

# Historical Happenings

## Newsletter of the PA History Society



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**Message from the President**

*Richard C. Vause, Jr., DHSc, MPAS, PA-C Emeritus, FCPP, DFAAPA, CAPT. USPHS (retired)*



Over the past year, it has been my honor and pleasure to serve as president of the PAHx Board and interact closely with my fellow Trustees both individually and collectively.

Supported by a remarkable staff and historian, the Society was able to present the first ever Product Theater at the 2025 PAEA Education Forum in San Diego, CA. Historian Tricia Marriott and Senior Archivist Michelle Schabowski gave an outstanding presentation and demonstration of the new educational modules to a standing room only audience. These modules will be available in January 2026 to aid in the teaching of the history of our profession.

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**New PAHx Educational Modules**

The PAHx has developed new, online **Educational Modules!** The new modules were presented last month during a PAEA Product Theater session. These modules will be available to our PAHx Associates starting in January 2026 and are to be used for teaching the professional issues and history courses to PA students.

The new module curriculum is based on the PA profession as a social innovation in healthcare.



PAHx Staff unveil modules at PAEA



Each of the six modules feature major highlights of the profession that correlate with each stage of the social innovation model throughout the decades. All modules are closed-captioned to be ADA compliant and are interactive with opportunities for students to check their knowledge throughout.

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There have been several other significant accomplishments completed by our Trustees. As of the writing of this article, over 27 new biographies and 6 new oral histories were completed and are posted on the PAHx website ([www.pahx.org](http://www.pahx.org)) this year. I invite you to visit the PAHx website and check them out. A dedicated work group of the board completed an intensive line by line, and at times word by word, review and revision of the Society's Bylaws. We also did several public presentations both in person and on Zoom to national conferences, special interest groups, and PA program students.

To the larger PA community, I once stated that as PAs "we make history every day". That history is not just made by our pioneers and older generation PAs, but by every PA who has treated a patient, lectured to students, or become a healthcare administrator. PAs are writing books, starting specialty practices, advising administrators and legislators, and rising to leadership positions in the healthcare industry and healthcare education. The uniformed services PAs are rising to flag ranks and in charge of major commands within all the services. As the history society of the PA profession, it has been our task to capture, archive and make these events known to the world. Our story is being constantly written; one may never know what twists and turns their story will take, but you have to enjoy the ride.

As I wind down my year as President of the PA History Society, I look forward to Dr. William Kohlhepp assuming the office of president in 2026. I extend to him my best wishes and full support for a productive and successful term.

Finally, I want to offer my sincere thanks to all the Trustees, PAHx staff, President & CEO Dawn Morton-Rias, and the NCCPA Board of Directors for the trust they placed in me as board president and the fantastic support given me. Even though it was a very busy and sometimes intense year, you all made it more than worthwhile!

I wish everyone the happiest of holidays and an early wish for a very happy New Year. Remember, you are making history with everything you do. Please visit [www.pahx.org](http://www.pahx.org) on a regular basis for news and memories of our amazing profession.

## Duke PA Pioneers Celebrate 60th Anniversary

*By Reginald Carter, PhD, PA  
PAHx Historian Emeritus*



L-R: Carl Fasser, Charles Lewis, Ken Ferrell, Gil Nelmes, Ernest Easton, & Jim Konopa

On October 15, 2025, seven graduates from the first five classes of Duke University's PA Program joined faculty and students to celebrate the program's 60th anniversary. This group, called the Duke PA Pioneers is comprised of 71 members (67 men and 4 women), most with backgrounds in military medicine. The Duke PA Pioneers continues to support PA initiatives by providing scholarships and making donations to various causes. The evening before the celebration, the group gathered at a welcome party hosted by Gil Nelmes (Class of '71), where they shared memories, caught up on each other's lives, and honored classmates who had passed away.

