

# The Federalist

## \*\*\* FROM THE NATIONAL TRUSTEE \*\*\*

Greetings from Southwest Oklahoma! How can it already be October? In the words of Taylor Swift, "The summer slipped away like a moment in time." Although summer



passed quickly, it didn't just slip away, rather it was full of memorable events. What a great opportunity we had in Orlando for the AGD2022 Scientific Session. It was a great meeting filled with tons of continuing education courses. I was astonished by the number of vendors in the exhibit hall as we have finally returned to a sense of normalcy after the pandemic. It was great to see many of you who stopped by the US Army booth while I supported the Army recruiting efforts. If you were unable to attend, I know you will enjoy the highlights that follow in the Constituents' Message.

Another great event at the meeting was the Region 17 Social held in the Headwaters Lounge in Rosen Shingle Creek Hotel. The food was delicious, and the drink tickets keep coming. It was a wonderful time to catch with old acquaintances and establish to new ones especially since we haven't had a Social since the Annual Meeting in 2019 due to the pandemic. Thanks to Navy for planning an amazing event!

It was an honor serving as the US flag bearer for the Convocation Ceremony. It was also great to see so many Region 17 members become Masters and Fellows. From my time in AGD, I believe we broke a record this year with the number of education awardees. Congrats to all for achieving

these amazing milestones in your professional careers!

AGD continues to address the concerns and needs of its members. The CE approval process was reviewed, resulting in CE credits being uploaded to member transcripts in less than 2 weeks. We appreciate the timely response in this effort. In August, the Academy lost our longtime Editor, Dr. Roger Winland. He served the AGD for over 24 years after retiring his role in 2020. I can remember the wealth of knowledge Dr. Winland provided in council meetings in which we served together. He contributed greatly to our organization and will truly be missed. For Veterans Day, Region 17 always had his support for contributions to the November issue of the *Impact* publication. Please continue to keep his family in your thoughts and prayers.

Thanks to LCDR Erik Anderson for serving as the course director for the fall Fellowship Review Course earlier this month in San Diego. Region 17 speakers continue to provide high quality lectures as a refresher for those planning to challenge the Fellowship exam. If you are interested in being a speaker for the summer or fall review course, please inform your constituent leadership.

The Governance meeting will be held this November at the Hyatt Regency McCormick Place in Chicago. Please share all concerns, issues, and ideas with your constituent leadership so they can be discussed during the governance session at our regional caucus. Remember this is your AGD!

Finally, it's not too soon to start planning for the next Scientific Session in Las Vegas, July 19-22, 2023 at Caesar Palace! We would like for you to join us and set a record-breaking attendance for federal service members with hopes that COVID-19 remains a memory of the past. Regardless, I am proud and motivated by all of your efforts and look forward to taking on the year ahead. Thanks to all of you for all you do to make Region 17 and organized dentistry!

LTC Demarcio Reed, USA, DC

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\*\*\* Regional Director's Comments \*\*\*

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Region 17 Members,



I hope everyone had a great summer. This past July, we had a very successful Scientific Session in Orlando with participation on multiple levels. Major Nick Wilsson (USA) served as the director for

the Fellowship Review Course and did an outstanding job along with our other Region 17 speakers. It's a unique opportunity to lecture on a national level at a major dental conference. Along with the professional experience, your service can be included on your CV and future performance reports. I encourage anyone with interest to contact your constituent president (teaching/academic experience is preferred). We also had our first ever appreciation dinner for our speakers that was well attended with Region 17 leadership. A big kudos to our Navy Constituency that organized our Region 17 Social this year. Along with the AGD leadership attending, we had members from every constituency in attendance. This was a unique opportunity to develop connections and friendships across region 17. Finally, we had several members awarded the Fellowship and Mastership awards signifying their dedication to our profession. Congratulations!

Our next major event will be House of Delegates meeting in November

where our Region 17 leaders will be your voice to the AGD and our profession. We will also have our Region 17 Caucus where we will review last year's progress and then strategically plan for the next year. If you have any suggestions or ideas, please contact your constituency leadership.

