

# Historical Happenings

Newsletter of the Physician Assistant History Society

## Come Join Our Team!

### PAHx has an opening for a Part-Time Historian

The PA History Society is accepting applications for an individual with a passion for the history of the PA profession. This is a part-time, hourly independent contractor position, without benefits. This independent contractor position is renewable annually. This part-time position will serve in the role of Historian. As a paid member of the [PAHx team](#), the Historian will work with our staff members and the Board of Trustees.



The Historian is required to work a minimum of 6 hours a week, remotely, and travel to the Johns Creek, GA office 2-3 times a year to work on specified projects as needed. These visits include attending the Board of Trustee meetings held each April and November. **For the PAHx Historian job description, please visit the [PAHx website here](#).**

#### Minimum qualifications include:

- Proven leadership, communication, research, writing and publication skills.
  - Writing samples requested with application.
- Candidate must be a PA with a strong connection to the current developments happening throughout the PA community and the national PA organizations.
- A solid knowledge base of the PA profession's 55-year history and the recent PA history from the past two decades (2000s & 2010s).
- Self-motivated with the ability to work under minimal supervision and handle multiple priorities with a strong attention to detail.

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- Proficiency in Microsoft Office applications (Word, Outlook, Excel, PowerPoint), Adobe Acrobat, ZOOM conferencing, and social media (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram).

Interested candidates should email their Letter of Interest, CV or resume, and 2-3 writing samples to PAHx Managing Director Lori Konopka-Sauer at [LoriK@nccpa.net](mailto:LoriK@nccpa.net). **Applications will be accepted through Friday, September 16, 2022.**

## Message from the President

*Stephen D. Wilson, PA-C*



As we head into the “Dog Days of Summer”, there just seems to be more heating up around us than the weather. COVID is still a concern, and our practices and hospitals still have more than enough to handle. Monkeypox is now a disease to be reckoned with on our own shores.

Natural disasters such as floods and wildfires have led to human tragedy. Mass shootings continue to be in the headlines and the war in Ukraine makes us gasp and shake our head in disbelief. And then there is inflation. It can all be pretty depressing. What is a person to do to deal with the stress induced by all of these issues and more?

Most experts in the field of dealing with stress and anxiety recommend common ways to better control it. These include rebalancing work and home, exercising regularly, eating well and limiting alcohol, connecting with supportive people, making time for a hobby, being involved with activities such as yoga or meditation, getting enough sleep, taking a vacation without work contact, and seeing a counselor or therapist as necessary. I would like to add to that list. Doing something good for people, such as community service activities or “paying it forward” can be very rewarding as well. Paying it forward suggests that someone does something to be helpful to you and then you do something helpful for others. I am sure all of us can recall a time when we did something helpful; something useful that expressed kindness which resulted in others being grateful for the act while you enjoyed that good feeling of accomplishment and generosity. As it turns out, PAs have been quite good at this activity. Our website biography section is filled with stories of how PAs have taken their skills and knowledge and put them to work in ways that have great impact on individuals and communities. [Reginald Carter, PhD, PA](#), the Society’s Historian Emeritus, has captured many of these stories which are featured on the Society’s [BIO](#) webpage, [Oral History Interview](#) webpage and [PA Historical Perspectives](#) webpage.

After reading and listening to these accomplishments by caring individuals, it confirms that the title for our new book on the history of the PA profession was well thought out: [Physician Assistants as Social Innovators in Healthcare](#).