The formal ceremony opened with remarks from several Duke School of Medicine Deans and Department Chairs ([see related article here](#)). Dr. E. Harvey Estes, Jr., via a recording, praised the pioneering PAs for their crucial contributions, calling their work a legacy. Reginald Carter, PhD, PA, presented slides highlighting the key roles these early PAs played as clinicians, educators, and leaders in shaping the PA profession. Gil Nelms presented Ken Ferrell with a special recognition plaque for his contributions to the PA profession. Ferrell is the only living member of the first class to graduate from Duke in 1967.

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## Update on PA Licensure Compact

*By Greg P. Thomas, PA-C Emeritus, MPH, DFAAPA PAHx Trustee*

Development of the PA Licensure Compact (PALC) began in late 2019 with an in-person meeting in Washington, DC, attended by a group of approximately 100 members of various stakeholder groups. That meeting was supported by a grant from the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA). Organizations partnering on the initiative are the National Commission on Certification of PAs (NCCPA), the American Academy of Physician Associates (AAPA), the Federation of State Medical Boards (FSMB) and the Council of State Governments (CSG).

The PALC will facilitate multistate practice for PAs, improve healthcare access for patients and enhance public protection. Individual states join the compact by enacting authorizing legislation. Under the terms of the compact, states agree to recognize a valid, unencumbered license issued by another compact member state via a compact privilege. The compact privilege is legally equivalent to a license. It is important to note that, given the variation in state laws governing PA practice, PAs must adhere to the laws and regulations of the state in which they are practicing, i.e. in which the patient is located.

In 2024, the requisite minimum number of seven states passing the legislation was reached and the PALC was activated. Currently, 19 states have successfully joined the PA Licensure Compact with as many as 15 others considering the legislation in 2026. Each state with active compact legislation appoints a delegate to serve on the PA Licensure Compact Commission, an independent semi-governmental body, that oversees the administration of the PALC. That Commission held its inaugural meeting in September 2024 to approve bylaws, elect officers and an executive committee, and to begin the process of identifying the administrative secretariat, which will support

the work of the Commission. Subsequently, one in-person and one Zoom meeting of the full Commission have been held and more than 30 meetings of the various committees (Executive, Finance, Communications and Rules) have occurred. In addition to the 19 state-appointed delegates, an ex-officio, non-voting representative from NCCPA and AAPA, all serve on the full Commission, as well as on the four committees mentioned above. NCCPA and AAPA currently provide the majority of funding for the PALC.

The next phase in the operationalization of the PALC is development of a database to support applications and processing. An RFP was recently issued with responses due by late December. It is anticipated that PAs will be able to apply for compact privileges via the PALC website in early 2027.

More resources regarding the PA Licensure Compact, including status of existing legislation, FAQs and other details, are available at [www.pacomact.org](http://www.pacomact.org). The website is continuously updated.

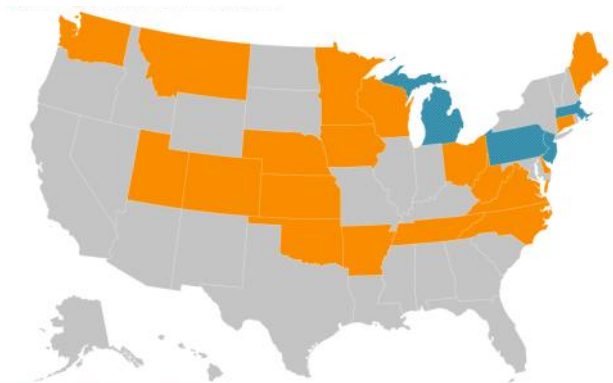


Image from [www.pacomact.org](http://www.pacomact.org).

Orange = States that have are Compact Members

Blue = Legislation filed

## A Parting Shot

By Robert Smith, DHSc, MS, PA-C, FACHE, CPAHA, DFAAPA  
PAHx Past President



As my tenure as a Trustee and Past President of the PA History Society comes to a close, I find myself reflecting on the remarkable journey I have had during the past six years. Applying for and being accepted as a trustee was a pivotal moment in my career, marking the beginning of

an eye-opening experience that has enriched my professional life in countless ways.

