

CREW ALERT

The AeroMed Evac Association Newsletter

**Motto: An Air Evac friendship
outlasts time and exceeds distance**

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I would like to start off by thanking Ted Bassett, Deb Millerberg and Belinda Morrone for all the work and dedication they have given to the AMEA. I cannot thank them enough for all of their contributions they have made to the AMEA board and organization. I am very thankful that Belinda will be staying on the board in the position of president emeritus. I am looking forward to working with the new and current board members on making our 2024 reunion memorable. Also many thanks go out to Threva and Dan Hosford for being our official photographers and putting together a great memory book.

I hope that everyone who attended the March 2022 reunion at The Menger Hotel in San Antonio, Texas had as great a time as I did. It was great seeing folks I met four years ago and also meeting new members in San Antonio. We are planning our 2024 reunion in Colorado Springs, CO (date to be determined). The board will be working with a reunion meeting group to help us secure the best hotel and event deals possible. I hope that those who were unable to attend in 2022 will be able to attend in 2024.

A little bit about me, I started my career in 1976 as a dental assistant. My past assignments are Maxwell AFB, Misawa AB and Travis AFB while I was on active duty. In 1986 I transferred to the Air Force Reserves and spent the rest of my career in the reserves. I transferred to medical administration in 1988 and was hired as an air reserve technician at the 65th, now 349th AES which was my first exposure to Aeromedical Evacuation. In 1992 I was commissioned as a medical service corps officer (MSC) and was assigned to the 349th Medical Clinic. In 1995 I returned to New England to be closer to family and was lucky to be assigned to the 439th AES. In 2009 I

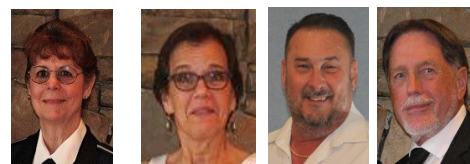
left AE for a different career opportunity and I spent the next nine years traveling for my reserve training. In 2018 I retired from the Air Force Reserves; I have to say my best assignments in my entire career were my times in Aeromedical Evacuation. I am so very honored to be your president as I have so much admiration for all the work that everyone in Aeromedical Evacuation has accomplished in taking care of our wounded warriors.

As a final thought, being a former Safety Officer - remember the 100 days of Summer, be happy, be safe and stay well.

Mary Jane Cahill, AMEA President

WELCOME TO THE 2022 BOARD OF DIRECTORS (BOD)!

AMEA BOARD OF DIRECTORS



PRESIDENT: Mary Jane Cahill VICE PRESIDENT: Hallie Greenberg SECRETARY: Don Raab TREASURER: David Schill



MEMBER: Roy Campbell MEMBER: Belinda Morrone MEMBER: Mark Johnson

WHO ARE THE 2022 BOD MEMBERS?

Mary Jane Cahill, President: See President's message for more detailed background. AET, ART, Medical Service Corps Officer 65/349 AES, Travis AFB, CA, 349th Medical Squadron, Travis AFB, CA, 439 AES, Westover AFB, MA, 911th Aeromedical Staging Squadron; Air Force Reserve Command (AFRC) as SG2; 514th Medical Squadron, McGuire AFB, NJ. Deployed in support of Operations Desert Shield, Desert Storm and Desert Calm; 2000 Operation Iraqi Freedom, 2008 Operation Enduring Freedom.

Hallie Greenberg, VP: Flight Nurse, 439 AES, Westover ARB, MA for 13 yrs. Chief of Staff Development and Associate Chief of the MASF.

Donald Raab, Secretary: AET, 9 AES, Clark AB, Philippines, 4 yrs, 2 AES Det, Incerlik Turkey, 2 yrs

David Schill, Treasurer: AET, 19th Casualty Staging Flight, Clark AFB, Philippines, 3/67-12/68; 851st Medical Group (Blytheville AFB)1965-67; 902 Training Gunter AFB 1964

Roy Campbell, Member: AET, 57 AES, Scott AFB, IL, 6 yrs, 9 AES, Clark AB, Philippines, 3 yrs