As noted above, Dr. Carter has contributed a lot to the Society, who along with the late [J. Jeffrey Heinrich, EDD, PA-C Emeritus](#), were visionaries and co-founders of the Society. In 2011, Dr. Carter joined the staff of the Society as Historian Emeritus. During his service to the PAHx, Reg (as we know him) has contributed nearly 100 biographies, conducted over 55 oral history interviews, written over 60 articles for *Historical Happenings*, and contributed significantly to the development of the Educational Learning Modules, Historian Toolkit, Historian Boot Camps, book publications (*The Physician Assistant: An Illustrated History*, *The Adventures of Chipper Wallet, PA-C* and *Physician Assistants as Social Innovators in Healthcare*) and much more! In this, the Society’s 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary year, Dr. Carter has determined that it is time for him to put the cap back on the ink well. It was with “considerable thought and mixed emotions” that he recently shared with the PAHx Board of Trustees that he would not be renewing his contract for 2023. We wish him all the happiness he deserves and safe travels. He will be missed, but I am sure we will hear from him again at a place and time more suitable for his new life schedule. Dr. Carter leaves big shoes to fill, and the Society will be accepting applications for this part-time staff position. Please see page 1 of this newsletter for more information regarding this part-time staff position.

## From Classmates to AAPA Presidents

*Joshua Penninger, MSM, PA-S2*

Taking a dive into the 50 PAs who have served as AAPA President, there are 13 of them who have been classmates with at least one other AAPA President.

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The most recent pair was Gail Curtis (2017-2018 AAPA President) and Robert Wooten (2011-2012 AAPA President), both of whom graduated from the Bowman Gray School of Medicine’s PA Program (now Wake Forest University) in 1981. It is no surprise that the first 7 presidents of AAPA all graduated from Duke University in either 1968 or 1969. After Roger Whittaker was President from 1976-1977, there would not be another classmate pair

until Elizabeth “Libby” Coyte (1997-1998 AAPA President) and Edward Friedmann (2001-2002 AAPA President); this pair graduated from the University of Iowa in 1977. The next two classmates to be AAPA Presidents would be William Marquardt (1992-1993 AAPA President) and Gregor Bennett (2007-2008 AAPA President), both of whom graduated from the University of Nebraska in 1976. Who will be the next pair to go from classmates to AAPA Presidents? With over 280+ accredited PA programs, the likelihood may be small but not impossible.

Graduating Class	AAPA President & Term
Duke University, Class of 1968	William Stanhope, 1968-1970 John McQueary, 1970-1971 John Braun, 1971-1972
Duke University, Class of 1969	Thomas Godkins, 1972-1973, 1975-1976 Paul Moson, 1973-1974 C. Emil Fasser, 1974-1975, 1980-1981 Roger Whittaker, 1976-1977
University of Nebraska, Class of 1976	William Marquardt, 1992-1993 Gregor Bennett, 2007-2008
University of Iowa, Class of 1977	Elizabeth “Libby” Coyte, 1997-1998 Edward Friedmann, 2001-2002
Bowman Gray School of Medicine, Class of 1981	Robert Wooten, 2011-2012 Gail Curtis, 2017-2018

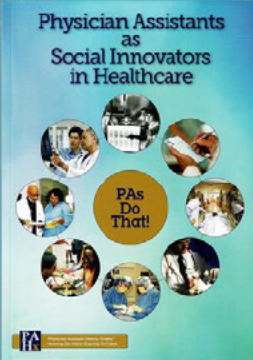
### Look What’s New at the PAHx!

*Physician Assistants as Social Innovators in Healthcare* is the latest publication from the PAHx. This book is a comprehensive, educational resource for PA faculty, students, researchers, and legislators. It illustrates the history of the PA profession as a social innovation that has changed and improved the way medical, surgical, and preventive healthcare services are delivered. Fourteen chapters explore the transformations that have taken place over the past 55 years to ensure that the PA innovation continues to meet societal needs for effective, efficient, and affordable healthcare services.

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## Book Fun Facts:

- 14 Chapters
- 20 Authors
- 70 Contributors & Reviewers
- 24-page Index
- 789 References
- 408 Pages

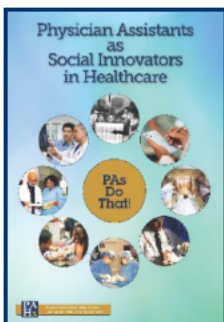


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*Physician Assistants as Social Innovators in Healthcare*  
**Chapter Titles:**