My first PAHx Board of Trustees meeting in Atlanta was particularly memorable. It was more than just an introduction to my fellow trustees; it was an immersion into an essential part of our history. I had the privilege of touring significant sites, including Ebenezer Baptist Church and the museum at the King Center. During this tour, guided by Bill Stanhope (first president of the AAPA), we explored the church, the museum, Dr. King’s childhood home, and the historic Fire House Station 16, which was the first integrated firehouse. This experience provided us with a historian’s perspective on the importance of preserving and sharing history. It reaffirmed for me how physician associates (PAs) are deeply intertwined with their communities, serving as custodians not only of the profession but of the broader historical narrative.

Throughout my time on the board, our team has come together to embrace change and propel the PA History Society forward. We authored *PAs as Social Innovators in Healthcare*, expanded our historical resources, and introduced initiatives like our CME session at AAPA’s annual conference, empowering PA groups to document and preserve their own histories. Additionally, we developed an innovative curriculum program for PA students, accessible through our new online platform.

Celebrating our 20th anniversary was a testament to our collective efforts, solidifying our place within the fabric of our profession.

I am grateful for the opportunity to work alongside an incredible group of Trustees, including remarkable leaders like Steve Wilson and Dr. Dawn Morton-Rias. Their mentorship and support have been instrumental in refining my leadership skills. I am also thankful for the dedication of our staff—Lori, Michelle, and Connie—whose support made our achievements possible.

As I step away from my role, I carry forward the lessons learned and memories made during my time as a PAHx Trustee. Thank you to everyone who made this journey possible; your partnership has been invaluable to me and to the mission of the PA History Society.

**NEW!**

### PA History Education Modules

Paid Associates of the PA History Society receive free access to a new LMS that assists with teaching the history of the PA profession.

- Curriculum Guide Included
- Six Self-Directed Learning Modules
- Student quizzes & test questions
- Course Completion Certificates

## Congratulations to our 2025 PA Week Student Photo Winners!

To enter, students had to submit a fun photo of themselves at their PA program. Winners were then drawn randomly.

The lucky PA students were:

- Alexa Rodriguez – Pacific University
- Zarina Bhula – UTHSC – San Antonio
- Courtney Johnson – Mercer University
- Rielee Betnar – Wichita State University
- Becca Lohrenz – Clarkson University

Each winner receives a special PA History Prize Pack!

First Row, Left to Right: PA-S2 Clarkson White Coat Ceremony, Pacific University – Oregon Class of 2027 Celebrating PA Week, & UTHSC San Antonio Didactic Year Class of 2026



Second Row, Left to Right: Wichita State University PA-S2 Defibrillator Fun & Mercer PA Week PAPER Plate Awards



## In Memory of Dr. E. Harvey Estes, Jr.

By **Reginald Carter, PhD, PA**  
*PAHx Historian Emeritus*



Edward Harvey Estes, Jr. died peacefully in Durham on Thursday, October 16, 2025. He was 100 years old and had just celebrated his 77<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary with his wife, Jean. Dr. Estes was born on May 1, 1925, in Gay, Georgia, a small farming community; he

graduated public high school when he was only 16 years old. Dr. Estes obtained his undergraduate and medical degrees from Emory University and completed his medical internship at the Grady Memorial Hospital in Atlanta, GA. His residency was interrupted for active service in the U.S. Navy during the Korean War, where he worked as a cardiologist at Bethesda Naval Hospital. After completing his residency at Duke Univ. in 1953, Dr. Estes joined their Department of Medicine, which was then under the leadership of Dr. Eugene A. Stead, Jr.

In 1966, Dr. Estes was asked to chair the newly created Department of Community Health Sciences and to assume responsibility for the Physician Assistant (PA) Program. He quickly began evaluating and advancing physician assistant training in North Carolina, as well as nationally. After launching a family medicine division in 1970, the Department's clinics started training MD/PA healthcare teams. The Department trained community health workers from low-income areas and set up rural satellite clinics in these communities, mainly staffed by PAs.

