

# THE MILITARY HEALTH SYSTEM STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP AMERICAN COLLEGE OF SURGEONS (MHSSPACS)

The Military Health System and the American College of Surgeons formalized a partnership in October 2014, chartered by the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs, Jonathan Woodson MD, FACS, and the Executive Director of the ACS, David Hoyt MD, FACS, for the purpose of working together on a number of issues which are mutually beneficial. This partnership is centered on four major topics: Trauma Systems, Quality Initiatives, Education and Training, and Research. In [Trauma Systems](#), the ultimate goal is to identify and preserve key elements of the Joint Trauma System during interwar periods so that it is always ready for expansion during periods of conflict. This goal is currently being bolstered by the recently released report by the National Academies of Science, Engineering, and Medicine (NASEM) entitled: "A National Trauma Care System: Integrating Military and Civilian Trauma Systems to Achieve ZERO Preventable Deaths After Injury." An integrated Military-Civilian Trauma System benefits the civilian community by assuring that the entire country has access to high quality trauma care while keeping military medical personnel ready for deployment. The [Quality](#) initiative has succeeded in the establishment of a National Military Surgical Quality Improvement Collaborative

via NSQIP that is working together to improve patient safety within military treatment facilities. This initiative also involves the development of site visit criteria for ACS verification of quality programs. The MHSSPACS [Education Committee](#) is tasked with identification of knowledge points, skills, and abilities needed for a surgeon working in a relatively austere setting and will include testing and curriculum for the deploying surgeon. The goal of the [Research](#) endeavor is to assist in the identification of knowledge gaps of importance to the Department of Defense and to develop a clinical research network to address these gaps. The reinvention of the Excelsior Surgical Society by the MHSSPACS assures that military surgeons will have a permanent home within the American College of Surgeons.

Respectfully submitted  
M. Margaret Knudson MD, FACS  
Medical Director, MHSSPACS



## To Do In Waikoloa

*The Hilton Waikoloa has a large property with lots to do on the property and nearby. See below for some information:*

1. There are nine restaurants on the property (check the schedule as some are only open for breakfast or lunch).
2. There are three swimming pools including an adults-only pool at Ocean Tower.
3. There are Waikoloa Coffee bars located in the Ocean and Makai Towers.
4. The hotel offers water sports in the Saltwater Lagoon (check out the Ocean Activities Center near the Kona Pool) including snorkeling, kayaking, stand-up paddleboarding, peddle biking, etc.
5. Take the kids out to the hotels 30,000 square foot putting course that includes sand traps and water features.
6. Feeling really adventurous? Sign up for Dolphin Quest and spend time with the dolphins on property. For more information and to book your Dolphin Quest experience see the dolphin quest information on property. Mention promo code, GH255262AAST16 to receive 10% off programs with exception of Wee Tots and Dolphin Family and Friends.
7. There are two golf courses nearby – Kings' Course and Beach Course by Waikoloa Beach Resort Golf. For more information and to book your discounted tee times go to <https://www.waikoloabeachgolf.com/aast-conference>.
8. Kings Shops and Queens Market Place are a short car ride or about a 15-minute walk from the hotel. You can find multiple shops and restaurants at both shopping centers. A shopping shuttle is available from the Lower Lobby entrance of the Hilton starting at 10:00 a.m. daily and the last shuttle pick-up is at 9:40 p.m. from the Kings Shops and Queens Market Place respectively. The shuttle is offered daily and runs every 20-25 minutes.
9. Beaches are nearby. Anaehoomalu beach (near Waikoloa Marriott) and a public beach is a short distance away.
10. The hotel tram is available from 6:00 a.m. to 2:00 a.m. daily and the boat is available from 2:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.
11. Asian Services Desk is available daily from 8:00 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. in the Lower Lobby.
12. Need assistance from the Hilton? Simply text them at 808-369- 9870 and provide your name, room number and service requested. (Standard messaging/data fees may apply.)
13. To celebrate AAST's 75th Meeting, the Hilton will have a specialty drink each day (Tuesday, 9/13 through Saturday, 9/17) in all of the bars on property for \$10++ each.

Please check with the concierge for additional water activities or look up [HawaiiOceanSports.com](http://HawaiiOceanSports.com)