- Introduction** Physician Assistants as a Social Innovation in Health Care
- Chapter 1** Exploring Opportunities and Challenges
- Chapter 2** From Concept to Reality (1960-1980)
- Chapter 3** The Past Forty Years (1980-2020)
- Chapter 4** How PAs Brought Innovation to Primary Care
- Chapter 5** Clinical Flexibility and the Specialization of PAs
- Chapter 6** PAs in Hospital Medicine
- Chapter 7** Military and Federal Services PAs' Contributions to the Innovation of Healthcare
- Chapter 8** PA Education: Origins, Advancements, and Challenges Ahead
- Chapter 9** Efforts to Foster and Promote Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion in the PA Profession
- Chapter 10** The Importance of Advocacy in Securing the PA Profession as a Social Innovation
- Chapter 11** How Research Fueled the PA Profession as a Social Innovation
- Chapter 12** PA Innovators in Alternative Professional Roles
- Chapter 13** Perspectives on the Global Development and Expansion of International PAs
- Chapter 14** Views on the Future of the PA Profession
- Epilogue**

*"The book looks quite comprehensive and impressive. I see a lot of old, familiar, and important faces- many who were critical to me in my own development as a member of the profession."- Carl M. Toney, PA*



**Don't delay, get your book today!**

The Society's new book is available on the [PAHx website](#) and [Amazon](#).

**The PA History Society is looking for an energetic PA Student to serve on the PAHx Board!**

The Board of Trustees has a position available for a one-year Student Trustee term in 2023. Applications will be accepted **through September 9, 2022**.

The PAHx Nominating Committee will review all applications and conduct telephone interviews with the finalists by early October. Per PAHx Bylaws, the NCCPA Board of Directors will review and vote on the PAHx Nominating Committee's recommendation during their annual board meeting in November, and **candidates will be notified of the results by December 2022**.

Please [CLICK HERE](#) for the requirements and expectations for a Student Trustee of the PAHx Board of Trustees. Please read the information completely before applying.

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



## Serendipity

Reginald Carter, PhD, PA

*Serendipity (noun) - the occurrence and development of events by chance in a happy or beneficial way.*

The first physician assistant students were enrolled at Duke in October 1965. There were four of them, all former Navy Hospital Corpsmen. They paid no tuition and received stipends from a National Heart Institute grant awarded to the Hyperbaric Medicine Division at Duke to train both hyperbaric chamber operators and physician assistants. The founder of the Duke PA Program, Dr. Eugene Stead Jr., had convinced the hyperbaric medicine division's chief, Dr. Herbert Saltzman, to include PAs in his grant. According to the grant, once trained, PAs would remain in the chamber with the patient after treatments thus allowing physicians to depressurize and exit the chamber sooner to continue their day's work. The new PA recruits were promised clinical jobs at Duke if the PA concept failed to gain acceptance and legal recognition.

Serendipitously, the new program to train PAs received national publicity two months prior to starting in October. A freelance writer and roving editor for *Reader's Digest*, Lester Velie, was working



on a series of articles titled "Where the Jobs Are," and by chance called Duke about health-related careers. He was put in touch with Jim Mau, the Department of Medicine's administrator. Mau told him about the new program being established to train ex-military corpsmen to be physician assistants. The

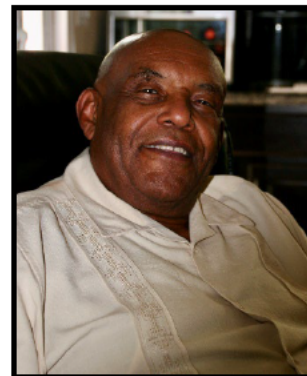
physician assistants would help overworked physicians, especially those in rural practices. Published in August 1965, the article attracted the attention of former corpsmen and potential physician employers. Mau was flooded with over 1,000 letters wanting to know more about the program.

*Note:* According to his obituary, Velie died at age 96 in 2003. He was born in Kiev, Ukraine and came to the USA with his family at age 6. He grew up in Milwaukee and graduated from the University of Wisconsin in 1929. He published over 200 articles serving as a writer and editor for Reader's Digest, Collier's, New York Journal of Commerce and other publications. He also authored several books. You can read his obituary at [Lester Velie \(oklahoman.com\)](http://Lester Velie (oklahoman.com))

## Passages: Steven Turnipseed

Steven Turnipseed, MPH, pioneering PA, passed away on the morning of June 10, 2022, after battling cancer. He is survived by his wife Deborah and children.