Belinda Morrone, Member: David Grant USAF Med Center, Travis AFB, CA, 3 yrs; FN/Instructor/Chief Nurse 65/349 AES, Travis AFB, CA 17 yrs — Mobilized/Deployed Desert Storm; 4th AF, Chief Nurse, March AFB, CA 3 yrs—Mobilized for Crisis Action Team (CAT), Medical Representative &/or Director; 439th AES/CC, Westover AFB, MA 4 yrs — Deployed OIF/OEF Ramstein AB, GE/791st EAES/CC and Scott AFB, III/ICMOP/CC; US Air Force Pentagon, Reserve Medical Directorate to Chief of AF Reserve, Washington DC—4 yrs

Mark Johnson, Member: AET, 74/439 AES, Westover ARB, MA, 20 yrs, HQ 22 AF, Dobbins AFB, GA Chief Stan/Eval, 10 yrs, 514 AES, McGuire AFB, NJ Superintendent Readiness

REUNION SURVEY RESULTS

23– 27 MARCH 2022

Thank you to everyone who completed the reunion survey! Your feedback guides us in keeping what works and making changes as needed to ensure the best possible reunion experience for everyone. The survey used a rating scale of 1-5, with 5 being the highest value. It focused on these topics: location, hotel, airport access, registration, events (2 dinners, Icebreaker, Vietnam War Pinning Ceremony), meetings, raffles, guest speakers, hospitality suite, and schedule. Ratings ranged from 4.7-5.0.

Here are the numbers: meals and snacks rated 4.7, airport access 4.8, the raffle, banquet menu, general meeting, & hotel 4.86, San Antonio, access to local events, guest speaker and the Vietnam Pinning ceremony rated 4.9/4.95 and 5.0 for reunion sign-up, hotel, registration and the Icebreaker.

The overall comments were this was “the best”, “great reunion”, “extremely gratifying and enjoyable”. Two new things we tried and will continue to implement were the Icebreaker on Wednesday and the raffle being set up as a silent auction. At the Icebreaker everyone got a chance to visit, meet the board members, find out any changes to the schedule, and grab a snack on Day 1. With the raffle set up there was no need to purchase tickets which saved time; members could write their bid for the desired item on display and the highest bidder won. It was suggested to set a minimum bid for each item and to consider adding a 50/50 raffle.

Registration in the Hotel Lobby worked well with packets, name tags and schedules made available. The Aeromedical Evacuation banner set behind the desk made us easy to find, and was a beautiful display. THANK YOU to Phyllis Schill and Joyce Bassett for handling the lion's share of registration and for selling the coins and gaiters at our dinners!

At the Fiesta Dinner, the Mariachi Band was a no-show and that worked out well; folks preferred the time to chat. We did have a visit and 10 minute talk from “President Teddy Roosevelt”, which was fantastic. The Hospitality Suite was an actual suite vs meeting room and that seemed to work well. A suite is smaller than a meeting room, but it also allowed us to bring in our own snacks and is a bit cozier. There was a request to allocate more time for the General Meeting and publish the agenda earlier than at the meeting as well as raise our dues to ensure the organization remains solvent.

Overall it was a great experience. Thank you to everyone who made it happen!



Words to Live by...
**Attitude is a little thing that
makes a big difference.**
WINSTON CHURCHILL



Charlie Mitchell

Monsita Faley

Nevenka Metikos

Douglas Casamer

Michael Hart

Dennis Lahera

Mark Johnson

Dianne Price

James P Candito

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James Petersen

Michael Penbrook

Christain Simpson

John Visaggio

Charles Leliuga

Kathryn Cacic

James Perdue

Marshall Anderson

AMEA Membership Numbers:

Lifetime 352

Current Paid 37

Total: 389

REGIONAL DIRECTORS

Please WELCOME our new Regional Directors and THANK YOU to those who continue to serve.

Northeast: *Don Raab, Mark Johnson, Diana Clark* (Michigan, Ohio, Indiana, Pennsylvania, Kentucky, West Virginia, New York, Massachusetts, Maine, Vermont, New Hampshire, Maryland, Connecticut, Delaware, Rhode Island, New Jersey, Ramstein AB)

Southeast: *Harriet Neill, Charles Tupper, Bruce Lewis* (Florida, Georgia, Alabama, N. and S. Carolina, Virginia, Tennessee, Puerto Rico, US Virgin Islands)

South: *Steve Davis, Wanda Carter* (Texas, Arkansas, Oklahoma, Mississippi, Louisiana)