Dr. Estes wrote articles, chaired or served on advisory committees and traveled extensively to promote the PA concept to anyone who would listen. It was Estes' resilience and fortitude that brought Stead's vision to fruition in the 1970s and 1980s.

Dr. Estes was instrumental in helping establish a model enabling legislation for PAs across the United States. More information on Dr. Estes' contributions to the PA profession and his leadership role in the North Carolina Medical Society is available online at [E. Harvey Estes, Jr., MD](#).

I am grateful for Dr. Estes' mentorship and the chance to collaborate with a diverse group of healthcare professionals in the Department of Community Health Sciences, an environment that fostered unique professional growth. Dr. Estes taught me to approach problems as opportunities, value positivity, and recognize the impact of working behind the scenes — an approach that contributed significantly to North Carolina's top ranking for PA practice.



L-R: Reginald Carter, E. Harvey Estes, Jr., Alfred Sadler, Jr., MD, 2015

## What Military Conflict Contributed to the Evolution of the PA Profession?

By **Tricia Marriott, PA-C**  
*PAHx Historian*

An interesting PAHx discussion regarding a survey question emerged at the recent PAEA Forum in San Diego. The PAHx survey asked: "What military conflict contributed to the evolution of the PA profession?" The multiple-choice answers included:

- The Korean War
- The Civil War
- World War I
- Vietnam War
- Desert Storm

*(Find out the answer on page 10)*

### In His Own Words: Jed Grant, DMSc, PA-C

By Bruna Varalli-Claypool, BBA, MHS, PA-C, DFAAPA  
PAHx Trustee



**What advice do you have for someone considering the PA profession?**

It's a great choice at a time when the profession continues to develop – there are many wonderful ways to contribute both to the welfare of the patient and the growth of the profession.

**What were you looking forward to during your first term on the PA History Society board?**

Contributing to the documentation of all the great things that PAs are doing!

**What have your military experiences taught you about yourself?**

So many things: Do not limit your thinking. Grit. Know how to follow before you lead. Consider unintended effects. Put those you lead and the mission before yourself.



**What surprised you the most as you researched “grit” for your doctoral degree?**

While some have more natural grit than others, grit is not completely fixed and can be developed. It is essentially a persistent, immutable, growth mindset.

**Do you have any pets?**

Yes, a standard doodle named Wrangler.

**What do you do for fun?**

Exercise, cycling/mountain biking, visiting museums and natural parks, and hanging out with family.

**Favorite vacation location? Why?**

Hawaii! Hawaii is paradise! Love it there.

**If you could have a superpower, what would it be? Why?**

Time travel. There are so many amazing things to learn from those that came before and things we could learn from the future that would be helpful to know now.

**If you had unlimited resources/dollars, where in the world would you live?**

Somewhere near the ocean. Anywhere near family.



### The Emory Farmworker Project

By Jeff Myers, MPH, MMSc, PA-C, DFAAPA, FAAHPM  
PAHx Trustee

Recently, PAHx Society Trustee Jeff Myers, MPH, MMSc, PA-C, DFAAPA, FAAPM, engaged in a conversation with several founding members of the Emory University Farmworker Project, formerly known as the South Georgia Farmworker



L-R: Tom Himelick, Terry Mize & Randy Bundschu

Health Project. This project was established in 1996 by PA and former Emory University faculty member Tom Himelick. Myers, a graduate of the Emory University PA Program and a participant in the Farmworker Project, had the opportunity to meet with Himelick and two other former Emory faculty members, Terry Mize and Randy Bundschu. The discussion focused on the origins, impact, and lessons learned from this award-winning program that continues today.

For nearly three decades, the Emory Farmworker Project has provided essential access to South Georgia's farmworker population while offering PA students and various interdisciplinary health professionals in training the opportunity to develop patient-centered care skills.

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## From the Archives: *The Veterans Caucus Collection*

by Michelle Schabowski, MSIS, CA

The PA History Society was fortunate to have a graduate student intern for the fall semester! Tommy White is a student at Clayton University's Archival Studies Graduate Program.

