

# COMMITTEE OF MILITARY NEUROSURGEONS

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A Committee of  
The American Association of Neurological Surgeons  
and  
Congress of Neurological Surgeons



## **Minutes for the Joint Committee of Military Neurosurgeons Meeting**

*Held:* 30 September 2001

*Location:* San Diego Marriott Hotel

Chairmen of the Committee William Monacci called the meeting to order. It was attended by 23 members and interested parties of the committee.

### **Old Business:**

Dr. Ecklund emphasized that the submissions for The Textbook of Military Medicine were past due and urged all authors to make their submissions as soon as possible. The Textbook of Military Medicine dealing with neurosurgery will be published by The Surgeon General's Office as soon as the submissions are in and edited. Discussion was again brought up concerning an educational course for general surgeons for trauma neurosurgery, specifically dealing with military neurosurgeons. After discussion with members of the committee in attendance it was felt that this was not a good idea and that it could be transferred for use in civilian circles where it may not be accepted. Further discussion will ensue concerning this topic but at present no course is planned. The welcome packet put together by Dr. Moores will be reproduced by the Joint Committee and distributed to those residents currently in military neurosurgery programs, whether the HPSP Program or the National Capital Consortium Program.

### **New Business:**

The majority of new business was centered on the events of September 11th and discussion of weapons of mass destruction. Discussion ensued concerning the preparedness for medicine in general and neurosurgery specifically to deal with events such as the ones that occurred on September 11th, which included massive numbers of casualties. The prospects of chemical or biological attacks were also discussed and

the general lack of knowledge on the part of neurosurgery was emphasized. In this vane The Joint Committee for Trauma adopted a resolution, which read in part that The Joint Committee of Military Neurosurgeons would develop educational materials addressing the medical management of injuries resulting from weapons of mass destruction. The Joint Committee will develop educational resources that can be made available to neurosurgeons and set up email links from its website which will provide neurosurgeons with additional information concerning this topic. In conjunction with the trauma committee a plenary session at the American Association of Neurologic Surgeons Meeting in Chicago will be put together. Representative will be William Monacci and he will be working with Ross Bullock from The Trauma Committee in preparing a speaker program addressing topics concerning the weapons of mass destruction, which in include chemical, biological and nuclear warfare. An edition of Neurosurgical Focus was also planned dealing with weapons of mass destruction. Dr. Moores will be the representative from The Military Committee working on this topic. Prospective authors were encouraged to contact Dr. Moores in preparation of this manuscript in early January.

Dr. Hoyt, Chairman of the Neurotrauma Committee discussed the need for military neurosurgeons to be officially represented in the Council of State Neurosurgical Societies. As military neurosurgeons are federal employees they cannot practically participate as full members of any state neurosurgery society. It was felt that a delegation could be put together from The Military Committee representing the council of state neurosurgical societies. Dr. Jimenez will present to the organization a rules and regulations change that would allow for formal delegation for military neurosurgery. This will be discussed further at the next meeting.

*The next meeting will be held at the opening of the American Association of Neurologic Surgeons Meeting in Chicago in April of 2002. Any issues concerning The Military Committee can be addressed to Dr. William Monacci at the following mailing address:*

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