Greetings everyone! What a whirlwind of a time has it been since AMTC 2.0! To say your board has been actively advocating on your behalf is an understatement! This spring we have been busy putting the polishing touches on our new FP-C® and CCP-C® review, The Pittman Course. We were humbled to be selected by the Pittman family to help carry on Corey’s passion and dedication to education. Earlier this year, courses were held at EMS Today and the CCTMC with great success! Participant evaluations were very positive and helpful, and we are committed to staying focused on improving and keeping this the most current and up-to-date FP-C® and CCP-C® review course the world has to offer!

We are excited to have another success to celebrate with everyone. Since 2014, past and current Board members have dedicated an untold number of hours to help develop and support Recognition of EMS Personnel Licensure Interstate CompAct (REPLICA), a multi-association collaborative designed to allow paramedics to operate across state borders with one “home state” license. When Georgia became the 10th state to pass a Bill approving REPLICA, the vision became a reality! Currently, 10 additional states are discussing REPLICA. This is an incredible win for critical care and transport paramedics who regularly practice cross state lines! With the adoption of REPLICA the need for paramedics to apply for, and maintain licensure (or certifications) in several states is eliminated! We are proud to have been original advocates for this project and will continue to advocate on your behalf to expand REPLICA to include all 50 states. You can learn more about REPLICA at http://www.emsreplica.org.

As always, we want to hear from you! We want to see you become more engaged in the Association! If you have ideas about how you would like to get involved, please do not hesitate to contact me at kevin.collopy@nhrmc.org.

Stay safe in all your work,

Kevin Collopy
2017 IAFCCP Call for Candidates

Are you Ready to Make a Difference?  The IAFCCP is looking for motivated and dedicated individuals to serve on the Board of Directors. Now is your chance to help drive the direction and future of the IAFCCP.

1. Vice President (3-year Commitment)
Prospective candidates must come from the current sitting Board of Directors, or served on the Board within one year of the date of election.

2. Board Member at Large (3-year Term)
Three positions open.
Board members are responsible for developing, approving and evaluating programs and activities, and ensuring that the needs of the membership are met. Board members are expected to participate in all scheduled meetings and conference calls.

3. Military Liaison (1-year Term)
The Military Liaison is responsible for developing programs that assist military personnel in making the transition to civilian air medical and/or critical care operations; is an active member of any U.S. Military Branch; is responsible for attending all IAFCCP meetings and functions as required; and, may be assigned additional IAFCCP projects as needed by the President of the IAFCCP.

4. International Liaison (1-year Term)
The International Liaison is responsible for facilitating communications between the IAFCCP Board of Directors and the international membership; is responsible for attending all IAFCCP meetings and functions as required; and, may be assigned additional IAFCCP projects as needed by the President of the IAFCCP. This is a non-voting position.

Eligibility:
- All candidates must be active IAFCCP Members in good standing.
- All candidates must be currently certified FP-C®, CCP-C® or CP-C®.

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Jason Clark 2017 Tim Hynes Award Recipient

The IAFCCP proudly announces Jason Clark FP-C, C-NPT, CMTE, of Erlanger LifeForce, as the recipient of the 2017 Tim Hynes Award.

Mr. Clark is the 19th recipient of this prestigious award. The official award was presented during the Critical Care Transport Medicine Conference in San Antonio, TX on April 11.

Embodying the spirit of Tim Hynes and the HEMS industry, the IAFCCP humbly recognizes Jason as the deserving recipient of this year’s Award. His dedication, innovation, and personal sacrifices to improve the paramedic profession are noteworthy and worthy of this recognition.

Award Generously Sponsored by:

IAFCCP Position Statement Review

The IAFCCP Board is in the process of reviewing our past position statements on the process of requesting a helicopter and what flight crews do before getting to the landing zone.

To facilitate this process, we will be working on revising some of the statements to meet today’s standards and technology. The process will be finalized during our next Board meeting.
**Tim Hynes Foundation Update – SMTA Scholarship Recipient**

We are proud to announce that Flight Paramedic Darrin Buchta, BS, NRP, FP-C, a Flight Paramedic/Base Safety Representative/Base Clinical Lead with Air Evac Lifeteam in Harbinsburg, KY is the 2017 recipient of the Foundation’s Scholarship award to the Association of Air Medical Services, (AAMS) Safety Management Training Academy (SMTA). The SMTA scholarship is one of the activities that the THF supports throughout the year. Providing a full scholarship to SMTA furthers the THF mission providing opportunities through career development, access to education, and programs to improve leadership abilities that reinforce and advance medical transport safety.