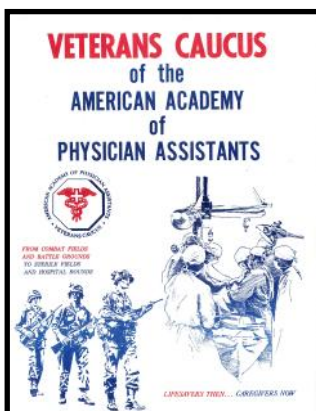


PAHx Intern Tommy White cataloging Veterans Caucus Collection

One of White's first projects was to digitize, sort, and catalog a collection for the PAHx archives.

After White's diligent work, the Veterans Caucus Collection is now available to researchers and interested parties.

The collection was donated to the Society during the 2025 Veterans Caucus Memorial Ceremony which was held at the AAPA annual conference last May.



The collection contains materials that relate to the establishment and history of the Caucus in the form of correspondence, bylaws, announcements, newsletters, and photographs. Most of the collection originates from 1982 through 2003.

To access the finding aid for this collection, please [click here](#). Scroll down the page to see a listing of the folders within the collection. Clicking on a folder will bring up more information as to the folder's contents.

If you would like more information or digitized scans of a folder for research or educational purposes, please click the "Send Us Feedback" button in the top right corner of the screen to contact The PAHx Senior Archivist.

Do you have any personal papers that relate to the history of the PA profession either on a state or national level? Contact the PA History Society [[contactus@pahx.org](mailto:contactus@pahx.org)] to donate items to the archives, which will help future researchers and historians.

### (Farm Worker Project Continued From Page 7)

Explore this significant oral history discussion to gain insights into the project's inception and its evolution into a model for enhancing access to care in rural farming communities.

This remarkable project has garnered research papers and posters, highlighting its significance. Current program leaders, including longtime faculty Dr. Jodi Guest and Program Coordinator Emilia Grill, continue to lead, partner and expand the community's impact.

[Origin Story: Oral History of the Emory Farmworker Project](#)

For further information on the Emory Farmworker Program and to learn how you could lend your support, visit them [HERE](#).



Jeff Myers participating in the Emory Farmworker Project

## Passages: Steven “Steve” Robert Shelton, Sr.

*By Deborah Munsell, DHSc, DFAAPA, PA-C  
PAHx Trustee*



Steve Shelton Receiving Upjohn APAP Presidential Award, 1989

Steven (Steve) Robert Shelton, Sr., passed away peacefully at his home on October 15, 2025, at the age of 74. Steve was a proud graduate of the University of Texas Medical Branch (UTMB) - Galveston PA program, class of 1975. He was the first PA granted hospital medical staff/allied health staff privileges at the University’s John Sealy Hospital.

Steve served as President of the Association of Physician Assistant Programs (APAP)—the predecessor of the PA Education Association (PAEA)—and introduced one of the organization’s earliest frameworks for strategic planning. Remarkably, Steve was one of three UTMB faculty members to have served as APAP President.

Steve’s national service also included participation on HRSA’s Advisory Committee on Interdisciplinary Community-Based Programs and on the Centers of Excellence Program Advisory Committee of the American Nurse Credentialing Center (ANCC). His contributions helped rural community hospitals achieve recognition through the Nurse Friendly Hospital Program—an alternative pathway to Magnet status that expanded opportunities for smaller hospitals to be recognized for excellence. He also chaired the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation—funded consortium of eight southern states, addressing rural health access, workforce development, and health disparities.

At the state level, Steve developed and managed the Texas EMS Dispatch Resource Center Program at the direction of the Texas Legislature. This initiative connected over five hundred rural “911 Answering Points” to certified emergency medical dispatchers, ensuring that life-saving pre-arrival instructions could reach callers before first responders arrived—a program that saved lives and set a model for emergency medical systems nationwide.

Throughout more than four decades at UTMB, Steve dedicated his career to expanding healthcare access for underserved communities across Texas and the nation. His impact extended well beyond the classroom, inspiring countless students and colleagues through his mentorship and advocacy for equitable healthcare delivery.

