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## NEWS OF MEMBERS: MARCH 2010

### Focus on Members

**Colonel Christopher S. Williams, D.O., M.P.H.**, retired from the U.S. Air Force on January 1, 2010. He served over 21 years and was honored at his retirement ceremony in October 2009 at the U.S. Air Force Memorial in Washington, DC, by the presence of the USAF Surgeon General, Lt.Gen. Bruce Green, and the Joint Chief of Staff Surgeon, Rear Admiral David Smith. His ceremony was presided over by U.S. Army Brig.Gen. Loree Sutton.

Dr. Williams, a Board Certified Neurologist and Clinical Neurophysiologist (Epileptologist), is also a Board Certified Aerospace Medicine Specialist, having completed the Aerospace Medicine Residency at the USAF School of Aerospace Medicine in 1995. He most recently served as Senior Executive Director for Traumatic Brain Injury at the Defense Centers of Excellence for Psychological Health and Traumatic Brain Injury in Washington, DC. He was also the USAF Surgeon General Consultant for Aerospace Neurology from 2004 until retirement and a Senior Flight Surgeon with over 650 hours military flying time, including 50 hours of combat and combat support time.

During his distinguished career, he served as Commander of the 506th Expeditionary Medical Squadron/Joint Expeditionary Freedom Hospital at Kirkuk, Iraq, and as Commander of the 10th Medical Operations Squadron at the USAF Academy. He also was Deputy Chairman, Department of Neurology, Wilford Hall Medical Center from 2002-2004 and Assistant Professor of Neurology, Edward Hebert School of Medicine, Uniformed Services University, Bethesda, MD, from 2003-2009. Upon retirement, he was awarded the Legion of Merit by the AF Surgeon General for his "personal endeavor" that "leaves an indelible mark on the Department of Defense' treatment of post-concussion syndrome" and for his "great strides toward the first definitive treatment of the 'invisible signature wound' of Operations Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom." Dr. Williams joined Colorado Springs Health Partners, a 100+ physician primary care and multi-specialty group in Colorado Springs, CO, as a neurologist on January 1, 2010.

**Robin Dodge, M.D.**, Director of the Division of Aerospace Medicine in the Department of Community Health at Wright State University, Dayton, Ohio, has announced his intention to retire next year. His announcement has triggered a cascading effect within the Division that will see a smooth transition of responsibilities and authority for various organizational activities over the next year. The first and most notable event occurred on January 1, 2010, when he handed off the residency in aerospace medicine to his current colleague, Farhad Sahiar, M.D. Dr. Dodge says that the time is right for new ideas and someone with a longer fix on the horizon. He wishes continued success for many years to Dr. Sahiar and the program.

**Air Commodore (AIRC/DRE) Tracy Smart** was posted into a new role on February 1, 2010, as Director of General Garrison Health Operations in the Australian Defence Force's Joint Health Command. She will also continue with her previous role of Director General of Air Force Health Services, Royal Australian Air Force.

### In Memoriam: James L. Goddard

Former member James L. Goddard, M.D., has died. He was a member from 1959-1970 and served as a Vice President on Council from 1960-1964. Born in Alliance, OH, Dr. Goddard received a Bachelor's degree in 1944 from Temple University in Philadelphia, PA while serving in the Army during World War II. He earned an M.D. in 1949 from George Washington University, served a 1-year internship at the U.S. Public Health Service Marine Hospital in Cleveland, OH, then ran a private practice until 1951. In 1955, he earned an M.P.H. from Harvard University.

From 1956-1959, Dr. Goddard ran the Public Health Service Accident Prevention Program in Washington, DC, then was the director of the medical program for what is now the Federal Aviation Administration for 3 years. He was named the Chief of the Centers for Disease Control in 1962, at that time the youngest person to hold that post. In 1966, he was named the head of the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), where he accomplished a wide variety of tasks. He addressed inadequate drug research, which meant that drug recalls grew by 75% during his first year. He also launched investigations of about 4000 medications, cracked down on drug advertising, and instituted "Dear Doctor" letters, which pharmaceutical companies had to send out to address false or misleading claims about drugs.

In 1968, Dr. Goddard joined a private data-processing firm, and then spent 2 years as a program advisor at the Ford Foundation in New Delhi. He also did consulting work. He was active as a member of the Atlanta Federal Executive Board, chairman of the Combined Federal Campaign for the Atlanta area in 1966, and a member of the Advisory Committee for the Fernbank Natural Science Center. He was also a member of quite a few societies, among them the American Medical Association, the American Public Health Association, the Aerospace Medical Association, the Civil Aviation Medical Association, the Scientific Research Society of America, the American Association for the Advancement of Science, and the Association of Food and Drug Officials of the United States.

Dr. Goddard was a consultant to various groups, including the American Board of Preventive Medicine, the Advisory Committee to the Institute of Agricultural Medicine at the University of Iowa, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, and a member of the WHO Expert Advisory Panel on

Occupational Health. His awards included Honorary Doctor of Science degrees from Emory University, the University of Michigan, and Mount Union College; the Federal Bar Association's Liberty Bell Award; the George Washington University's Award of Merit and Alumni Achievement Award; the John Jeffries Award for 1962; the Public Health Service Meritorious Service Medal; and the Distinguished Service Award from the Federal Aviation Administration.

