

## **Eagle View PA coordinates national medical conference**

*Macomb* – Ori Robert Potter, Physician's Assistant at Eagle View Community Health System's Macomb center, will serve as conference coordinator and registrar for the Society of Army Physician Assistants' 29<sup>th</sup> Annual Physician Assistant's Refresher Course April 21-25 in Fayetteville, North Carolina.

SAPA is a civilian organization that represents and supports U.S. Army Physician Assistants, including, former, active, retired, reserve and National Guard PA's. One of SAPA's goals is to provide high quality, low cost continuing medical education to its members and other physician assistants.

Potter, a retired Captain with the Army Medical Specialist Corp, has been a member of the SAPA since 1984, and was inducted into the organization's Hall of Fame in 1997. Potter has served in a variety of capacities with the organization, including treasurer, membership director, secretary, and president. He has been Conference Registrar for the past 12 years, and also serves as Webmaster.

“Attending our Society's annual conference is a great way to stay on top what is happening in the ever-advancing field of medicine,” Potter said. “Continuing education is absolutely critical, so I am very pleased to coordinate this year's event.”

Potter will be back at Eagle View on Monday, April 28. Appointments for medical services may be arranged by calling Eagle View at (309) 833-2500 or toll free 866-380-9810.

Potter, a Tennessee native and Colchester High graduate, has enjoyed a long and distinguished medical career as a military officer and a civilian. Potter joined the US Army in 1973, and entered the US Army Physician's Assistant program, a two-year course, in 1983. He earned a Bachelor of Science degree as a Physician Associate from the University of Oklahoma in 1989, then served his Emergency Medicine PA residency at Brooke Army Medical Center in Fort Sam Houston in Texas. He completed a Master of Physician's Assistant Studies (MPAS) in Emergency Medicine at the University of Nebraska in 2004.

Potter retired from the Army in 1994, having risen to the rank of Captain with the Army Medical Specialist Corps. During his career he served as a Medical Officer with the 101<sup>st</sup> Airborne Division in Saudi Arabia during Desert Storm, with the 2<sup>nd</sup> Infantry Division in isolated areas of South Korea, and as Medical Officer at many stateside posts. He has earned numerous awards, including the Legion of Merit award, two Meritorious Service Medals, an Army Commendation Medal, and two Army Achievement Medals.

Since retiring from the military, Potter has worked at emergency medical facilities and hospitals all across the Midwest, including Memorial Hospital in Carthage, Galesburg Cottage Hospital, and the Community Medical Center of Western Illinois in Monmouth.

Potter's resume includes a long list of professional memberships and distinctions. He has been

recognized as a Distinguished Fellow of the American Academy of Physician Assistants and is a Delegate/Alternate to the House of Delegates for that organization. He is also a founding member and current vice-president and Webmaster for the American Academy of Physician Assistants in Legal Medicine, as well as a founding member of the Society of Emergency Medicine Physicians Assistants.

Potter says he is able to maintain a demanding schedule because of the work ethic he developed as a boy delivering copies of the Macomb Daily Journal. He was also active with 4-H and was a State Farmer from the Illinois Future Farmers of America in 1973.

Potter and his family reside in Monmouth, where he serves as Adjutant for the Monmouth American Legion.