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11th ANNUAL EXCELSIOR SURGICAL SOCIETY SYMPOSIUM

2025 ACS Clinical Congress | Chicago, IL

October 4, 2025

[Hilton Chicago](#) – 720 S Michigan Ave, Chicago, IL 60605

International Ballroom, 2nd Floor

The Military Surgeon as a Leader: Adaptive Surgical Leadership to Combat the Peacetime Effect

0630-0700	ESS Networking I: breakfast provided*
0700-0800	ESS Business Meeting, Marquette Room, 3rd Floor * (ESS Members Only)
0800-0830	ESS Networking II: coffee/tea provided*
0830-0900	Welcome Presidential Address, International Ballroom, 2nd Floor CAPT Matthew D. Tadlock, MD, FACS
0900	NOMINATIONS CLOSE VOTING BEGINS AT 0900
0900-1010	Committee on Trauma Region 13 Paper Competition Introduction: CAPT Travis Polk, MD, FACS Discussants: ESS Research Committee and R13 State Chairs
1010-1020	Break: coffee/tea provided
1020-1150	Featured Lecture Delivered by: Hnat Herych, MD, PhD <i>Infection Control & Total War: Multi-Drug Resistant Organisms & War Wounds in the Ukraine War</i>
1050-1145	Major John P. Pryor Memorial Lecture Introduction: CAPT Matthew D. Tadlock, MD, FACS Delivered by: John Oh, MD, FACS <i>Leadership in Extreme Situations: Mitigating the Walker Dip</i>
1145-1200	Introduction to Mentorship Programming CAPT Matthew Bradley, MD, FACS & Maj. James Wiseman, MD, FACS

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1200-12:40

ESS Mentorship Committee Breakout Lunch Sessions

Introduction: Maj. James Wiseman, MD, FACS

Session 1: Trauma & Critical Care Surgery

Moderator: **COL Jennifer Gurney, MD, FACS**

Connect with senior leaders and seasoned trauma and critical care surgeons

Location: **Conference Room 4A - 4**

Session 2: General Surgery & Other Subspecialties

Moderator: **LTC Robert Krell, MD, FACS**

Explore and receive guidance on navigating diverse career pathways in Military Surgery

Location: **Conference Room 4B - 4**

Session 3: Mentorship for Reservists

Moderator: **Maj. James Wiseman, MD, FACS**

Learn from mentors who understand the unique challenges of balancing service and civilian life

Location: **Conference Room 4C - 4**

1245-1255

Breakout Session Briefs to ESS Meeting: Top 3 Opportunities/Action Items

CAPT Matthew Bradley, MD, FACS & Maj. James Wiseman, MD, FACS

1300-1400

Lest We Forget Lecture

Introduction: CAPT Matthew D. Tadlock, MD, FACS

Delivered by: **Warren Dorlac, MD, FACS**

Spanish Civil War: Medical Management in the Face of Total War

1400-1415

Break: coffee/tea

VOTING ENDS AT 1500

1415-1545

Panel Session: Adaptive Surgical Leadership in Action: Tactical & Strategic Leadership Improving Military and Civilian Surgical Care

1415

Introduction: CAPT Matthew D. Tadlock, MD, FACS

Implementing Comprehensive Cancer Care in the Military Health System – The Naval Medical Center Portsmouth Experience

1419

William Ward – Strategic Leadership

1427

Tim Platz – Tactical Leadership

1435

Q & A, moderated by Theodore Edson, MD, FACS

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Implementation of the Brain Injury Guidelines: BIG Strategy & BIG Tactics

1440

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1452

Q & A moderated by Matthew Bradley, MD, FACS

1456

Blood Availability in Combat Casualty Care

COL Jennifer Gurney, MD, FACS - The Creation of the Armed Services Blood Bank in 1952-Strategic History

1500

VOTING CLOSES

1504

John Holcomb, MD, FACS – Tactical Implementation of Whole Blood and Damage Control Resuscitation during GWOT

1512

Q & A moderated by Theodore Edson, MD, FACS

1516

Military & Civilian EGS Verification Implementation: Strategic Opportunities and Tactical Challenges

Carlos Rodriguez

1.Strategic Opportunities: ACS EGS Verification Program

2. Tactical Challenges: Implementation in Military & Civilian Hospitals

1528

Q & A, moderated by CAPT Matthew Bradley, MD, FACS

1534

Panel Q & A

1548

Conclusion: CAPT Matthew Tadlock, MD, FACS

1555-1600

Voting Results Announced

Adjournment

* Meeting restricted to ESS Members only

**Boxed lunches are provided for ESS members in good standing.

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