship Program and assist with planning social and networking activities that foster camaraderie throughout the Army Dentistry community.

Whether your background is in education, fundraising, event planning, administration, or you simply have a desire to give back, your participation can make a meaningful difference. These initiatives provide an opportunity to invest in the next generation of Army Dentistry while strengthening the esprit de corps that has long defined our profession.

If you are interested in serving on a committee or sharing your expertise, please contact the AAD leadership team at assoc.army.dentistry@gmail.com. Together, we can continue building an organization worthy of those who have served, those who serve today and those who will serve in the future.

We also encourage all members to stay connected by following the AAD on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#) and our [website](#). If you have articles, photos, historical materials or other content that supports the AAD mission and promotes Army Dentistry, we welcome your submissions for review and publication.

From the Editors



We hope you enjoyed the feature articles presented in this issue of the AAD Newsletter. The articles by COL Stanalajczo about the current status of IMA (Individual Mobilization Augmentee) and by Dr. Farran about dental readiness, as well as the Advocacy Pillar update by COL (Ret) Wineman are pertinent topics today for Army Dentistry.

We are always looking for informative articles for the AAD Newsletter. Do you have ideas for an article, or

have you written one that you would like to submit for publication? Do you have a story to tell about your Army dental career or your transition to civilian life that you would like to share? Please send to: Association of Army Dentistry at assoc.army.dentistry@gmail.com.

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