

provides inspiration to all present.

Throughout the years, the **Caucus** has consistently supported charitable groups, such as veterans homeless shelters, veterans outreach programs, and orphanages.

Public Relations



The Caucus was represented at Lock Haven University during the dedication of the Combat Medic Statue.

The **Veterans Caucus** was honored by the AAPA in the year 2002, as the recipient of a PAragon Award for Public Education for its efforts to increase public awareness, not only about the veteran PA, but the PA profession.

Caucus Benefits

Membership benefits include discounted Topics in the Tropics CME event, newsletters and access to Members Only Web Site.

Honoring Peers

Caucus awards include the Uniformed Services PA of the Year and the Civilian PA of the Year Awards.



Pat Ivory, above left, with Tom Lemley and left, Ruth Ballweg have all been Caucus award recipients.



by Henry Casselli - Courtesy of the United States Marine Corp. Museum

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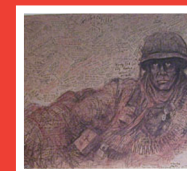
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**Awards Scholarships
to past and present members of the
military and uniformed services
pursuing PA educations**

**Represents veterans interests
within the American Academy of
Physician Assistants**

**Presents
Medical Education Conference,
"Topics in the Tropics"**

Donates to charitable organizations



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The **Veterans Caucus** of the American Academy of Physician Assistants represents the many PAs who are veterans of the Armed Forces and Uniformed Services that served our nation. Many of the members continue to serve our country on reserve, active duty, and homeland security.

Historically, many of the Physician Assistant profession's national leaders have come from the ranks of the **Veterans Caucus**. Our affiliate members include physicians, nurses, and other health care and related professionals.

The **Caucus** was created in 1979 by a group of veteran and active duty Physician Assistants who believed in supporting veterans concerns and issues within the PA profession. Those pioneers also understood the value of creating awareness of the contributions that veteran

Physician Assistants have made to both military and civilian health care systems. Since 1985, when the AAPA officially recognized the **Veterans Caucus**, it has grown to become one the most visible AAPA caucuses.

Donations



Each year, the Caucus donates to organizations, such as, orphanages and veterans groups.

PA Scholarships

The **Caucus** and its supporters annually provide scholarship funds for veterans and their dependents who pursue a PA education. To date, nearly a hundred thousand dollars in scholarship money has been provided to the next generation of veteran Physician Assistants.

Caucus Goals

To represent veteran Physician Assistants to the American Academy of Physician Assistants.

To perpetuate an awareness of the contributions that veterans have made to American health care.

To develop a liaison with other veteran organizations, legislators, military leaders, and others involved in veterans affairs.

To actively encourage veterans to pursue the PA profession by providing scholarships

To support veterans in their transition from military to civilian life.

To honor our peers who provide outstanding service to our profession, our patients, and our nation. The annual **Veterans Caucus** PA of the Year Awards recognize both civilian and

Uniformed Services PAs who bring credit upon themselves and the profession through their outstanding efforts in health care.

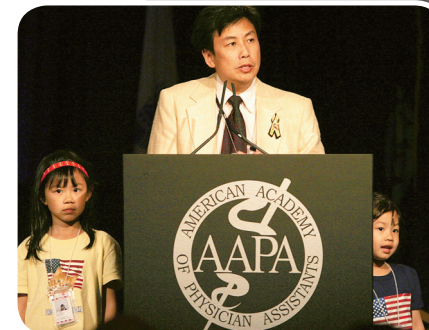
Annual CME Conference.

"Topics in the Tropics," a well-known and highly-respected Continuing Medical Education conference conducted by the **Veterans Caucus**, is held at a different tropical location each year. The conference is the main fund raiser for the **Caucus** scholarship program.

Annual Memorial Day Service

At the AAPA annual meeting, a Memorial Day service is organized and presented by the **Veterans Caucus** and its supporters. This highly emotional event brings veterans together to honor and remember our comrades who are no longer with us. Speakers have included national leaders

Memorial Day Services



Gordon Huie, Veterans Caucus Memorial Day Service guest speaker.

in health care, Medal of Honor recipients, congressmen and other nationally known veterans. This service, which has been attended by thousands of veterans and their supporters,

Scholarships



Caucus Scholarships have been awarded to deserving veteran recipients for many years.

