

**Academy President Letter**  
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From the Desk of  
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President  
Academy of Chiropractic

Dr. Stephen D. Capps passed away in Amberg, Germany on Friday, May 6, 2011. He is survived by his wife, Karen Capps, brother Judson Capps and wife Cathie, children Becca Lawrence, Christopher Capps, Wesley Capps, Kristin Davenport, sons-in-law Tracy Lawrence, James Thorpe and Adam Davenport as well as grandchildren Skylar, Keagan, Krew, Ali and Hayden. His parents, Forrest Douglas Capps and LaVerne Gillis Capps, predeceased him.



Stephen graduated from Liberty High School, Lamar University and the Texas Chiropractic College (in 1983). During his long and distinguished career as a chiropractor, he developed his own private practice in Spring, Texas and completed a postgraduate specialty in Chiropractic Orthopedics. He was board certified as a Diplomate of the American Board of Chiropractic Orthopedists; a Fellow of the Academy of Chiropractic Orthopedists; and, Immediate Past President of the Academy of Chiropractic Orthopedists. Stephen was a leader and visionary for the chiropractic orthopedic specialty. He received the Distinguished Fellow award for his dedication and service to the specialty in 2007. Stephen was elected into the International College of Chiropractors as a Fellow in 2007.

He entered into service for his country in May 1969, joining the Texas National Guard and serving with the 71st Airborne Brigade, the 36th Airborne Brigade; and, Company G, Airborne Ranger (LRRP), 143rd Infantry. Later, Steve served in the U.S. Army Reserve with the 75th Division and the 5025<sup>th</sup> Garrison Support Unit, Fort Carson, Colorado. In 1990 and 1991, he served in Kuwait in support of Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm. Following a long career in the U.S. Army, Stephen retired from the U.S.A.R. while serving as a Command Sergeant Major.

Stephen combined his passion for helping his patients as a Doctor of Chiropractic and serving his country while in the Army Reserve. In 2010, Stephen entered the U.S. Civil Service as a Chiropractor providing care to our U.S. Army troops and was instrumental in setting up the first Chiropractic clinic at Bavaria MEDDAC, United States Army Health Clinic, Vilseck, Germany.

His family is deeply grateful to his friends and co-workers at the MEDDAC Clinic, the Vilseck Military Community and the staff of Klinikum St. Marien, Amberg, Germany. His friends and co-workers reached out to express their love and support. His family is grateful that Stephen was

with people he loved and who loved him.

A visitation will occur Tuesday, May 17th from 5 to 7 PM at Earthman Bellaire Funeral Home, 6700 Ferris Street, Bellaire, TX 77401. Visitation hours are 5:00 to 7:00 PM. The funeral service will be conducted at the Cypress Creek Christian Church, 6823 Cypresswood Drive, Spring, Texas on Wednesday, May 18th at 11 AM, followed by a military funeral service at Houston National Cemetery (Veteran's Memorial), Veteran's Memorial Parkway, in Houston, Texas. The family requests that donations in his memory be made to the Dr. Stephen D. Capps scholarship fund at Texas College of Chiropractic. Memorial gifts are to be sent to:

**The Academy of Chiropractic Orthopedists**

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Please mark on your check "Dr. Stephen Capps"

The Academy has set up a scholarship fund. Judson Capps, Stephen's brother, is the manager of the fund. All proceeds will be used for the Stephen D. Capps Scholarship at Texas College of Chiropractic.

*Steve was a good man and will be missed.*

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