



# Historical Happenings

Newsletter of the Physician Assistant History Society

## Message from the President



*Maryann F. Ramos, MPH,  
PA-C Emeritus*

I am looking forward to visiting Washington, D.C. during the Physician Assistant Education Association (PAEA) Conference from October 10-12, 2019. The PA History Society has reserved 50 tickets to visit the [Smithsonian's National Museum of African American History and Culture](#) on **October 9th**. The PA History Society will host a brief information session and a complimentary bus ride to and from the museum. It is my hope that by attending we will be inspired to help solve one of our profession's shortfalls: diversity in PA providers and educators.

If you are planning to be in Washington, DC on October 9th, you're invited to attend the museum tour with the PA History Society. **The tickets are available first come first served. Please join us for the museum tour by emailing the PAHx office at: [contactus@pahx.org](mailto:contactus@pahx.org).**

By increasing diversity in the profession, we can improve healthcare delivery and improve provider competence.

In the NCCPA's 2018 Statistical Profile of Certified Physician Assistants, the overall results were as follows: Most PAs are white women. The breakdown: 68.8 percent of PAs are female; 31.2 percent are male. By race, PAs are white: 86.9 percent, Asian: 5.8 percent; African American: 3.6 percent; Native American: 0.4 percent; and Hawaiian/Pacific Islander: 0.3 percent.

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## Calling All PA Students! *The PA History Society is Seeking a Student Trustee*

The PA History Society is now accepting applications for a PA Student Trustee to serve a one-year term (January 1 – December 31, 2020) on our Board of Trustees. Our Student Trustee serves as a full voting member of the Board.

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The Student Trustee is expected to actively participate in our bi-annual Board meetings and summer conference call and must participate on at least one of our committees. The Society covers the hotel, flights, and meal expenses to attend the bi-annual Board meetings. **Applications are being accepted through September 30, 2019.**

**Interested PA students should email a Letter of Interest, a CV/resume, and a completed Program Director Acknowledgement Form to: PAHx Nominating Committee, c/o Lori Konopka-Sauer at [LoriK@nccpa.net](mailto:LoriK@nccpa.net)**



For complete details regarding the 2020 PAHx Student Trustee position, please visit the [Society's website](#).

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The U.S. Census of 2018 <sup>1</sup> shows percentages of inhabitants as 76.5 percent white; 13.5 percent African American; 18.2 percent Hispanic or Latino. Diversity is important to improve healthcare delivery and improve provider competence. The updated version of the definition of diversity by R. Baki, Lippincott, 7/11/18 <sup>2</sup>:

“This definition in no way abandons the existing focus of diversity efforts. Critical work remains, and must continue, in including and supporting historically underrepresented groups in the workplace on dimensions such as race, gender, sexual orientation, disability and more. But an expanded definition of diversity encompasses these identities and brings them together with more broadly defined perspectives. Bringing these many backgrounds together activates a broader set of employees within ‘diversity’ initiatives, ultimately fostering a healthier and

more progressive workplace where top talent wants to be.”

So, what do we do to increase the numbers of providers to try to match the demographics of the U.S.? One suggestion is for our Trustees and the PA community to get involved with PAEA’s Project Access. Think about it. You can change the face of health care!

<sup>1</sup> U. S. Census 2018

<https://www.census.gov/quickfacts/fact/table/US/RHI125218#qf-headnote-b>

<sup>2</sup> Rose Baki, “Why we need an Update

Definition of Diversity” Lippincott, 7/11/18; accessed 8/10/19

## In Her Own Words: Timi Agar Barwick, MPM

*Marilyn Fitzgerald, Honorary PA*

Timi Agar Barwick, CEO of the Physician Assistant Education Association (PAEA, formerly the Association of PA Programs [APAP]), retired June



30, 2019 after a 27-year career. When Timi began her fulltime career at APAP in 1992, she and one other staff member led 54 PA education programs with a

\$300,000 budget in space leased from the American Academy of Physician Assistants. When she retired this year, there were 238 PA education programs led by 40 staff members with a \$10 million budget in a Washington, DC building shared with the Association of American Medical Colleges and other health related associations. The profession thanks Timi for her countless contributions to the admission, diversity, and education of PA students nationwide. We wish her many years of relaxation and happiness in her peaceful Vermont existence far away from the frenetic activity of the nation’s capital. Her PAHx biography may be found [here](#).

