

SOCIETY NEWS

NEWS OF MEMBERS

Promotions and new appointments

(a) Air Vice Marshal LN Budhraj, AVSM, DMS (Air), and President of the Aero Medical Society of India has been appointed Deputy Director General Armed Forces Medical Services in the rank of Major General with effect from 26 Feb 76. The society gained from his wide experience and progressed during his Presidentship. We wish him all the best in his new appointment.

(b) Air Vice Marshal DN Gupta, AVSM, took over as DMS (Air) and President of the Aero Medical Society of India on 26 Feb 76, on promotion. We congratulate him and look forward to his guidance.

(c) Air Commodore P. Dharamraju took over as Principal Medical Officer, HQ Western Air Command on 18 March, 76 on return from the Army.

(d) Air Commodore SP Verma, VM, took over as Air Officer Commanding, Institute of Aviation Medicine and Consultant in Aviation Medicine on 15 April, 76. He has taken over as Editor-in-Chief of 'Aviation Medicine' journal at the same time.

(e) Air Commodore OP Bhatia has taken over as Air Officer Commanding, Air Force Central Dental Establishment, Bangalore and as Air Force Dental Adviser on 17 May, 1976.

(f) Group Captain SK Mukherjee took over as JDMS(S) Air Headquarters on 15 April, 76.

(g) Wing Commander ML Wadhawan, Professor of Physiology Armed Forces Medical College, Pune has been promoted to the rank of Group Captain.

(h) Wing Commander GN Kunzru, Additional Adviser in Pathology, Air Force Hospital, Bangalore has been promoted to the rank of Group Captain.

(i) Wing Commander SK Bhalla, Additional Adviser in Anaesthesiology, Cardiothoracic Centre, Pune has been promoted to the rank of Group Captain.

Honours and Awards

The following members of the Society have received the awards mentioned against their names.
AVM JHF Manckshaw, AVSM (Retd) ... PVSM
Air Cdre KS Rao ... AVSM

Wg Cdr C Barretto (Retd) ... VSM
Wg Cdr VN Bhargava ... VSM

Post Graduate Qualifications

The following members of the society have acquired the post-graduate qualifications mentioned against their names :

Wg Cdr IC Sethi ... MD (Psync. Medicine)
Wg Cdr B Prasad ... DM (Cardiology)
Sq Ldr SP Kapoor ... Dip Av Med
Flt Lt JK Gupta ... Dip Av Med
Flt Lt Bhupinder Singh ... Dip Av Med
Flt Lt G Singh ... Dip Av Med
Flt Lt AK Mehra ... DCH

Retirements

The undermentioned officers who were members of the society have retired from service :

Air Marshal Ajit Nath, PVSM, PHS, DGAFMS
Air Cdre KS Rao, AVSM
Air Cdre P Dharamraju
Wg Cdr NG Showkeen
Wg Cdr SK Dutta
Wg Cdr RC Dawar
Wg Cdr MS Bhatia

We wish them a happy retired life.

NEWS LETTER

IAM, Bangalore

The foundation stone of the new Aviation pathology block was laid by Air Chief Marshal OP Mehra, PVSM, Chief of the Air Staff on 23 January 1976. The building is nearing completion and will house all activities regarding aircraft accidents, human factors analysis, besides the normal clinical work.

Air Force Hospital, Bangalore

The new operation theatre and intensive therapy building of the hospital was inaugurated by Air Chief Marshal OP Mehra, PVSM, Chief of the Air Staff on 3 Jan. 76. This building complex has most modern facilities for intensive care and treatment of all surgical and other emergencies. It will go a long way in improving the patient care at AFH, Bangalore.



Air Cdre KS Rao, AVSM

Air Commodore KS Rao, AVSM, was the Chief Editor of this journal for three years from 1973 to 1976. During his stewardship the journal underwent many changes, improvements and is being published biannually.

Air Commodore Rao, commanded the Institute of Aviation Medicine, IAF from March 1973 till he retired on 27 March 1976. During his tenure the activities at the Institute were geared to greater research activity. It was during this period that additional land for future expansion of IAM was acquired. Plans for phased development of various departments were finalised and the construction work on the new Aviation Pathology block commenced. For his exceptional devotion to duty he was awarded the Ati Vishist Seva Medal.

We wish him and his family happiness and prosperity in his retired life.



Air Cdre SP Verma, VM

Air Commodore SP Verma, took over as Air Officer Commanding, IAM, Consultant in Aviation Medicine and the Chief Editor of the journal on 15 April 1976. He is the first incumbent after the post of OC IAM has been upgraded to Air Commodore. Air Cdre SP Verma, joined the Army Medical Corps in 1944 and served in the European Theatre during World War II and the J & K operations in 1948. He was seconded to the Air Force in December 1949. He was the first IAF Medical Officer to qualify as a pilot on Jet aircraft. He was trained in the United States in Crash Injury investigation and Human Engineering. He was responsible for establishing the Human Engineering Department at IAM. He is the Indian Coordinator for Human Engineering for Commonwealth Advisory Aeronautical Research Council. He was awarded the Vayu Sena Medal in recognition of his contributions to the field of Human Engineering and development of Biotelemetry Equipment. He commanded No. 1 Aero Medical Training Centre and held the appointment of Joint Director Medical Services (Specialist) at Air Headquarters before taking over the present assignment.



Air Cdre OP Bhatia

Air Commodore OP Bhatia took over as Air Officer Commanding Air Force Central Dental Establishment, Bangalore on 17 May 1976 on promotion from the rank of Colonel in the Army. He is, now, also the Air Force Dental Adviser. Air Commodore Bhatia was commissioned in Army Dental Corps in July 1942 and saw active service in Persia and Iraq Theatres during World War II. He has served in a number of important posts in the Indian Army including a staff appointment at Army Headquarters. We welcome him to the Air Force and the society.



Professor MGK Menon, Scientific Adviser to Raksha Mantri visited IAM alongwith Air Marshal Ajit Nath, PVSM, DGAfMS.



Air Vice Marshal DN Gupta, AVSM, DMS (Air) examining human vibration records at IAM.



Maj Gen Badr el din (DGAMS) Arab Republic of Egypt in the Dept of Hyperbaric Medicine, IAM.



General TN Raina, MVC, Chief of the Army Staff, in the Acceleration Physiology Department, IAM.