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Dr. Alan E. Deegan Receives 2009 Presidential Achievement Award



[Rosemont, Ill] Alan E. Deegan, DDS, MSD, received the 2009 Presidential Achievement Award of the American Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery, 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. The award is presented in recognition of important, long-standing contributions of benefit to the specialty by AAOMS fellows and members.

When presenting the award to Dr. Deegan, AAOMS President Dr. R. Lynn White noted, “Duke Deegan is one of those rare individuals whose integrity and very presence leaves a lasting impact on the specialty.”

Dr. Deegan was a director of the OMS National Insurance Company from its inception in 1988 until 1998. During that time he also chaired OMSNIC’s Risk Management Committee and was instrumental in developing risk management materials and protocols that remain in use today.

Dr. Deegan joined the US Army shortly after receiving his dental degree from the University of Pennsylvania School of Dentistry in Philadelphia. He completed his OMS residency at Baylor University in Dallas, TX and Fitzsimons Army Medical Center in Denver, CO. He also received his master’s degree from Baylor. After a 36-year active and reserve stint in the Army, Dr. Deegan retired with the rank of Brigadier General. He is a recipient of the Legion of Merit, Meritorious Service Medal, Bronze Star and US Army Commendation Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters.

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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