Mr. Turnipseed was in the first class at the MEDEX Northwest, University of Washington PA Program in 1969; he was the only African American in his graduating class. Like many early PAs, Turnipseed was a military medic prior to PA school. Turnipseed was in the military for 23 years; ten years



was active duty in the Army and 13 years was with the Reserves.

As a pioneering PA, Mr. Turnipseed was an advocate for expanding the diversity of the profession. While he was serving on the board of the AAPA, he worked with Joyce Nichols, Earl Echard, John

Davis, and Prentiss Harrison to establish the AAPA's Minority Affairs Committee and was later a founding member of the AAPA African American Caucus. He was also a founding member of the Washington State Academy of Physician Assistants and served as the organization's president in 1976.

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cal therapy and medical technology.

Along with training like this, experimental programs are trying to make up for our dwindling supply of rural doctors. The department of medicine at Duke University Medical Center hopes to inaugurate a two-year course this fall for physicians' assistants, with support from the National Institutes of Health.

"We're talking about a high-school graduate who has the intelligence to do college work," said James Mau, administrative director of the program. The student will acquire nursing and technical skills and "will lend arms and legs to the physician" — free him from routine work, permit him to spend more time interpreting medical data and, of course, to see more patients.

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In addition to his successful primary care practice and many state and national leadership contributions to the PA profession, Mr. Turnipseed was involved with the establishment of the Charles R. Drew University PA Program in Los Angeles, CA, and served on the faculty of the Stony Brook University PA Program in Stony Brook, NY. He was a consultant for many other PA programs that were being developed at that time, as well.



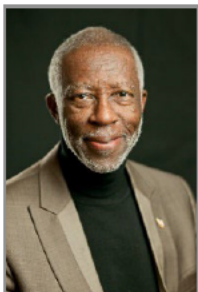
Joyce Nichols and Steve during a Minority Affairs Committee meeting, 1975

To learn more about Mr. Turnipseed's unparalleled contributions to the PA profession, please read his biography on the [PAHx website here](#) or watch his oral history [interview here](#).



## Remembering Steven Turnipseed

*John J. Davis, PA, DFAAPA*



Steve, as most of us in the PA profession called him, was a good friend of mine. Whenever he called my name, and especially when he said "Johnny", I immediately knew that things were about to happen: things to get done, people to see, issues to confront, problems to be solved, and all of us would have work to do. Steve followed Joyce Nichols as the Chair of the Minority Affairs Committee (MAC).

*(Remembering Mr. Turnipseed, continued page 7)*

## Remembering PA Advocate Kathleen Gainor Andreoli, DSN, FAAN

On August 3, 2022, Kathleen Gainor Andreoli, nurse educator and one of the earliest supporters of the PA profession, died. Andreoli worked together with [Dr. Eugene A. Stead, Jr.](#),



to develop the curriculum for the first PA program which was established at Duke University in 1965. She was involved in the establishment of the first coronary care unit at the Duke University Medical Center and co-authored a textbook on coronary care. After leaving Duke University in 1970, Andreoli was involved in the establishment of the first PA program at the University of Alabama, Birmingham, and served as their educational director. Andreoli had a distinguished career as an educator in the nursing and physician assistant professions. To learn more about Andreoli and her outstanding contributions, please read her [biography here](#).

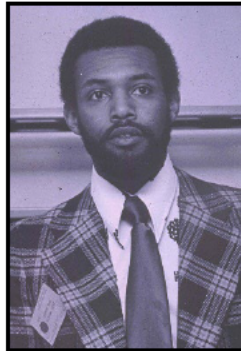
### Photos:

Above: Andreoli, c.2008;  
 Left: Dr. Stead and Andreoli, 1985;  
 Below: Andreoli at Duke University with the first 4 PA students, 1965.



