

## *History of the U.S. Army Sports Medicine Fellowship*



Dr. Feagin in a Stetson hat during a visit to San Antonio

The idea of a joint and soft tissue trauma fellowship started with Dr. John Feagin who recognized the enormous volume of soft tissue injuries in cadets, due to the physical demands of the curriculum. He was team physician and Chief of Orthopaedics in 1970. The idea continued to be nurtured with successive orthopaedists, Dr. Bob Protzman, Dr. Walt Curl, and Dr. Keith Markey in the mid-to-late 70's. Clinical research was done by the Keller Orthopaedic staff and slowly West Point began to develop a name within the U.S. Orthopaedic Community for having expertise in Sports Medicine. Dr. Jack Ryan "took the ball" in 1985-6, and designed and implemented the "U.S. Army Joint & Soft Tissue Trauma Fellowship", after approval from Graduate Medical Education of the Army Medical Command and General Quinn Becker, the Army Surgeon General. The first Fellow started in 1988. From 1991-2000 COL Bob Arciero was the Fellowship Director. COL Dean C. Taylor has been the Fellowship Director since 2000. The fellowship has been expanded to include a 2 month rotation at the Hospital for Special Surgery, 2 week rotations at other sports medicine centers of excellence and an annual Fellow's Day Sports Symposium featuring scientific presentations from 5 other orthopaedic Sports Medicine programs. The fellowship has been responsible for over 150 national and inter-

national presentations, 70 scientific publications, and 17 chapters.

The fellowship culminates a long education process: 5 years of orthopaedic surgery training, one year of basic science research at the Institute of Surgical Research (Fort Sam Houston, Texas) and one year of intensive exposure in complex joint injuries (ligament & cartilage) at Keller Army Community Hospital (West Point, NY). The mission of the Army Joint & Soft Tissue Trauma Fellowship (Sports Medicine) is to develop an expert in the field devoted to improved care of soldiers, innovation in improving rehabilitative or surgical care, and commitment to research. Fellowship graduates train orthopaedic residents at various military medical centers or are assigned to one of several Army Medical Facilities with large troop concentrations. The Fellowship is recognized as fully accredited by the American Council of Graduate Medical Education, the Residency Review Committee, and the American Orthopaedic Society for Sports Medicine.

### **Fellows**

LTC (Ret) Richard D. Gardner	88-90
COL (Ret) John T. McBride, Jr.	89-91
COL (Ret) John M. Uhorchak	90-92
COL Dean C. Taylor	91-93
LTC Paul H. Leitschuh	92-94
COL (Ret) Patrick St. Pierre	93-95
COL (Ret) David M. Gonzalez	94-96
LTC Thomas M. DeBerardino	95-97
COL Winston J. Warme	96-98
LTC Bradley J. Nelson	97-99
LTC Craig R. Bottoni	98-00
LTC E. Schuyler DeJong	99-01
MAJ Keith T. Lonergan	00-02
MAJ Darryl B Thomas	01-03
MAJ Anthony A. Beardmore	02-04
MAJ Steven J. Svoboda	03-05
MAJ Daniel W. White	04-06
MAJ Brett D. Owens	05-07