I know that membership in the AGD, and the financial commitment involved, is not always easy—especially with competition from other dental organizations and other competing financial priorities, but I absolutely believe that your membership is very significant. While the continuing education is our foundation and most valued benefit, I'm also thankful for the professional friendships and support that the Academy provides to represent general dentists.

With appreciation...

**Col Amar Kosaraju, USAF, DC**

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**LTC Jim Giesen**

## President's Message

Hello, Bonjour, Ciao, and Guten Tag from Europe! I hope everyone had a chance to enjoy some time off this summer. As we head back to work, back to school, and perhaps to a new duty

station, we find ourselves resuming our routines and maybe realizing we have a few more continuing education hours to earn before the end of the year. Fortunately, AGD members have a literal virtual library of CE courses to choose from to help meet education goals. Check out [www.agd.org](http://www.agd.org) to gain access to these on-demand courses. Our next Region 17 live webinar will take place on Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup> featuring Maj David Lalande from the Canadian Dental Corps speaking on removable prosthodontics. Stay posted to the Army AGD Facebook page for the latest updates.

The Army AGD Constituency had a very successful gathering at the Scientific Session in Orlando in July. During our breakout session, we recognized this year's Fellows and Master, as well as hearing remarks from COL Michael Evans, who provided his perspective on stewarding the profession of dentistry while navigating change in uncertain environments. I really enjoyed seeing the diverse gathering of Army dentists, from those in their first year of service, to some of my mentors and leaders who have since retired and continue to promote Army dentistry. Following our session, military and federal services dentists gathered for the Region 17 Social enjoying the networking and camaraderie that

only an in-person conference event can provide.

In addition, Army AGD members contributed to many aspects of the Scientific Session. MAJ Nick Wilson, Army AGD Secretary, led and organized the two-day AGD Fellowship Exam Review Course, featuring military speakers lecturing on a wide variety of topics. Several other Army AGD members also presented as part of this course including LTC Chris Bowen, MAJ Stephanie Helmus, and MAJ AJ Davis. Our very own Army AGD President-elect, LTC Mike Hoffman, delivered a lecture on Treatment Planning Considerations for the Endodontically Treated Tooth, as part of the AGD Emerging Speakers series. Great job to all those who represented Army dentistry!

As a reminder, for those looking to receiving their Fellowship or Mastership in 2023 in Las Vegas, you must complete your application and any necessary requirements by the end of this calendar year. Please visit [www.agd.org](http://www.agd.org) to learn more about the submission process.

Finally, in the spring we will hold elections to select our next Army AGD officers. We are looking for enthusiastic and engaged individuals who are interested in leading and being involved with organized dentistry. Please reach out to me at [president@armyagd.org](mailto:president@armyagd.org) if you are interested or would like to find out more about our officer positions. Until next time, Goodbye, Au Revoir, Arrivederci, and Auf Wiedersehen!





## President's Message

Greetings Navy Dental Corps and Region 17 colleagues!

It is my distinct privilege to take the helm of the Navy Con-

stituency of the Academy of General Den-

**CDR Jared Geller** tistry. As my first order of business, I want to thank CDR Josh Henson, our outgoing President, for his leadership during a unique and challenging time that will always be known as the “COVID years” for many of us. I would also like to recognize our outgoing Treasurer, CDR Anthony Silvestri, our outgoing Secretary, LCDR Elise Hurrell, and our incoming President-elect, LCDR Kate Chiodo, whose consistency and remarkable dedication has been vital to our Constituency’s success. If you know any of these officers, or meet them out in the fleet, thank them for their service to the Academy! As we venture forward with exciting new initiatives and activities, I am pleased to also welcome aboard our leaders of the future, LCDR John Jenista as Treasurer and LCDR Erin Bailey as Secretary. More on our amazing executive officers later...

