

during the summers. He washed cars, mowed the grass, did home removals with his father, and worked funerals, as well as anything else that needed to be done.

After graduating from high school, Dutch enlisted in the United States Air Force and served as a Military Policeman from 1983-1990. He was stationed in Okinawa, Japan, Sacramento, California, South Korea and Rantoul, Illinois and had earned the rank of Staff Sergeant. He received his Associates Degree in Criminal Justice before he returned to Ann Arbor to start mortuary school in 1990.

Dutch received his Bachelor of Mortuary Science Degree from Wayne State University in 1992, where he was class president. He has been active in the funeral service at the state and national levels, serving as a member of the Michigan Funeral Directors Association (MFDA) Disaster Committee from 1996-2007, and as the committee chairman from 2003-2007. The Committee evolved into the state level Michigan Mortuary Response Team (MI-MORT) in 2007 and he has served as the Team Commander since that time. He also has been a member of the National Funeral Directors Association (NFDA) Disaster Preparedness Task Force Committee since 2004.

Dutch served as the Michigan Funeral Directors Association (MFDA) District 2 President in 2004, MFDA District 2 Director from 2006-2010 and has been nominated as MFDA's Recording Secretary, beginning in May 2010. He will ascend through the Association chairs and will serve as the Association President in 2013.

Dutch joined DMORT in 1997, shortly after working with the MFDA Disaster Committee at the ComAir 3272 crash in Monroe, Michigan. He is now a mortuary officer with Region V.

Dutch is still involved in veteran affairs as a member of VFW Post 423 and American Legion Post 322. He is also involved in the community as a member and past president of the Rotary Club of Ann Arbor North, and is a member of the Loyal Order of the Moose, Lodge 335.

Dutch and his wife, Donna, have been married since 1985, and they have been blessed with three sons and one daughter, Jacob, Jesse, Natalie and Jordan.

In his spare time, Dutch enjoys golf, cards, bike riding, boating, canoeing, kayaking and spending time at his cottage.

Region V is very proud to have Dutch as a member of our team.

TRAINING UPDATE

DMORT NATIONAL TRAINING: There will be **no** DMORT National Training in 2011 as NDMS has been working long and hard on developing a strategic direction for the DMORT teams. Additionally, since the US Congress has not unveiled the Federal budget, HHS and NDMS are currently working under Continuing Resolution. This means that NDMS can continue to operate but only for mission critical items and expenses. No new projects can be initiated.

REGIONAL TRAINING: Your leadership would like to pursue regional training. It would be self-funded. We are looking at options to develop a training that would coincide with a state training where a morgue would be available. If this situation is unavailable, we may need to consider a classroom only training. For those who are involved with their state mass fatality teams, please contact Jan Simons (janette.simons@hhs.gov) if you know of a training that is in the planning process for 2011.

ONLINE TRAINING: As stated many times in the past, the online training component of NDMS is an ongoing and developing system. Courses will be added progressively. With the release of NC-2070 '*Media Relations and Public Information Awareness*,' there are now 13 courses available for NDMS personnel in Responder e-Learn. If you have lost track of which courses you have completed, contact Sue Atwood (susanatwood@sbcglobal.net).

NC-1000 Course Part 1 - Introduction to the Organization

- **NC 1010 HHS Organizational Overview**
- **NC 1020 NDMS In Review (60 minutes)**
- **NC 1030 ESF #8 Roles and Responsibilities**
- **NC1040 Federal Policies and Plans**
- **N 1050 Legal Issues and Ethics**
- **NC 1060 National Incident Management System-NIMS**

NC-2000 Course Part 2 - Response Readiness

- **NC 2010 - NDMS Operational Orders**
- **NC 2020 - Administrative & Travel**
- **NC 2030 - Home and Family Preparedness**
- **NC 2040 - Cultural Awareness**
- **NC 2050 - Critical Incident and Traumatic Stress Management**
- **N 2060 - Personal Gear for Deployments**
- **NC 2070 - Media Relations and Public Information Awareness NEW for 2011!**

The following **NEW** series are currently in the planning stages and may be released soon:

- **NC-3000 Course Part 3 - Response Readiness**
- **NC-4000 Course Part 4 - Specialty Tracks**

IMMUNIZATION UPDATE

Dr. Jim Adams

There's good news and bad news about the flu. A combination vaccine means there's one shot for both the seasonal flu and H1N1. The bad news, though, is that they expect a second flu season, and if you haven't had the shot yet, you should still get it. NDMS still **requires** a yearly flu shot and a yearly TB test to be deployable.