To support the SMTA scholarship and other good works of the Foundation, we accept donations in three ways.

The first is through a Silent Auction held in conjunction with CCTMC each year. This year, the Auction held in San Antonio at CCTMC, raised over $2,000 and will help sponsor the recipient of the 2017 SMTA Scholarship Award. We appreciate your involvement and donation.

The next event is the annual Golf Outing held on July 11, at the River Oaks Golf Course in the Salt Lake City area. We are seeking golfer and financial donations for hole sponsors, beverage cart sponsor, BBQ sponsor and prize donations. Sign up and support the THF online!

Finally, we have just launched a GoFundMe page located at [http://timhynesfoundation.org/donors.html](http://timhynesfoundation.org/donors.html) if you want to support the Foundation directly with a monetary donation. The foundation is a 501(c)(3) tax exempt organization and your contributions are tax deductible.

If you have any questions or need additional information about the Foundation’s work, please send an email to cclark@timhynesfoundation.org.

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**TIM HYNES FOUNDATION**

**Golf Outing**

River Oaks Golf Course at Sandy City
9300 Riverside Drive, Sandy, Utah 84070

**Thursday, July 11, 2017**
Scramble Format
Tee-off at 0830h
Lunch and awards at 1230h

Individual Golfer $125
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Foursome $350

Register now online at [www.timhynesfoundation.org](http://www.timhynesfoundation.org) or request additional information from cclark@timhynesfoundation.org

The Foundation pledges to carry on Tim’s legacy as an advocate for the paramedic profession and is dedicated to reinforcing and improving medical transport safety.

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All-new and updated *Critical Care Transport Core Curriculum* outlines essential skills and knowledge for the critical care transport professional. All chapters closely align with transport nursing and paramedic certification examination content outlines and current CAMTS requirements, where applicable. Each clinical topic includes the following sections:

- General characteristics
- Patient assessment
- Diagnostic data
- Intervention
- Transport and packaging considerations
- Outcome evaluation

Expanded chapters on program operations and infectious and communicable diseases, as well as new chapters on mechanical ventilation and perfusion. IAFCCP and ASTNA member discount applies. Place your order on the ASTNA website at [www.ASTNA.org](http://www.ASTNA.org)
The Government & Legislative Affairs Committee (GLAC) of the IAFCCP continues efforts to monitor and address legislative and regulatory efforts that may impact our members. Of note are the following federal items:

- **HR 304: The Protecting Patient Access to Emergency Medications Act** was reintroduced as HR 304, and rapidly made its way to passage by the House (404-0). It now moves to the Senate Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions for consideration. This bill provides for the DEA to allow the administration of controlled substances by standing order and moves registrant responsibility to the agency, instead of the physician, amongst other items.

- **FAA Reauthorization:** The current FAA reauthorization expires in September 2017. We will closely monitor efforts that affect uniform FAA oversight of aircraft operators.

- **GAO:** The GAO continues its study of air medical pricing, as requested by House Transportation & Infrastructure Committee Chairman Shuster and Ranking Member DeFazio.

- **FAA Aircraft Rulemaking Advisory Committee (ARAC) Rotorcraft Occupant Protection Working Group (ROPWG):** The ARAC has accepted the report on the cost/benefit analysis tasked to the ROPWG. The Working Group has moved forward to its subsequent tasking to examine the feasibility of OEMs to meet partial or full application of CRFS/CRSS regulations.

- **Medicare Reimbursement:** AAMS is working on reintroduction of Medicare legislation which will update the Medicare fee schedule for air medical services to a level that is closer to actual costs of providing the service. The IAFCCP supports such efforts, and we will monitor for introduction of the legislation.

- At the state level, the GLAC continues to monitor state-level action to address concerns regarding consumer balance billing for air medical services. We are also monitoring the development of efforts to address shortcomings in government payment for air medical services.

Thank you and be safe,

*By Chris Hall, GLAC Chairman*

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The IAFCCP have long enjoyed a valued relationship with the Commission on Accreditation of Medical Transport Systems (CAMTS). Our current IAFCCP representative to CAMTS Mr. Jonathan Gryniuk FP-C, CCP-C, NRP, currently serves on the executive committee of CAMTS a position he was elected to by his fellow CAMTS board members. This affords the IAFCCP a high degree of influence among the other 20 member organizations that comprise the CAMTS board.

