



I am COL(SC) Carl Kinard, and I have recently been appointed Chair of the SGAUS Medical Academy Committee. I currently serve as the Chief Medical Officer of the South Carolina State Guard. I am eager to develop the SGAUS Medical Academy into a mechanism to share and extend the medical experiences and best practices of all our State Defense Forces. I have a clear ulterior motive in doing so, since this mission dovetails with my mission in my home state. Currently, the SCSG Medical Detachment is being expanded to a strength of 134 personnel as part of a new Professional Services Command, and is developing its own professional training and career tract for medical personnel.

I look forward to working with all of you to develop the Medical Academy.

By way of background, I am a board certified psychiatrist, former Medical Director of Behavioral Health at the Palmetto Richland Memorial Hospital and the Palmetto Baptist Medical Center in Columbia, S.C. I am a clinical professor in the University of South Carolina Medical School, and have been voted Teacher of the Year three times by the Adult Psychiatry Residents.

I joined the S.C. State Guard as the 1st Brigade Surgeon, and later served as G-3 and then Executive Officer for the Brigade, before being appointed as the Chief Medical Officer for the State Guard as a whole. My experiences both as a medical officer, and as a line officer, have been meaningful and valuable. I am indebted to my wife (MAJ Myra Kinard), both for her work as one of my nursing officers, but more importantly as indispensable support for all that I do.