According to the records I have, we have about 25% of our members who are not deployable, either because they have not had the required immunizations, or they have not sent records to me. These records also need to contain the one time immunizations, such as Hepatitis, and the tetanus shot, which is given every 10 years. Also, anyone who was sent to Haiti needed a follow-up TB test 6 months after their return.

I hope everyone knows the rules are not only for our own safety, but the safety of our team.

CONGRATULATIONS

Teammates Become Board Certified Forensic Dentists

The American Board of Forensic Odontology recognized two members of Region V's dentists for promotion to Diplomate status of the ABFO on Feb. 20, 2011. **Dr. Denise Murmann** (Illinois) and **Dr. Chuck Berner** (Ohio) became Board Certified after first being recognized by their qualifications and requirements to be eligible for the comprehensive written examination in the summer of 2010. Following successful completion of the 3 hour comprehensive exam, they were designated "Candidate" for the Practical and Oral Examination Sections and each developed a case report for submission to the ABFO Certification and Examination Committee. The final hurdle was a six hour written exam followed by an oral defense of their previously submitted case reports.

The ABFO was formed in 1976 and has now certified a total of 156 Diplomates. Other Diplomates active in Reg. V DMORT include **Dr. John Kenney** (Illinois), **Dr. Rodney Brown** (Indiana), **Drs. Allan Warnick, Gary Berman** and **Pamela Hammel** (Michigan), **Dr. John Williams** (Minnesota) and **Dr. Don Simley** (Wisconsin).

Drs. Murmann and Berner feel extremely proud to be following the footsteps of such distinguished mentors and teammates.

Region V expresses its congratulations to **Dr. Denise Murmann** and **Dr. Charles Berner** for their recent accomplishment. Congratulations!

Teammate Receives “Fireman of the Year” Award

David Walters, a firefighter and paramedic for the Naperville Fire Department, and the Security Officer for Region V, was honored to be awarded the “Fireman of the Year” by the Naperville, Illinois Fire Department.

At the Awards Ceremony, his Bureau Chief commented “Dave represents all that is good about being an American. During the more than 15 years that Dave has worked with me or for me, I have found him to be of the highest character and dedicated to his family, his profession and his country.

Dave has been a part of the Naperville Fire Department Honor Guard since almost his first day on the job. He serves as its commander, carrying on the high standards set by his predecessor Jim Collins. I asked Dave, a couple of years ago when he was struggling to balance all of his work and family activities, why he didn’t drop the Honor Guard. He looked at me as though I had asked him to disown a child. I then got a 10-minute lecture about how too many people don’t recognize the importance of the tradition and history of our country and its flag.

Dave is the second of at least three generations of Walters who understand the costs of freedom. What Dave learned from his parents (his late father is a veteran and both his father and mother are longtime volunteers at the Manteno Veterans Home), he has passed on to his children. One of Dave’s proudest moments was when he brought his entire family to South Carolina to watch “my boy,” his oldest son, graduate from Army boot camp last year.

I can think of no other member of this department who better represents the ideals of citizenship, honor, patriotism and volunteerism that this award recognizes.”

Dave got another surprise when his son, Army Pvt. Jared Walters, who will deploy to Iraq in the near future, showed up to honor his dad. “It’s hard to describe my feelings,” an emotional Dave Walters said. “I didn’t know he would be here.”

We in Region V congratulate Dave on this very prestigious award, and are very proud to have him as a valued member of our team.

CONDOLENCES

Region V would like to express its deepest sympathy to **Don Simley** for the loss of his father, **Donald O. Simley, DDS** on March 24, 2011. Don and his family will be in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.

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