



EXCELSIOR SURGICAL SOCIETY

Preserving the lessons of the *past*.

Improving care in the *present*.

Anticipating challenges of the *future*.



MHSSP

Military Health System Strategic Partnership
American College of Surgeons

The **Excelsior Surgical Society (ESS)** seeks to improve surgical education, optimize systems-based practice, and foster research in the Military Health System while serving as a military surgery specialty society for Army, Navy, and Air Force surgeons—*past, present, and future.*

OUR HERITAGE

At the end of World War II, surgeons who had served during the conflict gathered at the Excelsior Hotel in Rome, Italy, to discuss their experiences. This meeting was the first of what would be called the Excelsior Surgical Society. These meetings continued annually until the death of the last World War II member, Dr. Michael DeBakey.



The original Excelsior Surgical Society (1945)/Rome, Italy

A NEW BEGINNING

The recent partnership between the American College of Surgeons (ACS) and the Military Health System (MHS) facilitated a new generation of surgeons who have been deployed to Iraq and Afghanistan to resurrect the Excelsior Surgical Society. With the ratification of its bylaws and election of officers in 2014, it became an official society within the ACS.



Seated Left to Right (Front Row): COL (ret.) Norman Rich, MD, FACS, CAPT Eric Elster, MD, FACS, MG Jonathan Woodson, MD, FACS, M. Margaret Knudson, MD, FACS



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As the Military Chapter of the ACS, the Excelsior Surgical Society provides a voice and a “home” for all military surgeons within the largest surgical organization in the world. The Excelsior Surgical Society serves as both an on-ramp to membership in the College and as an off ramp for surgeons as they separate from the military and transition to civilian practice. In the Military Health System of the 21st century, this Military-Civilian Partnership is vitally important to preserving the lessons of the past, improving care in the present, and anticipating challenges in the future.



CORE FUNCTIONS OF THE ESS

Since its reestablishment and inaugural meeting in 2015, the Excelsior Surgical Society has assumed responsibility for a number of important ACS functions and programs with military relevance, including organizing the annual Excelsior Surgical Society Symposium at the ACS Clinical Congress, running the ACS Committee on Trauma Region 13 annual paper competition, hosting the military session of the Surgical Forum, and nominating the Churchill Lecturer. The Excelsior Surgical Society also aims to reinvigorate the Senior Visiting Surgeon Program and provide mentorship opportunities for military medical students, residents, and active duty surgeons.

JOIN TODAY AND GET INVOLVED

The Excelsior Surgical Society exists for military surgeons. It also exists because of military surgeons. Join us! Let your voices and concerns be heard. Use your experience to guide the next generation of surgeons or to assist line commanders with the battlefield utilization of medical assets. Take advantage of the opportunities of the Military Health System Strategic Partnership of the ACS.

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The Excelsior Surgical Society is the College's home for military surgeons.

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COMMITTEES

Diversity and Inclusion Committee

One of our newer committees, the Diversity and Inclusion Committee was created to address issues unique to women and minority surgeons serving in the Armed Forces as well as to promote an inclusive program and membership.

Membership Committee

The Membership Committee has worked with the ACS to provide [discounted dues](#) for military members for both Excelsior and ACS membership.

Mentorship Committee

This committee was formed to provide resources for the education, residency, professional development, and CME needs of military surgeons. They have been focused on building and expanding our network of military surgical providers as well as providing mentorship throughout their careers.

Outreach Committee

We continue to spread our message as well as news of our Society through the Outreach Committee. The Outreach Committee showcases the achievements of military surgeons, expands fellowship, and highlights opportunities for military surgeons across academic societies through multiple platforms.

Program Committee

The ESS holds an annual full-day symposium that is attended by active, reserve, and retired military surgeons, residents, and students in conjunction with the ACS Clinical Congress. During the Clinical Congress, the Program Committee also organizes the Pryor Lecture, the Churchill Lecture, and the Excelsior Surgical Society Reception.

Research Committee

During the ACS Clinical Congress, the Research Committee moderates the Region 13 ACS Committee on Trauma (COT) paper competition as well as a military-specific session focused on military-relevant research.





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