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**What is the best part of retirement so far?**

It is nice to have more time for the things that matter most to me and our family, personally.

**What are the top three things on your retirement bucket list?**

Renovate our recently finished lake house (it's a total fixer upper) and make our new full-time house a home, spend more quality time with family and friends, lead a simpler and healthier life.

**What do you miss most about going to the PAEA office in Washington DC every day?**

The amazing, best intentioned people I have had the pleasure of serving with. It doesn't get better than working with folks who are taking on the hard work to advance education and health.

**What do you miss least?**

The politics and inauthenticity that often comes with leadership roles in DC.

**With more than 240 PA programs facing challenges such as faculty recruitment and retention, maintaining minority representation, and securing enough preceptor sites, what would be one piece of advice that you would give your successor?**

Let values lead the way as you prioritize challenges and opportunities.

**What is the most valuable life lesson you learned while working with the PA profession?**

I have a much deeper understanding of diversity, racism and the impact this area has on individual lives.

**What advice would you give your younger self?**

Trust yourself more.

**What is your favorite question to ask people?**

What makes you happiest?

**If you didn't live in the USA, what country would you choose and why?**

Switzerland, The Swiss know how to stay out of the fray and focus on what's important. On the surface at least, they seem to be embracing cultural diversity with German, French, and Italian influences all working together in different places.

**What is the most interesting thing about you that we wouldn't learn from your biography alone?**

I am not sure I have something of great interest, but I might say I really enjoy art, broadly defined. As I packed up our home in DC, I realized how much art we had. It wasn't necessarily museum quality, but a collection that tells you something about our life and experiences. Every piece has meaning, even the abstract art.

**If you were granted three wishes, what would they be?**

Not in order of importance, but reverse global warming, have all humankind receive an education (not just have access to it). Finally, I would eliminate hatred, ensuring that any political leader who contributed to it didn't see a future.

## Become a PA Historian:

### *How to Save, Study and Share the Story of PAs, our History and Legacy*

**2-Day PA Historian Boot Camp**  
**Thursday & Friday, September 26-27, 2019**

#### Comments from previous PA Historian Boot Camp participants:

*"This is a great course/workshop."*

*"I would recommend this class to all colleagues interested in becoming a PA historian."*

*"What I liked best were the hands-on exercises and first-hand accounts!"*

*"Presentation was great, nice pace, variety and exercises."*

*"Much exceeded my expectations! Loved it!"*

This activity has been approved for **12 AAPA Category 1 CME Credits** for the PA Historian Boot Camp.

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**Who:** PAs and PA Students with a passion for PA history!  
**What:** PA Historian Boot Camp  
**When:** Thursday, September 26 and Friday, September 27, 2019  
**Where:** PA History Society - NCCPA Office in Johns Creek, GA

**Registration Fee:** \$250.00



**Fee Includes:**

Historian Toolkit, Boot Camp Handbook, Lunch & Dinner on Thursday, Lunch on Friday and ground transportation from the PAHx office to the Atlanta Airport on Friday.

**Registration:** Visit the PAHx website:  
<https://pahx.org/news/become-pa-historian/>

**Questions:** 678-417-8682 or [contactus@pahx.org](mailto:contactus@pahx.org)

**Deadline to Register:** Monday, September 2, 2019

**Please Note:** Participants are responsible for their own transportation (to Johns Creek, GA) and hotel. Ground Transportation on Friday from the PAHx office to the Atlanta Airport will be provided for free by PAHx.

A room block has been reserved at the Hilton Garden Inn located across the street from the PAHx office. The daily room rate is \$175 which includes a complimentary breakfast buffet. To book your hotel room at this special rate, please click on this [link here](#).

