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MYRTLE BEACH PHYSICIAN INSTALLED AS STATE MEDICAL ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT

Columbia, SC – Richard C. Osman, MD, FACS, a otolaryngologist practicing in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, was installed as the 156th president of the South Carolina Medical Association (SCMA) during the 2017 Inaugural Ceremony on May 6 in Charleston, South Carolina.

Dr. Osman attended the University of Illinois on a Navy ROTC scholarship and graduated with a Bachelor of Science. He received a Navy Health Professions Scholarship (HPSP) and was accepted to the University of Illinois College of Medicine at Chicago where he attained his Medical Doctorate with Honors. Following, Dr. Osman completed a surgical internship and residency training in Otolaryngology/Head and Neck surgery from the Naval Medical Center in San Diego, CA.

Prior to entering private practice, a temporary assignment at the Marine Corps Recruit Depot followed while awaiting assignment in Flight Surgery at the Naval Aerospace Medical Institute in Pensacola, FL. He completed an intensive six-month course of study of Aviation Medicine and primary flight training earning his Naval Flight Surgeon wings in April 1989. Today, Dr. Osman remains an active reservist and will be retiring from the Naval Reserves on June 30, 2017 after serving 30 years in the Medical Corps.

Locally in Myrtle Beach where Dr. Osman practices, he serves both the community and the medical staff in multiple roles with past roles including various medical staff committee memberships, as vice and chief of surgery and vice and chief of staff at Grand Strand Regional Medical Center. He has also volunteered his time to serve the underserved of his community through serving on the board of directors for SOS Healthcare and chairing the board of AccessHealth Horry. Dr. Osman is also committed to organized medicine and is a member of the Medical Society of Horry County, an alternate Delegate to the American Medical Association, a fellow of the American College of Surgeons, and Diplomate of the American Academy of Otolaryngology/Head and Neck Surgery.

During his presidential year, Dr. Osman will focus on a variety of issues important to medical community in South Carolina, including: promoting the importance of involvement in organized medicine, ensuring that physicians remain the paramount provider in health care, helping physicians understand the legislative and federal issues affecting their practices, and, of course, helping physicians in South Carolina practice the best medicine possible.

As president, Dr. Osman will lead in setting the SCMA's legislative priorities for the upcoming year, serve as the true leader and spokesperson of the profession of medicine in South Carolina, and visit the various sections of the state and meet with the Trustees and their respective societies in an effort to advance the work of the SCMA.

About the South Carolina Medical Association

The SCMA, comprised of nearly 6,000 physicians, was founded in 1848 and is the voice of the medical profession in South Carolina. Its purpose is to support the efforts of South Carolina physicians and to advocate for quality medical care and good health on behalf of the citizens of South Carolina, as well as to represent and serve the interests of physicians.

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