



Report to the Physician Assistant Education Association
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The garden honors PAs who have served, or are currently serving, in the uniformed services of our country, especially, the former medical corpsmen who became PAs and pioneered the profession 50 years ago. The garden is now fenced-in, and the statue and flag pole lighted, a brick wall constructed to feature each of the military branch seals, two brick benches sponsored by the four national PA organizations were added, and wheelchair accessible walkways installed to make the garden a “place of remembrance” to honor our veteran and uniformed services PAs. Engraved named pavers are embedded in the walkway and surrounding patio to honor veteran and uniformed services PAs and their service to our country. The garden still has space for an additional one hundred pavers. Check out the PAHx website (www.pahx.org) for the details on how you can honor our military and uniformed services PAs.

Key Initiatives as the Profession Celebrates its Golden Anniversary:

To commemorate this benchmark, the Society has created the “only” **PA Veterans Memorial Garden**. With the support of the PA community, the North Carolina Academy of Physician Assistants, and others, the Society renovated and designed the Veterans Memorial Garden at the Stead Center in



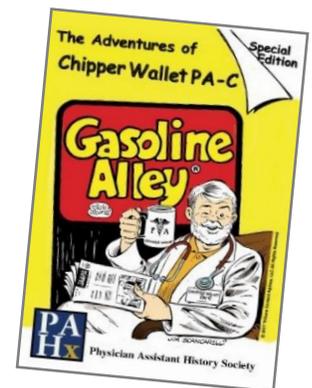
First White House PAs:
Jimmie Keller & George McCullough



Ken Ferrell, First original PA from Duke Univ. PA program with his wife Claudia

Special Edition Chipper Wallet Comic Book:

The PA History Society has produced a special edition comic book featuring Chipper Wallet of *Gasoline Alley*®. The comic book follows Chipper over the span of 50 years, from his experiences in the military, as a PA student and as a pioneering PA working in a family practice clinic in his hometown. Chipper’s story historically parallels that of other former military corpsmen who became PAs, and the comic strip drew national attention to the PA concept in its formative years. Stop by the PAHx Booth during the PAEA Forum to pick up your copy of this commemorative comic book (available for a \$10 donation to the Society).



Traveling PA Profession Banner and Online Exhibition: The PAHx and the National Library of Medicine (NLM) collaborated to create a six-banner traveling exhibit, titled *Physician Assistants: Collaboration and Care*, which describes how the profession developed as a solution to meet the social and health care needs of the mid-20th century and how it continues to evolve today. The banner exhibition is **currently on display at the PAEA Forum** as it travels across the country over the next five years (2017-2021). The exhibition includes *online resources* for educators and students, including lesson plans for middle school and high school classrooms, a higher education module, and a selection of related links and suggested readings. Please visit the online exhibition at: www.nlm.nih.gov/exhibition/pa-collaborationandcare/index.html



50th Anniversary Toolkit: To assist PA Programs and constitute organizations with their plans for the 50th anniversary this year, the Society provided the following materials to its PAHx Associates: *PowerPoint Slide Presentation, PA Profession Timeline (2 Banner set), 50th Anniversary Poster, 50th Anniversary Bookmark for students, A Generic Press Release to distribute to University Deans, Presidents and faculty.*

A new PAHx Website!

The PAHx website has been revamped using an adaptive web design. The website features over 50 collections, 134 recorded interviews, 200 videos and over 2,500 images. Scroll through the 50 years of PA history that are waiting to be explored at www.pahx.org.



Looking Ahead to 2018:

The Society is developing a 2-day *PA Historian Boot Camp* to be held at the PAHx headquarters next year. The goal is to teach PAs how to save (preserve), study (research) and share (write/teach) the story of their own institutional history and the history and legacy of our amazing PA profession over the past 50 years.

We appreciate the opportunity to collaborate with the PAEA Board and staff on the *50th Anniversary "Time Capsule"* project during the Forum this year, and we look forward to continued partnerships in the future.

Sincerely,

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