Steve recalled fondly the years spent in service, noting, “I could make a difference in the health and well-being of one person at a time as a practicing clinical PA. As an educator of PAs, I realized I was multiplying that effect by the number of students I participated in educating. As my career evolved toward more community-based programs and health policy work at the state and national/federal level, I was able to impact whole communities and regions by the work we were doing. I hope it made a difference.”

Beyond his professional achievements, Steve served in his church’s outreach missions, volunteered with the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo, coached youth soccer, and was a proud supporter of the Houston Dynamo and Dash. He also enjoyed sailing and teaching Spanish, sharing his love of learning and cultural connection with others.

Steve Shelton leaves behind a legacy of service, integrity, and compassion that will continue to inspire the PA community for generations to come.

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### (Duke 60th Continued From Page 2)

April Stouder, EdD, MHS, PA-C, Division Chief and Duke University PA Program Director, inducted six PA Pioneers—Jim Konopa, Charles Lewis, Gary Phelps, Mike Quirk, Jarrett Wise, and John Braun (posthumously)—into the Duke PA Program 2025 Hall of Fame. Dr. Reginald Carter presented the inductees with a congratulatory letter from Richard C. Vause, Jr., DHSc, MPAS, PA-C Emeritus, CAPT. USPHS (retired), President of the PA History Society.

May future physician assistants/associates carry forward the legacy of the pioneering PAs who established the foundation of our profession!

## NYSSPA Celebrates 50 Years

by Robin Hunter-Buskey, PAHx Treasurer;  
Phoebe Kubo, PAHx Student Trustee &  
Maureen Regan, NYSSPA President



Phoebe Kubo (L) and  
Robin Hunter-Buskey

This year, the New York State Society of PAs (NYSSPA) celebrates 50 years of support, advocacy and service to the PA community and the patients of New York State (NYS). The organization publicly celebrated this achievement October 17-19, 2025 at the annual continuing medical education (CME) event. The event drew PAs, PA students, educators and other stakeholders to Albany, New York, filling the Albany Conference Center. NYSSPA's five decades demonstrates its adaptation and resiliency to the continually changing healthcare landscape.

The keynote speaker this year was James Mc Donald, MD, NYS Commissioner of Health. He acknowledged the commitment New York PAs have to those seeking primary care, those who need occupational health services, those who rely on PAs as their PCP in rural and urban settings and those who find themselves in trauma/critical care situations where much of their life-saving medical care is provided by a PA.

The weekend's activities - including the first ever Octoberfest - supported important causes like the PA Scholarship Fund and this year's Presidential Charity, Pal-O-Mine, an equestrian therapy venue that cares for those with ADHD, PTSD and healthcare worker burnout.



Clara Vanderbilt,  
NYSSPA 1st President

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## (What Conflict... Continued From Page 6)

The answer, given the choices provided on the survey, was the Vietnam War.

However, as some knowledgeable PA educators pointed out, it depends upon which contribution is being considered; while not a choice offered on the PAHx survey, World War II significantly contributed to the development of the PA profession. During WWII, Dr. Eugene Stead, Jr., was training medical students and residents at an accelerated rate to support the physician shortage at Atlanta's Grady Hospital due to medical providers being sent overseas to help in the war. That strategy resurfaced for Dr. Stead at Duke Univ. in the 1950s when the hospital faced a shortage of clinical/health personnel. In the 1950s, the Korean War (1950-1953) and the Vietnam War (1955-1975) were conflicts that were again siphoning off medical personnel, creating physician shortages nationwide.

At an American Medical Association (AMA) meeting in the early 1960s, [Dr. Charles Hudson](#) (newly elected chair of the AMA) proposed mitigating the physician shortage and increased demand for healthcare by training former military corpsmen as assistants to physicians. In 1965, Dr. Stead started the PA program at Duke University, "...supplying physicians with knowledgeable personnel who could help meet the growing demand for their services." The first graduating class of the Duke PA program was made up of three former Navy corpsmen. The subsequent classes of the Duke Univ. PA program would also be mainly comprised of former Navy Corpsmen and medics, many veterans from the Vietnam War.