Amidst any significant change in leadership, I think it’s essential to reflect on the organization’s mission and its vision for the future. We’ve workshopped the idea and codified the following description, intentionally leaving room further revisions as we adapt and grow.

***“The Navy constituency of the Academy of General Dentistry connects its members to a broad network of federal services dentists and provides access to high***

***-quality, cost-effective continuing education and unique opportunities for professional growth and career advancement.”***

I welcome your feedback. Is the Academy of General Dentistry, and the Navy Constituency, meeting your needs? Are we missing the mark or coming up short in any of these areas? What could we do differently to serve you better?

The Academy of General Dentistry Scientific Session was back in a big way in Orlando! The continuing education was affordable and of consistently high quality, the accommodations outstanding and the weather gorgeous. My favorite part of the meeting, however, was the opportunity to connect with esteemed mentors, old friends from dental school and past duty stations, and new acquaintances from across the federal services of Region 17 in a relaxed and fun environment. If you haven’t been to the AGD’s Scientific Session in a few years, please join us at one of the upcoming meetings. The next Scientific Session will be held at Caesars Palace in Las Vegas from July 19-22, 2023. In 2024, the Scientific Session will be in Minneapolis. Mark your calendars today and start building this meeting into your travel plans for the year.

If one of your professional goals is to be recognized as a Fellow of the Academy of General Dentistry (unless you’ve already achieved this honor—or Mastership recognition), the Fellowship award may be more easily within your reach than you realize. And with the Navy Constituency offering generous scholarships (cutting the \$600 Fellowship exam fee in HALF), I encourage you to get after it with full steam ahead. The exam, consisting of 250 multiple choice questions, can be taken at the AGD Scientific Session, at the conclusion of an AGD



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Fellowship Review Course, or year-round at an SMT testing center near you! You do not need to have all of your CE requirements (500 hours) completed prior to challenging the exam. More information about the Fellowship exam can be found at: [www.agd.org/education/learn/take-the-exam](http://www.agd.org/education/learn/take-the-exam). A special thank you to LCDR Erik Anderson, who is serving as the Course Director for the Fellowship Review Course in San Diego this fall.

Congratulations to our to our most recent recipients of the Fellowship Award:

**Joseph Carey, DMD, FAGD**  
**Elizabeth Fadoju, DMD, FAGD**  
**James Feliz, DDS, FAGD**  
**John Jenista, DMD, FAGD**  
**Jonathan B. Negron, DMD, FAGD**  
**Justin G. Page, DMD, FAGD**

As one of the Academy's main pillars, I want to highlight a few of the upcoming continuing education opportunities that may be of particular interest to you. First, Region 17 continues to provide webinar speakers who present at national audiences with record-setting participation. These webinars are completely FREE for Region 17 members. Thank you, LCDR Abby Schmidt for the outstanding Orofacial Pain presentation on September 8<sup>th</sup>. Register today for the November 3<sup>rd</sup> webinar on new and emerging topics in periodontics. Secondly, I am thrilled to recognize the efforts by LCDR Jonathon Blaze Negron who has forged a relationship with the Illinois AGD Mastertrack committee, allowing Region 17 members to take advantage of their high-demand course offerings at a 30% discounted rate. If you are interested in these hands-on courses, a complete listing of Illinois AGD Mastertrack courses can be found at <https://ilagd.org/illinois-and-wisconsin-mastertrack/>.

While I firmly believe that participating in organized dentistry is an important and worthwhile cause in its own right, volunteering your time in such associations also provides clear opportunities for networking, professional development and career progression. If you're not convinced, consider the following officers who have recently been selected for promotion (a few of whom have been merit reordered).

**CAPT(s) Josh Henson** – Immediate Past President Navy AGD  
**CAPT(s) Jayson Huber** – Immediate Past Navy Delegate to the ADA  
**CAPT(s) Andrew Silvestri** – Immediate Past Treasurer Navy AGD  
**CDR(s) Erin Bailey** – Navy AGD Secretary  
**CDR(s) Elise Hurrell** – Immediate Past Secretary Navy AGD  
**CDR(s) Marina Hernandez-Feldpausch** - Navy Delegate to the ADA

We're very proud of the outstanding officers mentioned above, and BZ, to all of the AGD members who were recently selected for promotion.

