

On the Cusp

November 2020 Newsletter



Welcome to our Newest Members

Dr. Eric Hui

Welcome Students

Dr. Amanda Kaufman

We'd like to start by honoring all of those who served and made sacrifices for our country by recognizing Veterans Day. We thank you for our service and remember those who made the ultimate sacrifice for the freedoms we have today.

This fall our Board has been busy coordinating CE and advocating for the Expansion of Services (vaccinations) with the Nevada State Board of Dental Examiners.

As always, CE opportunities and resources available to you through Facebook or our website. If you have concerns, suggestions, would like to attend an officer meeting or have an interest in volunteering for leadership opportunities, please email us at agdnevada@gmail.com.

All the best,
Emily Ishkanian Neal DMD
NV AGD, President

Upcoming Webinars from Nevada AGD

[Nevada Advocacy 101](#) Sponsored by: Boston Dental Group Think Tank

Wednesday, January 13, 2021: 6-8 pm PST

Presented by: Senator Becky Harris and the Nevada State Dental Health Director Dr. Antonina Capurro

Fee: Members: \$5; Student AGD: FREE; Non-Member Students: \$5; Non-Members: \$10

[The Opioid Crisis in Nevada](#) Sponsored by Drs. David Trylovich and Ryan Gifford

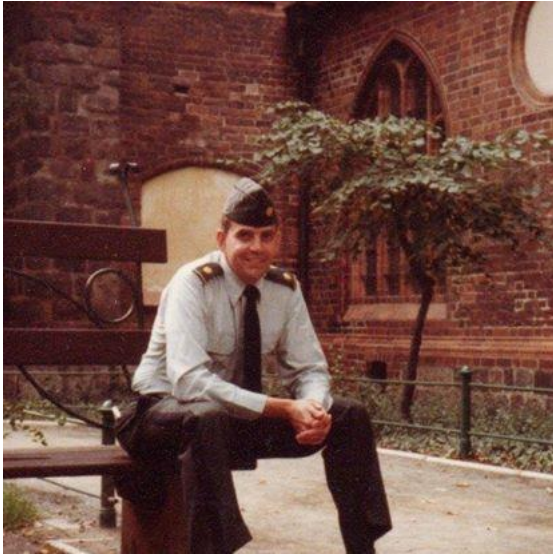
Wednesday, February, 10, 2021

Presented by: Dr. Darla Zarley

Fee: Members: \$35; Student AGD: FREE; Non-Member Students: \$5; Non-Member Faculty: 45; Non-Members: \$65

Fulfills NSBDE licensure requirement

by Joseph A. Wineman, DMD ABGD, COL (Retired)



As a retired Army Colonel, my patients are surprised to learn I was a dentist in the military. Many assume I was an Infantry officer or Tank Commander. And while I have done some of those types of activities in my career, I had the wonderful experience of providing dental services to the women and men of the United States Armed Forces, our NATO and wartime allied troops.

I graduated from dental school with an 8-year payback to the U.S. Army for the twin scholarships I earned to obtain my undergraduate and dental school degree. At the time, interest rates were 21.5%, but I had an

Alfred E. Newman “what me worry” grin plastered on my face because I graduated from PITT’s School of Dental Medicine with money in the bank and no debt.

After an 18-day Office Basic Course at Fort Sam Houston in San Antonio Texas, I was sent (with my family to follow 2 months later) to my first assignment as a member of the 766th Medical Detachment, Baumholder, Germany. Baumholder was at that time the largest concentration of troops outside the continental United States (CONUS) in the Rhineland Pfalz area of Germany.

My deployment came at the height of the USSR threat of invading western Europe through the Fulda gap. At least monthly, there were “Lariat Advanced” alerts where the entire post would be notified to grab their “go bag” and head out to the GDP (General Defense Positions) as if the Russians were attacking. Additionally, when the U.S. launched a space mission, we were informed in the event a shuttle or space capsule came down in hostile territory. As a result of the activity, I frequently would be the only adult within my military housing apartment complex full of wives and many children.



I was assigned to the troop clinic with 8 other general dentists and our schedule was Monday through Friday 0730-1630 with an hour off for lunch. We had 8 appointments a day that each dentist kept with a paper appointment book. Additionally, our dentists saw 30-50 soldiers a day for emergency complaints-pericoronitis, acute endodontic issues, non-restorable teeth due to decay or trauma, broken teeth, and more than our share of ANUG. I found that many soldiers seen had never visited a dentist in their life.

I was trained to take out impacted third molars and learned quickly not to take out asymptomatic third molars on soldiers from the Asian Pacific Islands due to the dense bone and broad roots. I did simple crown and bridge using rubber base impression material and doing my own lab work. I performed root canal treatment and root canal fillings, did complex amalgam restorations using TMS pins and Shavel potholes, and learned how to be fast with a two paste Concise composite system. Needless to say, I became extremely proficient at quadrant dentistry and was assigned to an Area Support Battalion.

Germany is like the Pacific Northwest, temperate weather with lots of rain and snow. We learned to dress in layers and prepare for rain at any time. When we were off duty, my family and I traveled to Luxembourg, France, Spain, Paris, Sweden, Norway, Denmark, and Belgium. We traveled in a 1977 BMW 320i, by train, bus, or ferry to get to some of these places. We did our share of volksmarching (5, 10, 20-kilometer walks along marked trails) through the woods of the surrounding towns ending at a fest tent serving beer and brats with French fries.



In Germany ketchup costs extra and you had to pay to use public toilets. We learned enough of the language to travel, shop in German stores, and enjoy the local restaurants. I became a basketball referee (earning \$10 per game) when I could no longer be a competitive pick up player in a gym full of semi pro ballers.

During this first tour of 34 months, I earned my first three awards: The Expert Field Medical Badge (EFMB), the German Sports Medal in Gold and the Army Commendation Medal at the end of my tour. We came home from our first tour with a Volvo 240 station wagon that we purchased from the factory, a Blue Rhon cocker spaniel, Villeroy and Bach china, crystal, a blindman's clock from 1857, and a second child.

On Demand CE

Did you know AGD has an [On Demand Library](#) of courses to choose from?
Special pricing for AGD members and students.



Upcoming Webinars from AGD

Basic Extraction Techniques and Predictable Socket Grafting for Eventual Dental Implant Placement

Tuesday November 3, 2020: 7:30 – 9:00 p.m. CDT

Presented by Dr. Bart Silverman, DMD

Fee: Members: \$75; Member Staff: \$75; Students: \$37.50; Non-Members: \$125

Mastering Minimal and No Prep Veneers: Preparation Design

Tuesday November 10, 2020: 7:30 – 9:00 p.m. CDT

Presented by John Nosti, DMD, FAGD

Fee: Members: \$75; Member Staff: \$75; Students: \$37.50; Non-Members: \$125

The Classification of Periodontal and Peri-Implant Diseases

Tuesday November 17, 2020: 7:30 – 9:00 p.m. CDT

Presented by John Major Jason Yee

Fee: Members: \$75; Member Staff: \$75; Students: \$37.50; Non-Members: \$125

Virtual AGD Advocacy Conference

Saturday November 14, 2020: 12:00 p.m. CST

Presented by AGD Advocacy Staff

Fee: **FREE**

Interested in Leadership with AGD NV?

As we begin to do incredible things, we'd love to have *your* help. If you are passionate about:

- Social media, or contributing an article or case presentation
- Engaging dentists & students
- Shaping dentistry through Advocacy
- Providing relevant CE, want to help determine the CE that is offered or have a CE contact

We could use amazing people to help us...including our remarkable students. Connect with us at agdnevada@gmail.com.

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