**Participants will learn how to:**

- ✓ Organize and preserve historical documents
- ✓ Attain archival skills for research and study
- ✓ Become an advocate for PA history and the profession
- ✓ Develop creative techniques to save, study and share the history of your institution and the PA profession

## Three Women Physicians Who Pioneered PA Education

*Reginald D. Carter, PhD, PA  
 PAHx Historian Emeritus*

The PA History Society recently posted biographies for three pioneering female physicians who were instrumental in establishing PA programs during the formative years of the PA profession. The three include Dr. Margaret K. Kirklin from the University of Alabama, Birmingham (UAB), Dr. Katherine Anderson from the Bowman Gray School of Medicine (BGSM, now Wake Forest University) in Winston-Salem, NC and Dr. Frances “Fran” Horvath from St. Louis University (SLU) in St. Louis, Missouri.



Margaret Kirklin Katherine Anderson Frances Horvath

Although Dr. John W. Kirklin conceived the idea of formally educating Surgeon Assistants (SAs), his wife, Dr. Margaret Kirklin, a general internist by training, was given the responsibility for overseeing the program’s development. She assumed directorship of the 2-year program in 1968 and developed a distinct didactic curriculum taught by her and other members of the Medical School faculty. She remained the program’s director until 1974. In 1968, the newly appointed Director of Allied Health at BGSM, Dr. Leland Powers, asked Dr. Katherine Anderson, a pediatrician, to help develop a curriculum to educate Pediatric PAs, similar to the Child Health Associate Program being developed by Dr. Henry Silver at the University of Colorado.

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By the time the program accepted its first eight students in 1969, the curriculum was broadened to educate physician assistants as generalists and not just pediatricians. Dr. Anderson served as the program's Medical Director until her retirement in 1976. Another pediatrician, Dr. Frances Horvath, helped establish the physician assistant program at SLU and served as the program's Medical Director from 1973-1993 and as Chairman of the Department for PA Education from 1974-1980. She also has the distinction of being the first woman to serve as President of the Association of Physician Assistant Programs (APAP, now PAEA) in 1978.

You can learn more about the contributions of these three pioneering PA educators by visiting the PA History Society's Biography Webpages at <https://pahx.org/bio/>.

## Pop Quiz: Do You Know Your PA History?

Test your knowledge of PA history by answering this question:

### 1. Why has the Affordable Care Act of 2009 been good news for PAs?

1. It provided millions of Americans, who were previously uninsured, health care coverage, creating new jobs for PAs.
2. It provided financial support to hospitals that develop residency training programs for PAs.
3. It formally recognized PAs as one of 3 primary healthcare practitioners, along with physicians and nurse practitioners.
4. It required federal designated rural health clinics to staff their facilities with more PAs.

- A. 1, 2, and 3.
- B. 1 and 3.
- C. 2 and 4.
- D. 4 only.
- E. 1, 2, 3, and 4.

**Note:** This question is one from **Educational Toolkit Module Four: Negotiating Roles, Alliances and Boundaries over Time**. Goal 2. Understand how the changing health care environment can optimize the utilization of PAs across all specialties and in various administrative/leadership roles.

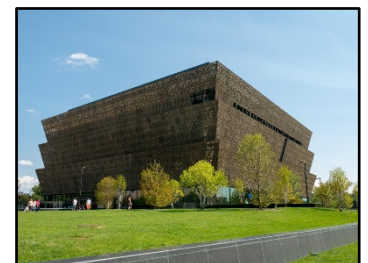
It is one of many questions found in the Educational Toolkit modules that the PA History Society has produced to assist PA educational programs in fulfilling their obligation (as detailed in the ARC-PA Standards of Accreditation) "...to instruct their students in the PA profession, its historical development, and current trends..." The Toolkit is available to PAHx Associates. Learn more about the PAHx Associate on page 7.

### QUIZ ANSWER

Please see page 8 of the newsletter.