# AAST DAILY

## TODAY'S EVENTS

**7:30 am**  
Opening/Welcome

**7:50 am**  
Session I – Oral Papers

**11:00 am**  
Session II –  
Presidential Address

**12:00 pm**  
Lunch Sessions 1-6

**1:15 pm**  
Sessions IIIA & IIIB –  
Oral Papers

**4:45 pm**  
Session IV –  
Master Surgeon Lecture

**5:15 pm**  
Session V – Poster Session

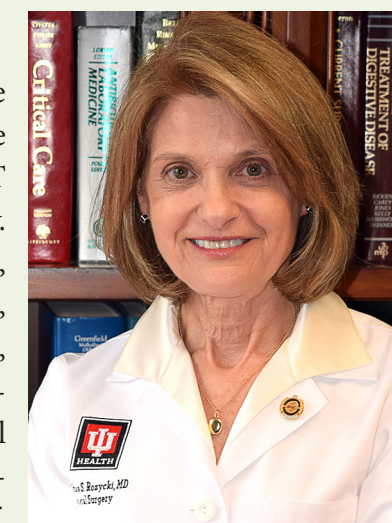
### President's Address

## WELCOME TO HAWAII

Dear Colleagues,

On behalf of the American Association for the Surgery of Trauma, I am pleased to welcome you to the 75th Annual Meeting of the AAST and Clinical Congress of Acute Care Surgery. The venue is magnificent and the program, outstanding. In addition to oral presentations, Quick Shots, Lunch Sessions, named lectures, and a special panel, Dr. Coimbra, our President-Elect, welcomes trainees with a special breakfast session. I would like to express appreciation to Dr. David Spain and the AAST staff, who, through their hard work and talent, have assembled this outstanding program. Also, we are grateful to the presenters and participants whose contributions will provide outstanding educational opportunities for our members and guests. On behalf of the AAST, I'd like to extend our thanks for the financial support from the numerous exhibitors who play a major role in this meeting.

Please take some time to renew friendships during the meeting and amidst this beautiful resort. I would like to thank each one of you for attending our conference and bringing your expertise to our gathering. You as members are among our greatest assets and we appreciate your support. It has been an honor to serve as President of this wonderful organization and I look forward to seeing you throughout the next several days.



## THANK YOU

Thank you to the following who contributed time and articles for the newsletter:

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| Michael Rotondo, MD, Chair, Publications and Communications Committee |                     |                   |
| Eric Kuncir, MD, Daily Newsletter Work Group Chair                    |                     |                   |
| Jeannette Capella, MD   | Jamie Coleman, MD   | Paula Ferrada, MD |
| Amy Goldberg, MD  | Adil Haider, MD     | Alicia Mohr, MD   |
| Jason Smith, MD   | Robert Winfield, MD |                   |

# Meeting and Research Scholarships

*Congratulations to the Medical Students/Residents and In-Training Fellows Meeting Scholarship Recipients.*

A special thank you to all who donated to the 20forTwenty fund this past year. Because of your donations, 17 scholarships were awarded.

Please be sure to make your contribution now for scholarships for the 76th Annual Meeting of AAST and Clinical Congress of Acute Care Surgery, September 13-16, 2017 in Baltimore, MD.

## Medical Students

Matthew Gangidine	Uniformed Services University
Rashi Jhunjhunwala	Emory University School of Medicine

## Residents

Johnathon Aho	Mayo Clinic
Jamie Anderson	UC Davis Medical Center
Joanelle Bailey	Rutgers - New Jersey Medical School (co-sponsored with Association of Women Surgeons)
Ronald Chang	University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston
Pam Choi	Washington University
Eleanor Curtis	University of California, Davis (sponsored by the AAST Military Liaison Committee)
Benjamin Gayed	Indiana University School of Medicine
Amy Gunning	University Medical Center Utrecht
Lori Gurien	Arkansas Children's Hospital
Yann-Leei Lee	University of South Alabama
Anna Liveris	Montefiore Medical Center

## In-Training Fellows

Linda Dultz	Johns Hopkins
David Hampton	University of Maryland, Shock Trauma Center
Kathleen O'Connell	University of Washington
Matthew Singer	University of Arizona Medical Center



# The AAST Research and Education Fund Committee 20forTwenty Donor Raffle

**Congratulation to our 2016 20forTwenty "Win Before You Attend" Raffle Winners!**

Alan D. Murdock, M.D.  
Pittsburgh, PA

H. Mathilda Horst, M.D.  
Franklin, MI

**Both winners will receive a \$200 Hilton Gift Card for use at the 2016 Annual Meeting.**

**Thanks to all of our 2015-2016 20forTwenty donors**

AAST is sponsoring 17 Medical Students, Residents and In-Training Fellows to attend the 75th Annual Meeting of AAST & Clinical Congress of Acute Care Surgery in Waikoloa, HI, September 14-17, 2016.

## More chances to win!

All 20forTwenty donations received between September 11, 2015 and noon September 16, 2016 are automatically entered in the 2016 Annual Meeting Raffle. Prizes include:

### \*20forTwenty Raffle Prizes:

- PowerBeats2 Wireless Headphones (2)
- \$200 American Express Gift Card
- AAST Logo Item (2) winner's choice

All General Fund donations received between January 1, 2016 and noon September 16, 2016 are automatically entered in the 2016 Annual Meeting Raffle. Prizes include:

### General Fund Prizes:

- AAST Logo L.L. Bean Rolling Bag
- Apple Watch Sport
- FitBit Blaze
- Microsoft Band

\*Each \$20 donated to the 20forTwenty Fund= 1 raffle entry. \*\*Each \$100 donated to the General Fund = 1 raffle entry.

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**ROBERT D. BECHER, M.D., M.S.**  
Yale University  
The PEGESUS Study: The Project to Evaluate Geographic Variations in Emergency General Surgery in the United States



**DAMIEN W. CARTER, M.D.**  
Tufts University School of Medicine  
The role of mitochondrial DAMP's in Burn wound inflammatory signaling and vascular permeability