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Col. Robert G. Hale, DDS, Receives AAOMS Humanitarian Award



[Rosemont, Ill] Col. Robert G. Hale, DDS, received the 2009 Humanitarian Award for Fellows and Members of the American Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons, October 14, during the opening ceremony of the 91st Annual Meeting, Scientific Sessions and Exhibition of the American Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons, in Toronto, Ontario, Canada.

Dr. Hale completed undergraduate studies at UCLA and earned his Doctoral and Postdoctoral Certificate in Dentistry and Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery at Emory University.

He is a diplomate of the American Board of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery, and a fellow of AAOMS and the American College of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons.

Commissioned in the US Army Reserves in 1977, Dr. Hale was called to active duty in 2003, and served tours in Kuwait and Afghanistan before returning home to Los Angeles and private practice. His war time experiences no longer allowed him to fit comfortably in his private practice, and so, at age 48 – the prime of his professional life, he left private practice to serve in the active component of the US Army Dental Corps. Today, He is Commander-Designee of the US Army Dental and Trauma Research Detachment and Craniomaxillofacial Consultant to the Armed Forces Institute of Regenerative Medicine. He is currently assigned to the US Army Institute of Surgical Research in San Antonio, Texas, as Director of Craniomaxillofacial Research.

Noting that Conventional wisdom says, “Do what you love and you’ll be successful,” AAOMS President R. Lynn White said, “Those who know Colonel Robert G. Hale say he is the embodiment of that philosophy.”

Dr. Hale is published in numerous professional journals, and has lectured extensively on craniomaxillofacial battle-injuries. He currently lectures to deploying providers in the Joint Forces Combat Trauma Management Course, US Army Medical Department Center and School. He has held a teaching appointment at the UCLA School of Dentistry since 1990. Dr. Hale has performed humanitarian medical missions and stability/support operations as a member of the Armed Forces in Korea, Philippines, Mexico, Afghanistan, Turkmenistan and Vietnam.

More than 5,000 registrants, including oral and maxillofacial surgeons from around the world, attended the AAOMS Annual Meeting where they conducted association business, discussed surgical procedures, earned continuing education credits and met with dental industry suppliers.

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