Army ACP Chapter Newsletter – Fall 2025

Dear colleagues,

It was wonderful to see so many of you at our Tri-Service ACP Meeting in Virginia Beach. We missed all who were unable to share that experience with us and we hope to see you next year. Our planning committee (chaired by Dr. Matt Lavoie) surpassed all expectations by organizing an event which was much more than exchange of knowledge, skill, expertise, and wisdom. This event focused on fellowship, networking, collaboration, building relationships in a remarkable, strong community of military internal medicine physicians and subspecialists. We improved readiness, we engaged in recruitment and retention initiatives and talent management. We empowered each other and fostered belonging in our professional home. We had over 300 attendees from all three military services, beautiful mosaic of different military uniforms and civilian clothing. I felt tremendous pride in being a part of our community, in addition to hope and faith that the future of military medicine is bright with all of you in it.

Meeting program/CME: The meeting agenda was robust with 18.5 hours of CME/MOC. Please take the time to claim CME/MOC for the sessions you attended at: https://online2.snapsurveys.com/w31b3y





Awards: Member accomplishments are impressive and inspiring. We would like to thank all who recognized these achievements and took the time to invest in colleagues by nominating them for awards. We owe so much gratitude to COL (ret) Michael Morris who has been the chair of the Laureate Awards committee for numerous years and LTC Ian McInnis for chairing our Awards Committee. They solicited nominations, assured that the selection process was equitable and fair and notified the recipients. We are proud of all the award recipients, and we are inspired by their achievements and commitment to our collective success.

National Award Recipient:

Please congratulate **COL Vincent Capaldi** for the well-deserved recognition as a recipient of the National ACP Award for Distinguished Contributions to Behavioral Medicine. This award recognizes distinguished contributions to the science of, and care delivery of behavioral medicine as a part of internal medicine diagnoses. This is a tremendous honor!

Please take the time to congratulate Army ACP 2025 Award Recipients:

Laureate Award recipients (awards will be presented at the 2026 Tri-Service ACP Meeting)

COL (ret) Joshua Hartzell

COL (ret) George Mount

COL Lisa Zacher Mentorship of Women in Medicine Award – MAJ Kimberly Fabyan

COL William Crosby Superiority in Research Award – LTC Robert Walter

COL Robert Moser Award – MAJ Mary Gasser

COL Louis Pangaro Master Teacher Award – LTC John Kiley

COL Gregory Argyros Outstanding Achievement Award – CPT William Bowers

MTF Teacher of the Year Awards:

BAMC - MAJ Benjamin Prewitt

EAMC - MAJ Matthias Williams

MAMC - MAJ Chelsea Garner

TAMC - MAJ Lisa Townsend

WRNMC - MAJ Carlie Cerne

WBAMC - Dr. Austin Baraki

WAMC - CPT Peter Wikoff





Scholarship/Research:

Congratulations to the podium competition winners:

Clinical Vignette: CPT Thomas Chameli

High Value Care: CPT Zaki Ahmed

Process/Quality Improvement: CPT Dan Gulden

Physician Well-Being and Professional Fulfillment: CPT Paris Bean

Clinical Research: CPT James Marsh

Doctor's Dilemma: BAMC Team: CPT John Kim, CPT Aitana Rizzo, CPT Paul Wurtz





Volunteer/Community Service:

We are proud that our community service project reached 105% or our goal by raising \$1,585 in support of the Foodbank of Southeastern Virginia. Thank you for your generosity, kindness and commitment to service of our communities.



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Chapter Updates:

Chapter Excellence Award: Our chapter received Gold level Chapter Excellence Award, recognizing the chapter for surpassing excellence in chapter management in 2025. This recognition is accompanied by \$5000 from national ACP. I would like to thank our Executive Committee and the Governor's Advisory Council for their commitment to the success of our chapter and to ACP.

Chapter Composition/Financial Status:

We are a medium-sized chapter which remains financially solvent. Most of our profit is from membership dues and awards from the National ACP. We are proud that our chapter membership dues (a small percentage of your annual ACP membership dues) remain one of the lowest when compared to other state/international ACP chapters. We thank you for your loyalty, your membership, your commitment to Army ACP. Most of our expenditure is related to the funding of the chapter meeting as well as travel for the abstract competition winners. So much gratitude goes to COL (Ret) Jess Edison for his role as a treasurer and his tremendous contributions to the financial health of our chapter.

Army ACP Chapter Leadership: We appreciate all who value chapter engagement, and we thank them for volunteering for chapter leadership positions. Our chapter underwent

restructuring of the Governor's council and formation of the Executive Council. Meet your Executive and Governor's Council:

<u>Executive Council</u>: Governor (COL Tatjana Calvano), Vice President (COL Robert Walter), Treasurer (COL (ret) Jess Edison) and Immediate Past Governor (COL (ret) Josh Hawley-Molloy)

Governor's Council:

- Chair, Scientific Program Committee: MAJ Matthew Lavoie
- Chair, Education Committee: LTC John Kiley
- Chair, Membership Committee: MAJ Jared MaGee
- Chair, Awards/Recognitions: LTC Ian McInnis
- Undergraduate Medical Education Relations: CPT Erin Lindenmeyer
- Chair, Medical Student Council: pending selection
- Chair, Council of Resident and Fellows: MAJ Caitlin Bettger
- Chair, Early Career Physician Council: MAJ Mary Ford
- Wellness Champions: MAJ Becky Daniel, Dr. Kelly Chohonis
- Chair, Volunteer/Community Service: MAJ Carlie Cerne
- Chair, Ethics, Professionalism and Human Rights: COL Robert Walter
- Civilian Practice Liaison: Dr. Shawn Curry
- Reserve Liaison: pending selection
- Operational Internal Medicine: pending selection
- IM Residency Program Directors Committee Representative
- IM Chief Resident Committee Representative

Please stay tuned for additional information on how to get involved on the Army ACP chapter level! Each of you makes our chapter uniquely special. I treasure you and I am honored to serve with you!

Tatjana Calvano Governor, US Army Chapter, ACP