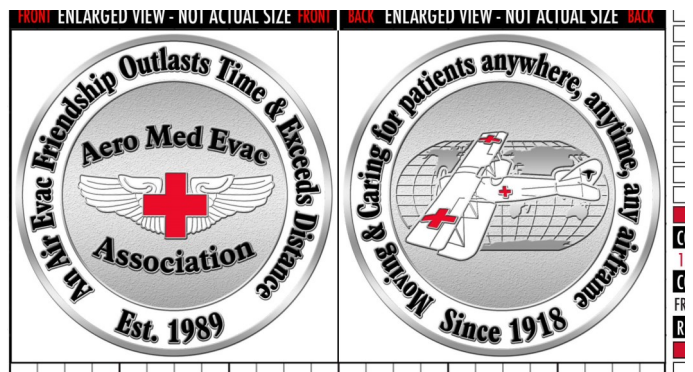
Southwest: *John Roberts* (New Mexico, Southern California, Hawaii, Nevada, Colorado, Utah, Arizona, Guam)

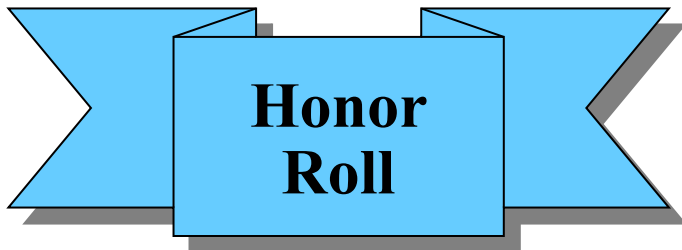
Northwest: VACANT (Northern California, Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Wyoming, Montana, Alaska, Kadena AB)

Midwest: *Rick Tripp* (N. Dakota, S. Dakota, Nebraska, Kansas, Missouri, Illinois, Iowa, Minnesota, Wisconsin)

AMEA CHALLENGE COIN & GAITERS

Below is our challenge coin. Our logo, motto and date of the first reunion are on the front. The back has a picture of the Jenny, the very first aircraft used to move patients in 1918. Coin sales as well as gaiter sales were a great success at the reunion. If you would like to purchase more coins and gaiters before the next reunion, please send \$15 for each item to: AMEA, PO Box 29450, Indianapolis, IN 46229. The cost covers \$10 for the item and \$5 for shipping. Items sold at the reunion will not incur shipping so will cost \$10 each.





Honor Roll

*Gone,
But not forgotten,
Although we are apart,
Your Spirit lives within us,
Forever in our hearts*

Jean Karen Evans	1 Jan 22
Paulette (Chance) Schalck	14 Jan 22
Janet Weaver	16 Jan 22
Mary Jane Ryan	30 Jan 22
Ralph Picardi	25 Feb 22
Jackie Fremming	28 Feb 22
Theresa (Teri) Murphy	1 Mar 22
Nancy Claire Hastings	24 Mar 22
Charles Boyett (Chuck & Penny)	13 Apr 22
Ann (Bean) Schaefer	15 Apr 22
Ann Bohandy	10 Apr 22
Ann Hrabko	1 May 22
Rose Yvette Soukup	9 May 22
Mauricio DeFreitas	15 June 22

Computer Corner

I would like to extend a heartfelt welcome to all the new members of the AMEA; it was nice to see many of you in San Antonio. Rather than repeat information in previous 'Computer Corner' articles, I encourage you to log into the members only site on amea.us and navigate to publications. Pull up the Crew Alerts and check out the Computer Corner articles to find information to help prevent you from

becoming a victim of cyber-crime.

While on vacation, I received a phone text message from my internet provider informing me of an issue with my service and politely asking that I call the included toll-free phone number to schedule an appointment to resolve the issue. Upon return home, I called my internet provider at the number listed on their official website rather than the phone number that was included in the text message. Sure enough, it was a scam text known as "smishing".

Scammers are becoming increasingly **bold** in their attempts to steal your information and money. Had I fallen for their scam and scheduled an appointment; someone wearing a shirt with my internet provider logo would have arrived at my house and begun trouble-shooting a non-existent problem. They may even have pointed out an issue using software on their laptop. In the process, they would obtain my wireless password and magically fix the non-existent problem and scan the house for high value items. They could then sit outside my house, hack into my home computer and install key-logger software to record every keystroke. Volumes of stolen personal data could be sold to identity thieves.