### In Memoriam: Daniel W. Repperger

Daniel W. Repperger, Ph.D., P.E., died suddenly in January. He received his B.S.E.E. and M.S.E.E. degrees from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Troy, NY, in 1967 and 1968. After receiving his Ph.D. degree in electrical engineering from Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN, in 1973, he became a National Research Council Postdoctoral Fellow at the Air Force Research Laboratory at Wright-Patterson AFB, OH. In 1975, he joined the federal government as a civil servant at the Air Force Research Laboratory, where he worked until his death. In 1985, Dr. Repperger developed patented technology for a force-reflecting "haptic" control stick, which can assist and help protect pilots in a high-turbulence (vibration) environment by using virtual force to augment the pilot's neuromuscular control. This assists pilots both in tracking control and disturbance rejection.

Dr. Repperger worked in government service with the U.S. Air Force for about 35 years. He was also an adjunct professor (Electrical Engineering and/or Biomedical Engineering) at Wright State University, the Air Force Institute of Technology, University of Dayton, and the Ohio State University. Additionally, he worked with the Commonwealth of Kentucky, supported NATO meetings and meetings in New Zealand, and was a keynote speaker at a major engineering conference in China in 2008.

Dr. Repperger authored 434 publications, including 14 patents and 28 inventions, 65 journal articles, 4 book chapters, 230 conference papers, and 17 technical reports. He was a Fellow of the Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers, a Research Fellow of the Air Force Research Laboratory, a Fellow of the American Institute of Medical and Biological Engineering, a Fellow of the Ohio Academy of Science, and a Fellow of the Aerospace Medical Association (AsMA). He also served in numerous professional organizations as an officer as well as on publications boards of five international journals as an Associate Editor. In 1998, Dr. Repperger's career achievements in aerospace technology were recognized when he received the Life Sciences and Bioengineering R&D Innovation Award. He was elected a Distinguished Member of the IEEE Control Systems Society and received the IEEE Third Millennium Medal. He also received the John Paul Stapp Award in 2003 from AsMA.

## Obituary Listing

AsMA has just learned that M. Young Stokes III, M.D., died in January 2009. He earned his M.D. from Southwestern Medical School in Dallas, TX. He was President of the Civil Aviation Medical Association from 1987 to 1989 and also served on CAMA's Board of Trustees. He was President of the Flying Physicians Association, a member of the Order of the Daedalians, and a member of the

Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association, as well as other organizations. He owned and flew his own plane and joined AsMA in 1995.

## New Members

Kanashiro, Ricardo, Lt.Col., BAF, MC, Santos SP, Brazil  
O'Sullivan, Terance, M.D., Shanghai, China  
Raniolo, John S., D.O., Scottsdale, AZ

Tomaro, Michael, Ph.D., New Berlin, WI  
Tullet, Rachel B., BMBS, Lyttelton, Christchurch, New Zealand

### AsPS Call for Award Nominations

The Aerospace Physiology Society (AsPS) presents three major achievement awards to recognize individuals who perform extraordinary work within the Aerospace Physiology Community. The AsPS presents three awards:

**The Paul Bert Award** recognizes outstanding research contributions in aerospace physiology.

**The Fred A. Hitchcock Award** recognizes career contributions of senior aerospace physiologists for excellence in either operational aerospace physiology or aerospace physiology research. Nominees must be members of AsPS.

**The Wiley Post Award** recognizes outstanding contributions in direct operational physiology and aeromedical training and education, including support of Dept. of Defense, FAA, NASA, or civilian aircrew.

The nomination should include: 1) A citation of 80 words or less, 2) a bulleted list of significant accomplishments of less than 300 words, 3) a one page professional biography of the nominee, and 4) a portrait photograph of the nominee. **DEADLINE:** 1 April 2010.

Standard award forms may be downloaded from the AsPS website ([www.aspsociety.org](http://www.aspsociety.org)), or obtained by contacting the Award Chair via e-mail. E-mail submission of the award package, with MS-Word for documents and GIF or JPEG files for graphics is preferred. Hard copy nominations will be accepted by mail. Late nominations will not be considered or carried over to the next year. E-mail or mail nominations to the Award Chairman at:

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### CAMA SUNDAY

The Civil Aviation Medical Association, in cooperation with the Airlines Medical Directors Association, present:

**CAMA Sunday: May 9, 2010:  
8:00AM-Noon**

**"Risk and Regulation"**

*Traumatic Brain Injury:* Joseph Sirven, epileptologist, Mayo Clinic

*Stroke and Migraine:* Timothy Ingall, cerebrovascular disease, Mayo Clinic

*Seizure and Epilepsy:* W. A. Hauser, epidemiology, epilepsy, Columbia University

Expert presentations and panel discussion. Don't miss it!

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May 8-12, 2011; Egan Convention Center, Anchorage, AK

May 13-17, 2012; Atlanta Hilton Atlanta, GA

May 12-16, 2013; Chicago Sheraton Chicago, IL

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