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## Tri-Service Military Special Interest Group Evening Forum and Networking Session

The Tri-Service Military Special Interest Group (SIG) held a pre-conference forum and networking sessions at the 2014 AAACN Annual Conference in New Orleans, which were a success. AAACN President Susan Paschke and the SIG's Board Liaison Colonel (Ret) Carol Andrews gave a warm welcome and support for the SIG's activities. The highlight of the evening forum was a dynamic informational presentation by Sara Bittiker, Capt, NC, USAF, on Standardization of a Nurse Telehealth Peer Review Program by the 56 Medical Group, Luke Air-Force Base. An impromptu presentation on the newly launched Nurse Advice Line was also invaluable. Additionally, attendees at the forum and networking sessions met experts and shared nursing initiatives, innovations, transformations, experiences, clinical issues of concern, and plans for implementing innovative solutions to identified clinical concerns affecting all military medical facilities. Attendees also had an opportunity to discuss conference funding and explored avenues for continued SIG activities and preparation for future conferences.

During the Tri-Service SIG networking session, Commander Sana Savage, Navy Lead Co-Chair, engaged the attendees in



the SIG's governance and aspects of volunteer leadership as she passed the baton to the Army Lead Co-Chair, Lieutenant Colonel

Sonya Shaw for the 2015 AAACN Annual Conference. In addition, Major Dana Baker from the Air-Force will take on the role of Secretary. The webmaster position is currently available for a 3-year term. The SIG is also seeking a Navy Co-

Chair for the 2015-2018 term. Interested volunteers can contact CDR Savage at [iyatutu1@gmail.com](mailto:iyatutu1@gmail.com) or Lt Col Shaw at [sonya.c.shaw.mil@mail.mil](mailto:sonya.c.shaw.mil@mail.mil) for more information.

The planning committee would like to move back to a full-day pre-conference in 2015, April 15-18, at the Hilton Orlando, Lake Buena Vista, Florida. They will be working to address funding and administrative requirements in order to make that happen.

**Assanatu I. Savage, CDR, NC, USN**  
SIG Navy Co-Chair