I'm not writing about this to scare you away from using technology, rather to increase your awareness of just how far these scammers are willing to go. Here in my Texas neighborhood, there have been reports of people in convincing shirts, caps and even fake badges, that make them appear to be legitimate business people. The ultimate attempt is to get your wireless password. I bet some of you have never even changed the default wireless password that's on the bottom of your equipment. Others use "spoofing" to make the phone number they call from look like it's from a legitimate site. Or they may say the call is to help you with your VA or Medicare benefits.

So, how do you prevent becoming just another victim? Simple, *don't provide any information or respond in any way without verification from the company or organization they claim to represent*. If they call you, hang up and call the official phone number, not the one they give you. If you receive a text or e-mail, do **NOT** click on anything or respond in ANY way, call the official number listed on their website and ask for verification. If someone shows up at your house with official looking apparel, **do not allow them inside**. Instead, say that you don't have time right now. If they give you a business card and you later discover it was a scam attempt, report it to the local police using the non-emergency phone number. The real key to computer security is don't click on ANYTHING without verifying first, no matter how convincing it looks!

Steve Davis, Webmaster

**OPTING OUT OF CREW ALERT
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In an effort to go green and keep down costs, we sent an email last fall announcing publication of the Crew Alert as an electronic copy posted on the AMEA Website. You can either click on the attachment in the email, next to the paper clip or scan the QR-Code with your cellphone. Either of these options will take you directly to the Crew Alert posted online. This allows you to view the Crew Alert in living color instead of the black and white copies that were mailed to you in the past. If you no longer have the email, you can login to the webpage and click on the Crew Alert posted on the left hand side of the page. It will bring up the most recent copy and you can read it online or print it. If you don't have a printer and need assistance, let us know. Using this new method, will save the organization the cost of printing and mailing approximately 275 hard copies. It is very important that you keep the information in your profile current (address, phone number and email address). If you have any problem updating your profile or accessing the Crew Alert, contact the AMEA Secretary at donald.raab@amea.us or call (513) 290-1260 for assistance.

Don Raab, AMEA Secretary

DONATIONS

Anyone interested in donating to the organization, may do so either by mailing a check to our Treasurer, David Schill (address listed on the last page of the Crew Alert), or by using the donate button on the website. Remember AMEA is designated a non profit 501(c)(19) making all donations tax deductible for federal income tax purposes. Thank you to everyone for your dedication and support of the organization; and especially for the honor you bestow upon our members when donating in their memory.

AMEA Board of Directors

AMEA MEMBERSHIP FORM:

To apply for membership in the AeroMed Evac Association (AMEA) complete the online application at www.amea.us or complete this form (at least bold face items).

Enclosed is my biennial payment of \$ _____
(\$25 for 2 years)

I request Life Membership and enclose a check for \$100.00 (or \$ _____ partial payment towards full amount to be paid within one year)

Name of Member: _____ **Nickname:** _____ **Known by Maiden Name:** _____

Name of Spouse: _____ **Is spouse an aeromedical member?** ____ **If so, what position?** _____

Mailing Address: _____

On-line Address (if available): E-Mail _____

Phone numbers: (Home) (_____) _____ **Mobile** (_____) _____

May we post your address on the AMEA's Webpage (info available only to other AMEA members)? OK ____ Not OK ____

Post your phone number on AMEA's Web page (info available only to other AMEA members)? OK ____ Not OK ____

Membership: New _____ Renewal _____ Re-Join _____

Branch of Service (Air Force, Army, Navy, Coast Guard, etc.): _____

Status: Retired ____ Active Duty ____ Reserve/Nat'l Guard ____ Former Military ____ Other ____ Dependent ____

New Member History: List AirEvac units, Locations, Dates assigned and Aircraft flown: _____

Circle or write in your AE Duty Position (Commander, Pilot, Flight Nurse, AET, CCATT, Flight Mech/Engineer, Administrative, Logistical Support, MSC Officer, Aeromedical Staging Facility Personnel, Other): _____

How did you hear about AMEA? _____

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Roy Campbell Member	4 Years	2024	8057 East Mace Road Lexington, IN 47138	(812) 416-0611 roy.campbell@amea.us
Belinda Morrone Member	4 Years	2026	382 Hamilton Street Worcester, MA 01604	(508) 755-1985 belinda.morrone@amea.us
Mark Johnson Member	4 Years	2026	PO Box 2511 Albany, NY 12220	(212) 804-8497 mark.johnson@amea.us