*(Remembering Steven Turnipseed, continued from page 6)*

The Minority Affairs Committee was essential in bringing equity and diversity into the newly created and rapidly expanding physician assistant profession. Just as the PA profession was blazing trails throughout the health care community, we knew that MAC would need to use every tool in its arsenal to make sure that people of color were on those trails with all the other PAs.



Steve Turnipseed, 1975

Steve used his military training and experiences to bring his leadership and organizational skills to MAC. He knew that MAC had to be a catalyst to keep up in the fast-moving PA world. His skills helped to ensure that MAC would be the catalyst we needed in the process.

PAs, no matter where they may live or what their roles are, owe a thank you to Steven Turnipseed. We each thank you. I will miss you deeply, my friend.

## From the Archives

*Michelle N. Schabowski, MSIS, CA*

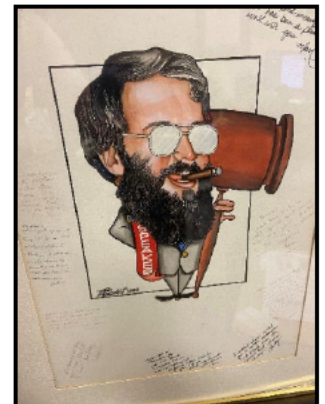
The PA History Society is always interested in adding to our archives. Not only are we looking for personal documents, early organizational records, and photographs, but also fun “museum” items to spruce up our display rooms at headquarters and the Stead Center - not to mention our webpage!

PAs have sent us a wealth of new additions this summer. We now have several unique *Journal of the American Academy of PAs (JAAPA)* promotional items which include a calculator and deck of playing cards. We were also given six bound volumes of the early issues of the journal, **Physician Assistant** (whose name would later change between **Health Practitioner Physician Assistant** and **Physician Assistant Health Practitioner**). The bound volumes are the journal’s issues from 1976 to 1983.



Our friends in the Army donated a signed copy of the second edition of their **Army PA Handbook**, which is now proudly shown in our display room. The Society of Army PAs (SAPA) donated several more items, such as a SAPA ballcap, a lapel pin, uniform patches, and coffee mug.

The PAHx is also now the proud owner of a caricature of Bruce Fichandler, given to him when he was Speaker of the AAPA House of Delegates (1984-1988). (If you would like to know more about Bruce, check out his [biography on our website](#).) We were also sent a poker chip that was given to House of Delegates members as a souvenir when the AAPA conference was held in Las Vegas in 2004.



We have added 29 new lapel pins, ranging from the political to the quirky, to our [online Pin and Button Collection](#)! If you have any neat PA buttons or lapel pins and don’t see them listed in our collection, please consider adding to this historical treasure trove!

The photographs that were donated by the Association of PAs in OBGYN have been digitized and are now uploaded. You may view the online collection [by clicking here](#).

If you have any papers, photographs, or items you think would be of interest to the PA History Society, please email our Senior Archivist at: [ContactUs@pahx.org](mailto:ContactUs@pahx.org)

## The PAHx 20th Anniversary Celebration Continues in San Diego!

The Board of Trustees and staff look forward to seeing you during the PAEA Forum at our **PAHx 20th anniversary reception!** “Save the date” and join us on **Friday, Oct. 14 at 6:30pm, on the 4th floor in the Sapphire M Conference Room** inside the Hilton San Diego Bayfront Hotel (same location as the PAEA Forum).



We’re also looking forward to speaking with you at the **PAHx Booth** during the **PAEA Forum**. We’ll be located in the **Solutions Pavilion** (the Exhibit Hall) on **October 13th and 14th** from 7am – 5pm, and on **October 15th** from 7am – 12noon. The Society’s new book, *Physician Assistants as Social Innovators in Healthcare*, will be available at our booth too! As part of the Society’s 20th Anniversary celebrations this year, a special **drawing will be held at our booth** for a PAHx Anniversary gift pack. We look forward to seeing you in San Diego this October!