## PA History Society Plans Group Visit to the NMAAHC on October 9 in Washington, DC

You are invited to join the PA History Society for a group tour of the **National Museum of African American History and Culture** (NMAAHC) on **Wednesday, October 9, 2019**. The PAHx Board of Trustees has reserved 50 tickets on October 9 for a 3pm tour. The **Free Tickets** are available on a "**first come, first served**" basis by contacting the PA History Society directly at [contactus@pahx.org](mailto:contactus@pahx.org). You must reserve your ticket for the PAHx sponsored tour ASAP. The Society will provide complimentary ground transportation to and from the Marriott Wardman Park Hotel to the NMAAHC. The bus will depart the hotel at 2:15pm and return to the



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hotel following the museum tour at approximately 6:15pm. Join your fellow PAs and members of the PAHx as we experience the powerful stories from American history retold through brilliant and moving exhibits of the NMAAHC.

## Visit the PAHx Booth during the PAEA Education Forum this October!

The Society's will be located at Booth #216 in the PAEA Solutions Pavilion on:

Thursday, Oct. 10 from 10:30am – 6:30pm

Friday, Oct. 11 from 7am – 3:30pm

Saturday, Oct. 12 from 7am – 12noon

Stop by to pick up some freebies: a fun little Smart Phone/iPad Stand, one of our flashy badge ribbons, and much more! For a small \$5 donation to the PAHx, you can own a trendy and “Timeless” PA lapel pin. The Society’s educational resources will be available and the PAHx team will be on hand to answer any questions you have about using our materials in your classroom while teaching the history of the profession to your PA students.

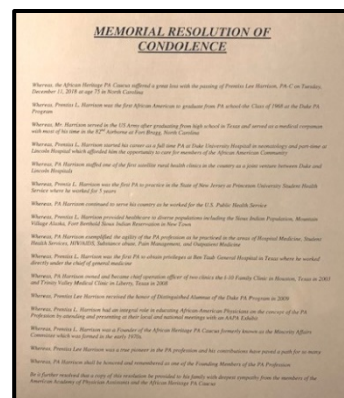


## From the Archives: Treasures from the Booth

*Michelle Schabowski, MSIS, PAHx Archivist*

Though the AAPA conference was several months ago, the memories of it still remain... in the form of some very thoughtful and awesome donations to the PA History Society archives!

The African Heritage Caucus did a tribute to Prentiss Harrison, the first African American PA, who passed late last year. Afterward, the Caucus donated framed photographs of Harrison, the

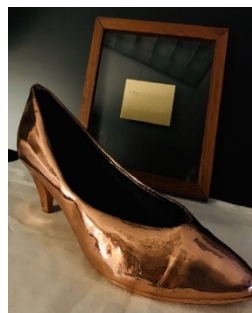


Resolution of Condolence, and a certificate awarded to him for dedication and commitment to professional leadership and the development of personal growth of African Americans.

In addition, two military patches worn by physician assistants stationed at the Al-Asad Airbase Iraq were dropped off at the booth.



Also, one of the most unique donations the PA History Society archives has ever received was presented to the archivist at this conference: the PA Military Dining Out Grog Shoe. The bronzed shoe with accompanying plaque commemorates the first ever Dining Out at the AAPA Conference in 1998. A grog is part of a military dining out celebration where different types of alcohol are mixed in a big bowl from which participants must drink... apparently sometimes out of a shoe that will later on be bronzed. The archivist of the Society was delighted with this new addition to the Society’s collections.



An eBook version is available of *The Physician Assistant: An Illustrated History*. You can order a Kindle version of the book through [Amazon.com here](https://www.amazon.com).