Our growing constituency is thriving thanks to the hard work and dedication of many individuals. Please be sure you follow us on our social media platforms: "Navy AGD" group on Facebook and "navyagd\_constituency" on Instagram.

Finally, wherever you are in the world and in your Navy career, please allow me to thank you for your service. Your work is difficult and important, and your sacrifices do not go unnoticed. Hold your head high and keep pressing on!



# The Air Force Flyer

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**Lt Col Chris Jordan**

## President's Message

Greetings Air Force Constituent Members!

The Scientific Session for 2022 has come and gone. We had an outstanding venue at Rosen

Shingle Creek in Orlando. Region 17 speakers, including Drs. Shelrethia Battle-Siatita and Michael Struthers once again supported the Fellowship Review Course and we had a great turnout for the Region 17 Social. Next year, we're headed back to Caesars Palace in Las Vegas, so mark your calendars for 19-22 July 2023.

As I write this, we're preparing to celebrate the Air Force's 75<sup>th</sup> birthday. It's incredible to think how far we have come since 1947. To quote the Secretary of the Air Force, Frank Kendall, "Seventy-five years ago, having defeated two major global powers in a world war and facing a looming confrontation with a third, our nation established the Department of the Air Force and the United States Air Force. In less than four decades, human-powered flight had matured from a curiosity to an undeniable strategic advantage. We are now two services, but we remain true to our common roots, even as new generations lead us forward."

The advances in medicine and dentistry have made us more effective, efficient and lethal as a fighting force. We have also learned a great deal about practicing as a high reliability organization. As we continue process improvement, we learn lessons from aviation and the nuclear industry, and observe the safe practices of "no-fail" missions. Here

at Patrick Space Force Base, we are following the story of the Artemis 1 mission, and the NASA team's efforts to ensure a safe and successful launch.

We all know that without the support and dedication of our medics, including our dental staff and network partners, our warfighters would struggle to maintain their health and readiness. It's important that we as leaders continuously remind our clinical teams that everyone plays an important role in preparing our forces for the next conflict.

The Air Force AGD leadership team has focused on growing and developing our membership. This year, we sponsored the graduation ceremonies for our AEGD-1 classes and started to offset some of the cost of the Fellowship exam for new Fellows. We have several activities on the calendar over the coming months, including, but not limited to, the Fall Review Course in San Diego (Sep 30 – Oct 1), SmileCon in Houston (Oct 12-18) and the AGD House of Delegates in Chicago (Nov 11-13).

We're excited to announce the call for nominations for new officers. In the Spring, we'll hold new elections for President-elect, Treasurer, and Secretary. Dr. Doug Grabowski will take over as the new President on July 1. We will push the instructions for nominations and descriptions for each role toward the end of this year. As you can imagine, there are many great opportunities to contribute, so let us know if you would like to get involved!

Have a wonderful fall and Holiday Season!



# VA-AGD Stars And Stripes

*Serving Those Who Have Sacrificed For Our Freedom*

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**Dr. Thomas Dundon**

## President's Message

Good day VA AGD Region 17 Col-leagues!

This past summer saw a change in VA AGD Region 17 leadership. Dr. Thomas Dundon was elected President of VA AGD and Dr. Farhana Khan was elected Secretary/Treasurer. Dr. Dundon is Dental Service Chief at Northeast Ohio VA Healthcare System (Cleveland) and VISN 10 Lead Dentist. He is also a Colonel MOS 63B (comprehensive dentist) in the Army Reserve where he served as Commander of two dental companies from 2005 to 2021. He was most recently deployed to Kuwait from March—July 2022. Dr. Dundon has been a member of AGD since 1986 and boarded by ABGD in 1999. Dr. Farhana Khan is a staff dentist and Deputy Program GPR Director at the Jesse Brown VAMC in Chicago.

