## The Uniformed Services Society of Anesthesiologists Founded 2003



Dear Colleagues,

As President of the Uniformed Services Society of Anesthesiologists, and as a professional colleague in our common goal to serve our patients, I would like to offer each of you my heartfelt greetings! Wherever you are serving, I appreciate your dedication and sacrifice. It is indeed my honor to serve you as the president of your Society.

For those of you who are loyal members of the USSA, I thank you for your service to our Nation and your commitment to military anesthesiology and the Society. For those of you who are not members, I would like to invite you to join our group of over 275 members. Our annual, theme-driven CME meeting, now in its 11<sup>th</sup> year, provides opportunities for our military residents to present scientific abstracts and medically challenging cases. Experts in the field of anesthesiology, and more specifically, Military Anesthesiology, consistently highlight the agenda on this annual conference occurring the Friday before the ASA Annual Meeting begins. Our annual Dining Out will be hosted at The Marines' Memorial Club & Hotel on Sunday October 13<sup>th</sup> – this event never lacks entertainment!

The most important part of our Society is you, and I want to make your membership as cost-effective as possible. The ASA bylaws recognize that anyone who falls under the Soldiers' and Sailors' Act (that is, anyone on Active Duty or any activated Reservist) is entitled to *Full ASA Membership at half the usual price*. This currently saves you over \$300. Our residents are the future of our Society, and your membership dues allow us to pay the ASA dues for all active duty military anesthesiology residents, ensuring that they understand the importance of becoming a participating member in our Component Society as well as the American Society of Anesthesiologists – thank you all for demonstrating your devotion our specialty's future in this way!

Best wishes to all of you!

Representative Andy Harris, MD

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