## Support PA History by Becoming a PAHx Associate!

With your paid annual PAHx Educational Research Fee, Associates have access to these exclusive benefits:

- online *Educational Toolkit with learning modules and test questions*
- online *Historian Toolkit*
- online *Toolkit of Exhibit Materials*
- the opportunity to be recognized in a monthly feature on the PAHx website *homepage*
- access to the PAHx Speakers Bureau
- PAHx digital images free-of-charge
- recognition on the PAHx website *Associates* page
- a photograph of your first graduating class featured in an online exhibit

Associates also receive a digital seal to proudly display your support of the PA History Society on your program or organization's website. The PAHx Associate benefits are effective from July 1 – June 30 each year. For more information on becoming a PAHx Associate, please visit the Society's website at <https://pahx.org/how-to-support-us/> or email us at [contactus@pahx.org](mailto:contactus@pahx.org).



**Mission:** To share the history of the development of the PA profession and illustrate how PAs continue to make a difference in our society.

**Vision:** The PA History Society brings PA history to life by inspiring the next generation of PAs, patients and policymakers.

## PAHx Appreciates and Thanks our 2019-2020 Associates:

### Founder \$1,000



Bryant University, Case Western Reserve University, DeSales University, Duke University, Emory & Henry College, Lincoln Memorial University, Long Island University Brooklyn, Rosalind Franklin University, Tour College-Bayshore, Touro University-California, University of Florida, University of Iowa, Wake Forest School of Medicine, Yale University Online PA Program

### Historian \$500



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### Scribe \$250



Advent Health University, Bay Path University, Campbell University, Florida State University, Gannon University, Gardner-Webb University, Grand Valley State University, Harding University, Oklahoma City University, Presbyterian College, Saint Louis University, Seton Hill University, Shenandoah University, Texas Tech University, Trevecca Nazarene University, Trine University, University of the Cumberland, University of Dayton, University of South Alabama, University of Tampa, University of Utah, Wayne State University

## POP QUIZ: ANSWER

*Correct Answer: B – 1 & 3*

**Feedback:** The benefits of the Affordable Care Act of 1999 for PAs are:

It formally recognizes PAs as one of three primary healthcare professions in the U.S., along with physicians and NPs.

It provides financial support for the education of PAs who intend to provide primary care services, especially in rural and underserved communities.

It provides a five-year, 10 % Medicare incentive payment for certain primary care services provided by PAs, as well as other primary care providers, for whom at least 60 % of services are in primary care.

It calls for the “Explicit integration of PAs into newly established models of team-based coordinated care, including Patient-Centered Medical Homes (PCMHs) and Accountable Care Organizations (ACOs)”

By acknowledging the critical role of PAs in the healthcare workforce, the ACA sets the stage for reducing barriers to PA practice in state laws and regulations.

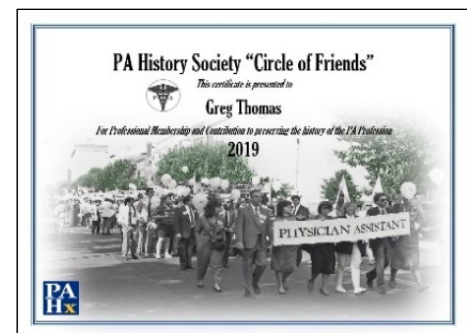
## Be a Part of the Society’s “Circle of Friends”!

Help us continue doing our important work of sharing the honorable history of the PA profession and the important contributions that PAs have made. **Individuals** may support the PAHx by becoming a **“Friend”** of the Society with a \$100 or more (tax deductible) donation. Your name will be listed on the [PA History Society Friends webpage](#) and you will get a special shout out on our social media sites! We also offer a beautiful certificate to those who join our “Circle of Friends”!



## Many Thanks to our 2019 Friends of the Society:

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**Don't Miss the Fun!**  
**Join us at our next**  
***PA Historian Boot Camp***  
**to be held on Sept. 26 & 27!**





## Honor Military and Uniformed Services PAs with an Engraved Brick Paver

The Veterans Memorial Garden located at the Stead Center/NCAPA Headquarters in Durham, NC, is the *only* garden dedicated to veteran and uniformed services PAs. The centerpiece of the garden is a life size bronze statue of a combat medic bandaging the wounds of a fallen soldier. The sculpture is titled “*Life Savers Then ... Caregivers Now*” and serves as a reminder of the origins of the PA profession. **Engraved named pavers** are embedded in the walkway and surrounding patio to honor veteran PAs and their service to our country.