Juan Villafane-Hernandez concluded his term as President of VA AGD in the summer of 2022 and agreed to stay on with AGD Region 17's Continuing Education Committee while the VA leadership team is in transition. Dr. Villafane-Hernandez recently co-hosted the VA Breakout Session at the AGD Scientific Session in Orlando in July along with Dr. Elizabeth Nunez. We wish to recognize Dr. Villafane-Hernandez for his dedication to VA AGD over the past four years as he led the group while constantly seeking to grow the ranks of volunteers to increase member participation from the 134 members in VA AGD.

The VA AGD is dedicated to serving the needs of the VA general dentist through advocacy, online CE, podcasts, and AGD publications. Lifelong professional growth through Fellowship and Mastership distinguishes VA general dentists. Please recommend membership in AGD to your VA general dentist peers as our organization continually strives to better the education of our member general dentists.





# The Public Health Service News

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**CDR Ryan Gard**

## President's Message

Greetings everyone; please allow me to introduce myself, CDR Ryan Gard, as the new President of the Public Health Service (PHS) Constituent of the AGD. I am currently stationed in Seattle and

have previously been stationed in Phoenix and Anchorage. Prior to commissioning into the PHS, I served four years in the US Air Force at Luke Air Force Base. I am very proud to be a member of the AGD, since I was a dental student at the University of Detroit Mercy. The AGD is the only organization exclusively dedicated to serving the needs and interests of general dentists. I would like to thank all of you for your continued membership and look forward to serving you.

My arrival signifies the end of CDR Philip Clark's term as President. The last two years CDR Clark has served admirably during a pandemic that dramatically changed the lives of all Americans. I want to express my sincere gratitude to CDR Clark for his mentorship and friendship. An election was conducted last spring to select the new PHS Constituent leadership; I want to welcome CDR Scott Eckhart as our new President-elect. I would also like to thank CDR Tequilla McGahee, our Secretary/Treasurer for continuing to serve our constituency.

The AGD Scientific Session was hosted from July 27-30 in Orlando. A big shout-out to the US Army Constituent for hosting the Fellowship Exam Course. For those unable to attend the Scientific Session in person, the AGD offered an exceptional online continuing education package. I

look forward to the AGD 2023 Scientific Session which will occur at Caesars Palace in Las Vegas from July 19-22. Mark your calendars!

I would like to extend a warm welcome to our new constituent members: Oliver Carr, Spokane, Washington; Teresa Kilborn, Santo Domingo Pueblo, New Mexico and Calvin Rhoads, Haines, Alaska; welcome aboard! As a reminder, your AGD membership allows you to utilize 14 or 18 Free On-Demand webinars (depending on your membership plan). These webinars are located within the Online Learning Center of the AGD website.

The annual House of Delegates governance session is coming up this November in Chicago. As your Delegate representing the PHS Constituent, I will be voting on resolutions brought forth to the AGD governing body and the elections of new leaders. If you have any issues or concerns you would like me to address, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Region 17 has stood up a continuing education committee. Our goal is to provide meaningful continuing dental education opportunities to Region 17 members across the globe. Our first webinar occurred on September 8<sup>th</sup> and covered the topic of Orofacial Pain; thank you to those who attended! Please be on the lookout for future continuing education advertisements. For those utilizing social media, a new PHS AGD Facebook group has been created. I encourage you to join it to improve our comradery—and also to be aware of future continuing education events. Lastly, if you are interested in providing continuing education to our constituency, please reach out to me.

I look forward to serving our constituent as your President these next two years. If you have questions or are interested in becoming involved in the AGD, please feel free to contact me at [pshagd@gmail.com](mailto:pshagd@gmail.com).