All things PA History can be found on our website at [www.pahx.org](http://www.pahx.org)!

## “Celebrating 50 Years” in 2022, and Beyond

In 2017, the PA profession celebrated its 50th year, which marked the anniversary of when the first three PAs graduated from the first PA program at Duke University in 1967. Since then, many PA programs have celebrated their golden anniversary and more programs are celebrating in 2022. To honor these golden milestones, the PAHx has created a page on our [website](#) to feature the PA programs with links to their institutions’ 50th anniversary websites promoting their special events.

The PAHx is aware of the following PA programs who will be celebrating their 50th anniversary later this fall:

[George Washington University:](#)

Sept. 30 – Oct. 2, 2022

[University of Detroit, Mercy:](#)

Sept. 24, 2022

[Univ of Iowa:](#)

Sept. 24 – 26, 2022

[University of Oklahoma:](#)

Sept. 20- 22, 2022

[Western Michigan University:](#)

Sept. 23 – 24, 2022

[University of Utah](#) held their 50th anniversary celebrations earlier this year on May 14, 2022. Their program was founded in 1970, but their event was postponed due to COVID.

Some PA programs celebrate their anniversary on the date their program was established, and other programs celebrate their anniversary on the date their first class graduated. The Society would like to add your PA program’s golden anniversary date to our [website](#) page. **Please email the PAHx at [contactus@pahx.org](mailto:contactus@pahx.org) to share your PA program’s 50th anniversary web link** to be added to the Society’s website feature of golden milestones for everyone to enjoy! If you are still in the planning stages of your big event, don’t forget to check out the Society’s “*Anniversary & Celebration Planner*” for paid [PAHx Associates](#).



## Did you know?

There's a lot you can learn about a person just by reading their biography on the PAHx website! As an example, *did you know* that **Murl Dotson, PA-C Emeritus**:

- was part of the US Air Force aero evac critical teams during the Vietnam War that:
  - transported Navy Captain John McCain III and other American POWs safely back to the US
  - transported survivors of the Jim Jones Jonestown Massacre in Guyana safely back to the US
- was instrumental in securing the legislation to allow PAs to practice in Mississippi
- provided ER care to Mississippi Gulf Coast patients during Hurricane Katrina in 2005
- worked at the Biloxi VA Medical Center for 28 years
- was a member of the AAPA House of Delegates for 26 years (1995 – 2021)
- was honored by the city of Biloxi, MS, with a "Proclamation Murl D. Dotson Day" in 2019

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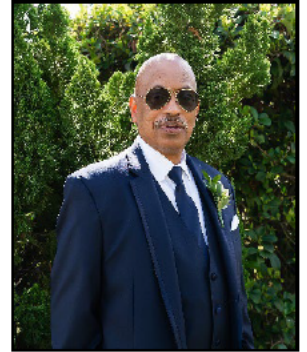
## US Navy's First PA Graduates

*Reginald Carter, PhD, PA*

Going through some old files, I found the following news release that I had copied from the internet in 2003. The article was published in 1994 to celebrate the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Navy PA Program and the graduation of the first eight Navy physician assistants. The article was released by the Navy Bureau of Medicine and Surgery (BUMED), Naval Service Medical News (NSMN) - **HEADLINE: Navy Physician Assistants Celebrate 20 Years.**<sup>1</sup>

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Learn more fun facts about retired US Air Force Captain Murl Dotson's military and PA careers by reading his [biography here](#). The PAHx also has two interesting interviews with Mr. Dotson on our website. Listen to those stories about his involvement in:



- [Mississippi Legislation here](#)
- [Hurricane Katrina here](#)

You can access all the PAHx biographies on our [website here](#) and if you have a suggestion for a BIO to be added to the Society's collection, please email our office at: [contactus@pahx.org](mailto:contactus@pahx.org)

### Stay in Touch with PAHx thru Social Media!

Please be sure to "like" PA History Society on [Facebook](#) to receive updates and follow us on [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#).

