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Veterans Affairs Prosthodontist to Serve on the ACP Board of Directors

Dr. Thomas Girvan joins the Board as the Federal Services Representative



CHICAGO – <u>Thomas B. Girvan, DMD, FACP</u>, was elected as Regional Membership Director of the Federal Services Region for the Board of Directors of the American College of Prosthodontists (ACP), the national organization representing the dental specialty of prosthodontics.

The Federal Services Region represents all members who currently serve as prosthodontists in the Armed Forces, and also members who are prosthodontists with the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA). Dr. Girvan is in his 48th year of federal service; having served 30 years as a prosthodontist in the U.S. Air Force, he is now in his 18th year with the VA.

"I look forward to contributing to the College and the specialty of prosthodontics as a devoted supporter of the Federal Services, both military and VA," said Dr. Girvan.

Dr. Girvan is a Fellow of the ACP and Diplomate of the American Board of Prosthodontics. During his Air Force career, he was actively involved in post graduate

dental education by serving on the teaching staff of the USAF Prosthodontic Residency and then as Director of Dental Education at Wilford Hall Medical Center in San Antonio, Texas

He joined the Department of Veterans Affairs as a prosthodontist in January 2000, where he currently serves as Associate Director of Dental Laboratory Operations for the largest division of the VA Central Dental Laboratory. Dr. Girvan also holds an appointment as adjunct assistant professor in the Department of Comprehensive Dentistry at UT Health San Antonio School of Dentistry.

About Prosthodontists

A prosthodontist is a dental specialist who focuses on the restoration and replacement of missing teeth and correcting other oral or facial issues. With their advanced training, prosthodontists are able to help patients with implants, dentures and veneers, all the way to full mouth and jaw reconstructions.

About the ACP

The American College of Prosthodontists (ACP) is the only ADA recognized organization for the specialty of prosthodontics, and is the only prosthodontic organization whose membership is based solely on education credentials. Founded in 1970, ACP is a not-for-profit organization dedicated to enhancing patient care, advancing the art and science of prosthodontics, promoting the specialty of prosthodontics to the public and other dentists and healthcare professionals, ensuring the quality of prosthodontic education and providing professional services to its membership. For more information, consumers can visit GotoAPro.org and dental professionals can visit Prosthodontics.org.