# Royal Canadian Dental Corps Newsletter

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**LCol Joel Doucette**

## Royal Canadian Dental Corps Message

Greetings from Canada! I hope that this finds each of you and your families in good health. The world has not yet resumed what we recall as normal activities, but a new normal is becoming

apparent with the continued resumption of many activities amongst both military and civilian organizations. The Canadian Armed Forces (CAF) and the Royal Canadian Dental Corps (RCDC) continue to be proactive and successful in business resumption in order to continue to support CAF Operations and maintain the dental readiness of CAF members. Over the next calendar year, one of the many focuses of the RCDC will be on the return to in-person continuing education. This will have many positive effects while still ensuring the well-being and safety of our patients and personnel.

The past year has demonstrated how effective virtual environments can be in the delivery of continuous professional development for dental providers. Many organizations have invested in technology and equipment to support on-line and virtual learning. This provides the opportunity to provide increased access to continuing education to individuals who may have had financial or travel limitations previously, whether they were personal or imposed by their organizations. The RCDC is evaluating how to capitalize on these investments. The AGD Region 17 Continuing Education Committee has also been collaborating diligently on several exciting initiatives that have great potential for benefits to federal service personnel. I look forward to continued involvement on these collective activities as they progress forward.

I trust those who were able to participate in the AGD Scientific Session in Orlando this past July had a wonderful experience. Now that travel restrictions appear to be lifting more completely, I look forward to attending next year's session. I will be seeing many of you at the upcoming AGD House of Delegates meeting in November. On behalf of the RCDC, I would like to convey our congratulations to all those who successfully completed their Fellowship, Mastership and ABGD Board Examinations this past cycle and also convey our sincere best wishes to all those who will be challenging those milestones in the coming year.

Lastly, I was recently reminded about the power of kindness. The concept of how small acts can have big impacts should be well known to dental care providers. The last couple of years also demonstrate how frustrating life can be at times. Harvard Business Review recently published an article on HBR.org in May 2021 titled "Don't Underestimate the Power of Kindness at Work." Among many advantages, it describes how kindness at work improves morale, increases job satisfaction, and improves well-being. It also highlights how the positive effects benefit both those who give as well as receive. As we approach another busy fall, we never truly know what the people around us are facing and can never truly understand the impact that a kind gesture or genuine thank you may have on them. No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted. Whether you are at work, at home, at the supermarket, in traffic or on public transit – wherever you are, should you feel frustration building, take a deep breath and remember to be kind.



# Federalist Flicks



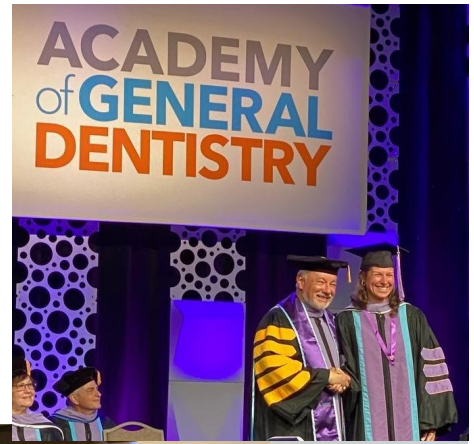
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# Region 17 In Orlando





## E-mail change?

## PCS or other move?

It is very important that you contact AGD when your E-mail address changes and/or you move. This will ensure that you receive your AGD publications and *The Federalist* newsletter in a timely fashion. Prompt notification also saves Region 17 and National AGD the cost of additional mailings.

You can make changes with AGD in one of several ways. You can call AGD's membership department at **1-888-AGD-DENT**, send an e-mail to [membership@agd.org](mailto:membership@agd.org), update your profile on [www.agd.org](http://www.agd.org), or send your changes to **AGD, 560 W. Lake St., 6th Floor, Chicago, IL 60661-6600**. Be sure to include your member number and specify the Federal Service to which you belong. This will help prevent AGD from transferring you from your Federal Service constituent to the constituent of the state to which you are moving. It is **not** necessary to send changes to Region 17.

If you have any difficulties with your address change, send an e-mail to: [martinsmallidge@gmail.com](mailto:martinsmallidge@gmail.com) or call (315) 725-3473.

## Thank you!