**The engraved 9x9 pavers are available for purchase.** For those interested in purchasing more than one paver we offer a sliding scale: 1 for \$100, 2 for \$175, 3 for \$250, 4 for \$325 and 5 for \$400. The engraved paver will include the appropriate uniformed service logo and 3 lines for name, branch and years of service.

For a list of pavers already in the Garden or additional information, please visit our website: <https://pahx.org/pa-veterans-garden/>

To order your tax-deductible brick paver(s) please visit the “PAHx Veteran Garden” site *Bricks R Us* <https://www.brickrus.com/order/pahxvetgarden/>

You will need the following information to complete your order: The name the brick is for, the military branch, and years of service

If you have any questions, please contact the PA History Society by email at: [contactus@pahx.org](mailto:contactus@pahx.org) or by phone at: 678.417.8682.

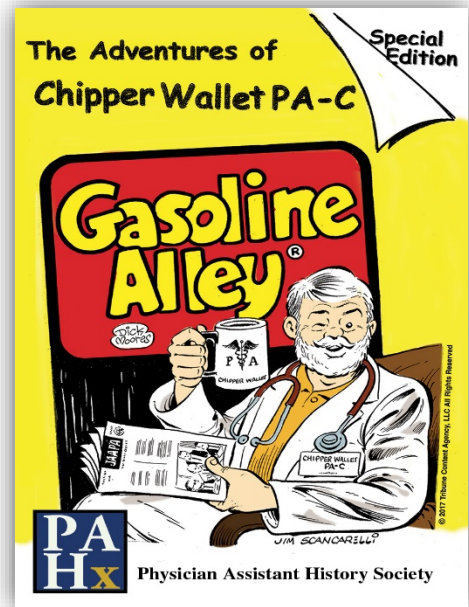
*“My wife and I visited the memorial garden to view my stone. I just wanted to commend you [PAHx] and your team for a job well done. The garden is beautiful and the statue of the medic rendering aid to a fellow soldier was very moving (I was a corpsman with the Marines in Vietnam),” said Cary Zakrzewski, PA.*



## The Adventures of Chipper Wallet, PA-C

Chipper Wallet is a character from the nationally syndicated comic strip, *Gasoline Alley*. In 1968, Chipper Wallet joined the Navy, became a hospital corpsman, and was sent to Vietnam. When he came home in the early 1970s, he joined one of the early Physician Assistant programs on the advice of the town doctor. Chipper Wallet is credited with being one of the major influences in pop culture that brought the PA profession to the attention of the public. Chipper Wallet has a fond place in the hearts of many pioneering PAs as his journey to become a PA mirrors their own.

**Comic Books are \$10 each, plus shipping**



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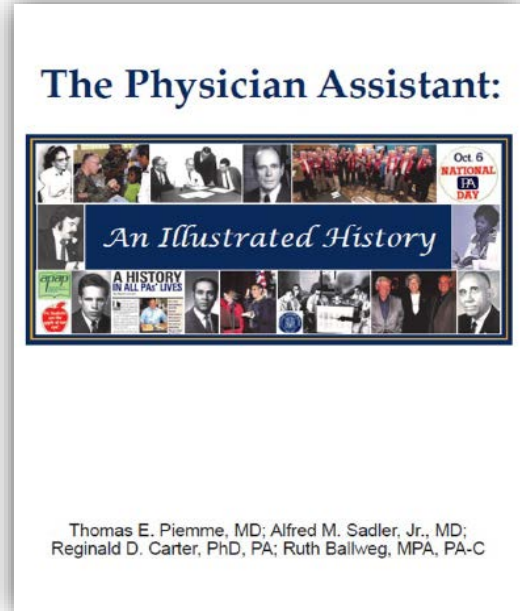
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