

J. Kent Garman, M.D., M.S.

2005 CSA Distinguished Service Award

By Stephen Jackson, M.D., Editor

“If you were to take a ride on the Reading and pass Go,” as the game of Monopoly declares, you would pass through Reading, Pennsylvania, the birthplace of J. Kent Garman, M.D., M.S., perhaps, the most “go” member in CSA history. Indeed, at this year’s Annual Meeting, Dr. Garman will receive the CSA’s highest honor, its Distinguished Service Award. This is in recognition of Kent’s extraordinary service not only to the CSA, but also to our country, the U.S. military, the ASA, the ABA, the CMA, Stanford University Medical School, the Stanford University Department of Anesthesia, Sequoia Hospital, Interplast, the Association of Cardiac Anesthesiologists, the San Mateo County Medical Association, ... and the list keeps going on and on.

Looking at Dr. Garman’s distinguished service to the CSA, we would find him as a former President, Treasurer and District Director, current Alternate Director to the ASA, current Editor of Electronic Communications and Webmaster, and former and current member of eleven committees. Perhaps the most unheralded of Kent’s recent contributions to CSA, however, is his being the creator of the CSA’s Web Site and then serving as its perennial editor. It may be noteworthy that I would not have assumed the editorship of the *Bulletin* without Kent’s agreeing to serve as my co-editor following Arthur McGowan’s retirement from perhaps the most distinguished of editorships. Having Kent as my partner gave me the support and confidence that I needed to “gain my wings” and then to take off from that point.

In fact, Kent has served numerous other organizations and institutions by giving them their wings, just as he earned his in the U.S. Navy and U.S. Marines as a flight surgeon. Having served in both the Vietnam War and Operation Desert Storm, Kent is, indeed, a hero. Moreover, he is someone who never has shied away from giving his best effort toward engaging different and difficult challenges, be they related to academia, private practice or his profession. Now, as a Stanford University Associate Professor of Anesthesiology and long-standing member of the esteemed cardiovascular group, Kent has taken on the daunting position of president-elect (soon to be president) of the Stanford University Medical Center Medical Staff.

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Come honor Kent at this year's House of Delegates meeting where he will become only the 21st recipient of the CSA's Distinguished Service Award. Congratulations, Kent, and thank you for your lifetime of selfless service to so many worthy and grateful organizations and institutions.

**Call for Submission of Resolutions
to the House of Delegates**

Any CSA member may submit a resolution to the House of Delegates (your elected representatives) on any issue that you deem important. The deliberations pursuant to these resolutions influence the course of action of the CSA during the ensuing year. For assistance in formulating a resolution, you are welcome to contact Linda B. Hertzberg, M.D., Speaker of the House of Delegates.

The House of Delegates will meet on Saturday, May 14, 2005, as part of the Annual Meeting of the CSA/UCSD at the Hyatt Regency Embarcadero Center in San Francisco, California. A reference committee meets Friday evening to hear testimony on all matters to be considered by the House. For more information, contact the CSA office (650) 345-3020, (800) 345-3691, fax (650) 345-3269.

The deadline for submissions is April 14, 2005.