The IAFCCP further cemented its international commitment to paramedic practice by now serving as a founding member organization to CAMTS-EU. “CAMTS EU provides availability and focuses on international policies and practices. The organization was created to better serve our European and international medical transport providers recognizing not only cultural differences but government restrictions and laws of other countries while maintaining the integrity of the accreditation process worldwide.” Mr. Gryniuk was asked to serve as a founding board member of this new accreditation organization and has remained instrumental in building the framework and processes for CAMTS-EU.

There are currently only five member organizations to CAMTS-EU, so once again the IAFCCP is optimally placed to effect this new accreditation organization and has remained instrumental in building the framework and processes for CAMTS-EU.

While many other organizations have approached CAMTS-EU regarding becoming member organizations, none have demonstrated their international footprint in a manner acceptable to the current board. This should serve as a point of intense pride for the IAFCCP and you our members, who make these possibilities a reality through your continued support. For more information on CAMTS-EU, please visit their website at www.camtseu.org.
EMS Day on the Hill

On April 25th, the IAFCPP attended the “EMS On The Hill Day”. This is a meeting where EMS agencies meet with their local Senators and Congressmen in Washington, DC to discuss current congressional acts that address EMS and patient care. Our group consisted of 250 EMS professionals from 42 states, D.C. and Puerto Rico and our meetings involved 226 congressional leaders and their staff. This year, the focus was on four topics.

The first topic was called, Protecting Patient Access to Emergency Medicine Act of 2017 (H.R. 304 Protecting Patient Access to Emergency Medications Act of 2017). In short, it was found that after review of the Controlled Substances Act (CSA), that legislation is needed to codify “Standing Orders.” If this is not passed, it will limit how we can administer emergency medications ranging from pain relief to anti-seizure medications.

The second topic was called, Strengthen EMS Act (SEMSA); this was originally called the Field EMS Modernization and Innovation Act, but it didn’t move forward with the 114th Congress. That said, revisions were made to improve the verbiage and make it more marketable to pass. The summary of points includes: defining the EMS workforce; ensuring that it is accurately classified; and accounted as a first step in planning and building of a national EMS workforce capacity. This will help ensure funding for education, training, EMS preparedness and disaster response strategy, and further promote the growth of planning for future disasters and national responses.

The third topic was called, S. 976 Permanent Medicare Ambulance Relief and Reform. This is a bill that gets renewed every year and the NAEMT and the AAA would like to see this be a permanent fix not an annual vote. It was made very apparent that Medicare pays way below norm in reimbursement. Therefore, this bill would allow reimbursement as follows: 2% for urban transports, 3% for rural transports and a bonus payment for super rural transports. It was also recognized that we are listed as suppliers of transportation instead of being listed as providers. When this occurs, carriers can only bill for basic supplies. The change will also allow for a fee schedule for non-emergent transports (i.e. to dialysis clinic, psych facility, and urgent care) versus having to transport to an ED. This bill also asks to implement a prior authorization program for these transports to try to prevent fraud and abuse. Lastly, it will develop a data collection system to attain ambulance cost data which will provide accurate data to prevent fraud and facilitate accurate reimbursement.

The fourth topic was called, The Congressional EMS Caucus. This is a Caucus developed by Tim Walz to help support EMS related initiatives and to shed a light on the cost and practice in emergency medicine services. It will bring a more disciplined focus and a stronger support for EMS nationwide. The “Caucus” will help promote, educate, and increase awareness around the federal policy issues impacting EMS and serve as a resource for policy questions. Along with the “Caucus” is also an Air Medical Caucus that also needs equal support from our representatives.

We were also informed that a new bill, HR 115 was introduced and titled, The Thin Blue Line Act. This bill amends the Federal Criminal Code to expand the list of statutory aggravating factors in death penalty determinations to include the killing or attempted killing of a law enforcement officer, firefighter, or other first responder. As of the 11th of May, the act was placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 69. You can find more detailed descriptions of the talking points at http://www.naemt.org/advocacy/emsonthehillday/2017-requests-to-congress and the 2018 EMS On The Hill Day will be April 11th.