On the other side of the country, the MEDEX Northwest Program, University of Washington, was also initially launched with former military corpsmen and medics who were returning from Vietnam. Led by [Dr. Richard Smith](#), the intent was to provide training to assist the medically underserved and rural areas in Washington state and the surrounding areas.

The success and skills that emerged from these early PA programs, which were heavily filled by veterans, laid the foundation for the current 321 PA programs that exist in the U.S. today.



Bill Toler at NYSSPA Gala

Clara Vanderbilt, NYSSPA's first president, was remembered during the gala, which was named in her honor. She was unable to attend but sent a [video message](#) to kick off the anniversary gala. The gala highlighted NYSSPA's leadership with more than 20 of the 44 past presidents participating. Speakers featured past presidents and longtime members of the association. Also honored was Bill Toler, New York State PA licensee number 000001, who was personally handed his credential by then Governor Nelson Rockefeller.

Also honored was Suzanne Fedie, NYSSPA's Executive Director, who received an honorary PA white coat, a powerful symbol representing trust and dedication.

The anniversary event provided a platform for PAs across New York State to reconnect, celebrate the profession, and look ahead to the future of PA practice. Celebrations like this reaffirm the visibility of PAs as integral members of the healthcare team in New York.

Thank you NYSSPA and congratulations to all PA organizations achieving significant milestone anniversaries.

## Past Presidents of the New York State Society of PAs



L-R: Peter Kuemmel, Adrian Llewellyn, Lisa Campo, Jonathan Sobel, Lorraine Atkinson, Kevin Bolan, Paul Lombardo, Frank Rodino, William Toler (Founding member), Robin Hunter-Buskey, Gary Schwall, Jonathan Baker, Frank King, David Mittman, Paul Jacques, Robert Cafone, David Jackson, Tracy Jackson, Mary Springston, Michelle Ederer, & Anthony Mifsud

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## (New Modules Continue From Page 1)

The modules will be available through PAHx's new learning management system (LMS) and can be easily accessed by faculty and students from their computer, tablet or smartphone.

Upon finishing each module, students will be awarded a 'certificate of completion' to be uploaded or emailed to their instructor.

The modules have an accompanying Curriculum Guide for instructors with educational objectives, topics covered, suggested readings – including from the Society's *PA's as Social Innovators in Healthcare* textbook; sample assessment questions, ARC-PA "B" Standards tags, and the citations used in each module. As a fun aside, the modules are narrated by a board-certified palliative care PA who is also a professional voice-actor!



## Stay in Touch with PAHx thru Social Media!

Please be sure to follow the PA History Society on [Facebook](#), [LinkedIn](#), and [Instagram](#) to receive updates on all things PA history!





# PA History Society Veterans Garden



## HONORING UNIFORMED SERVICES PAS

The PA History Society (PAHx) and the NC Academy of PAs (NCAPA) collaborated to create the only garden dedicated to honoring PA veterans and those currently in the uniformed services. The garden is located at the Eugene A. Stead, Jr. Center for Physician Assistants in Durham, NC.

The centerpiece features a life size bronze statue of a combat medic which serves as a reminder of the origins of the PA profession. The area around the statue and the garden walkways display brick pavers engraved with the names of PAs who have served or are still serving our country in one of the U.S. Uniformed Services.

The PA History Society currently has a limited number of brick pavers available for engraving. The bricks make an enduring gift or a distinguished tribute to your service or that of a loved one.

### Engraved Brick Pavers:

- Exclusively for U.S. Veteran & Uniformed Services PAs
- 9"X9" Brick Pavers
- Includes PA Name, Branch, and Years of Service
- \$100 each (\$10 extra for a personalized certificate)
- Tax-deductible



### List of Current Bricks in the Veterans Garden:

<https://pahx.org/pa-veterans-garden/>

### Three Ways to Order:

1.  <https://www.bricksrus.com/order/pahxvetgarden/>

2.  678-417-8682

3.  **SCAN HERE**



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