*BUMED Washington (NSMN) -- On 31 July 1974, eight hospital corpsmen completed two years of training and were promoted to warrant officers, becoming the first Physician Assistants in the Navy.*

*Over the past 20 years, the program has had a very stormy course, testified to by its cancellation on three separate occasions. But it survived. And, on 1 September 1989, PAs found a new home in the medical service corps.*

*Although no longer counted among the Navy's nearly 200 PAs, one of the original eight physician assistant warrant officers is still a certified PA and on active duty: optometrist LCDR Robert Aitken, MSC, officer in charge of Navy Branch Medical Clinic Charleston, SC.*

*Happy 20th Physician Assistants.*

*-USN-*

*(US Navy's First PA Grads, continued from page 9)*

In 1971, the Navy War College released a white paper that recommended the Navy establish a physician assistant program and concluded that the need for such a program was urgent. Upon completion of training, the PAs would be placed in the warrant officer's structure.<sup>2</sup> In 1972, the Navy negotiated agreements with both George Washington University (GWU) in Washington, DC and the US Air Force to train PAs; 15 students were assigned to GWU while 10 students were sent to the School of Health Care Sciences (SHCS) at Sheppard Air Base in Texas. LCDR Robert Aitken - mentioned in the news release above - graduated from the Sheppard PA Program. He later graduated from the Southern College of Optometry in Memphis, TN in 1984 and continued in private practice in Charleston, SC after retiring from the Navy.<sup>3</sup> Dr. Aitken died at age 69 in 2018.<sup>4</sup>



The US Air Force PA Program at Sheppard was fully accredited by the AMA in December 1973. An agreement with the University of Nebraska, Omaha, NE, provided a Bachelor of Science Degree in Medicine to all graduates.<sup>5</sup> In 1978, the Navy decided to establish two PA programs, one located in Norfolk, VA and the other in San Diego, CA. Both Navy PA programs were accredited in 1980 but, as noted in the news release, were closed and reopened on several occasions throughout the 1980s.<sup>6</sup>

Today, all uniformed service PAs are educated at Fort Sam Houston, TX. The Interservice Physician Assistant Program (IPAP) was formed in 1996.

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#### PA History Society's

**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.

*"Any disease process always ends up being more complicated than one thinks."*

Dr. Eugene A. Stead

This is just one quote in the collection of over 340 thoughts and says from Dr. Stead, founder of the PA profession which is featured in the Society's little blue booklet titled *Just Say for Me* that you can find on the Society's website here: <https://pahx.org/pa-history-book/>

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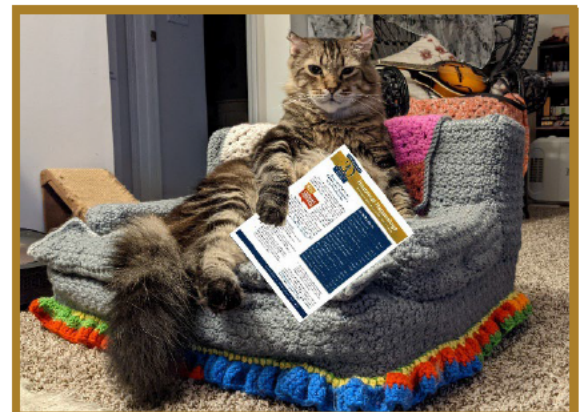
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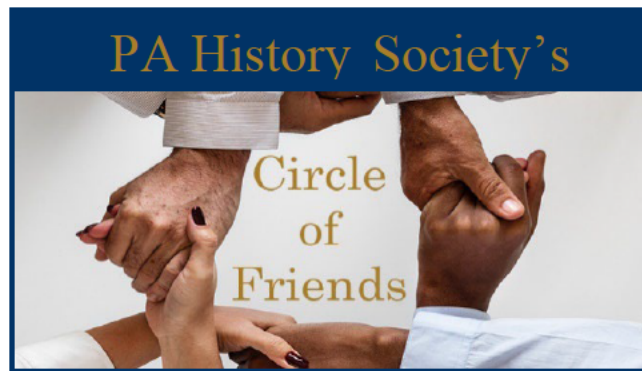
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