By David Olvera

Critical Care Exam Review Available in Electronic and Printed Formats

This study guide, available on iBooks, Kindle and in printed form on EMSBooks.com offers a convenient way to prepare for the FP-C® and CCP-C® examinations! The iBooks study resource matches the broad content divisions of the FP-C® an CCP-C® exam outlines, and features over 400 critical care transport questions as well as detailed rationale for each answer at the end of each chapter.
The IAFCCP just rolled out an exciting new member benefit! With the buying power of SAVVIK Buying Group, you and your company save money on every purchase, and at the same time, support the Association. With SAVVIK you save $$ on gear, medical supplies, clothing, phone bills, hotels, entertainment, electronics AND SO MUCH MORE! Sure, there are other buying groups out there, but SAVVIK doesn’t charge a fee or make you pay for membership; you’re already a member.

IAFCCP membership is your key to great savings from brands such as ZOLL, Grainger, AT&T, Best Buy, FedEx, Disney, and many more. There’s no need to hold this information in secrecy, you can share it with your employer/agency so they can benefit from these great savings as well. Your agency may benefit from special pricing through Henry Schein medical products and make vehicle purchases through participating manufacturers.

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Work:

The value and prestige of Certified Flight Paramedics and Critical Care Paramedics are increasing in International recognition and appreciation. Multiple agencies and private employers are looking for candidates who have demonstrated their knowledge and competency in this evolving and steadily developing specialty. Examples of current international vacancies are listed below, though individuals need to research the specifics themselves to satisfy job requirements.

Remote Medical International:  
<www remotemedical.com>
- RMI are seeking a bilingual Flight Paramedic for West Africa with preference to candidates holding either FP-C or CCEMT-P.
- RMI are further seeking short notice disaster response Paramedics who are NREMT-P registered. Specific CCP certification not required but may be an advantage.
- Paramedics sought with Tactical Combat Casualty Care Certification for projects in the Middle East.

DynCorp International:  
<www.dyncorpinternational.com>
- Seeking a Search and Rescue Paramedic with both FP-C and CCEMT-P for duties involving rescue in areas of high threat conflict. Experience in such regions essential with previous military service and US Passport.

News:
- CHC Helicopters this month have begun a new contract to provide search and rescue services from Nowra, New South Wales, Australia. The service provides primary medical HEMS response, retrieval and rescue services with a crew consisting of two pilots, winchman, anaesthetics grade doctor and rescue paramedic.
- East African helicopter operator Everett Aviation was awarded a major contract to provide medical evacuation services to the British Army Training Unit in Kenya (Batuk). Helicopter Emergency Services will be provided by a configuration of the three BK 117 helicopters held by the company. This platform is commonly seen for medevac missions across Europe and the Far East due to its small rotor disc footprint and ease of rear loading.

By Michael Templeton  
International Liaison

In Memoriam:

Captain Dara Fitzpatrick was an Irish coastguard helicopter pilot who died on 14th March 2017, following a crash off the coast of Mayo in the Republic of Ireland. She was recovered from the sea in a critical condition by a British RNLI crew, but died later in hospital.

Captain Fitzpatrick’s crew was scrambled to conduct a medical evacuation from a fishing vessel 150 miles from the Mayo Coast. Seas were reported as rough with 5 meter swells at the time of the rescue. Her aircraft lost contact at 01:00 local time when it hit rocks and crashed into the sea.

Captain Dara Fitzpatrick was popular in Ireland having appeared on television to talk about her job of 20 years and has been cited for bravery by the Republic multiple times.

Co-Pilot Captain Mark Duffy's body was retrieved 12 days after the crash at a depth of 40 meters from the wreckage.

The bodies of paramedic/winchman Ciaran Smith and Paul Ormsby remain lost whilst the investigation continues. Their loss is a sad tragedy for Irish SAR.

There is no greater sacrifice than those who give their lives in the service of others.
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Attendees can earn critical care CE appropriate for FP-C® for sessions during the 3-day core program and for the Pittman Review Course being hosted by IAFCCP on October 16–17. Attendees can earn community paramedic CE appropriate for CCP-C® recertification for sessions during the 3-day core program and for the Creating an Evidence-Based Practice for EMS in Integrated Healthcare workshop on October 17.

If you have questions or concerns, call 770/979-6372, or e-mail info@flightparamedic.org.

Certified Community Paramedic (CP-C) Exam

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