

# 2010 Annual Meeting Agenda

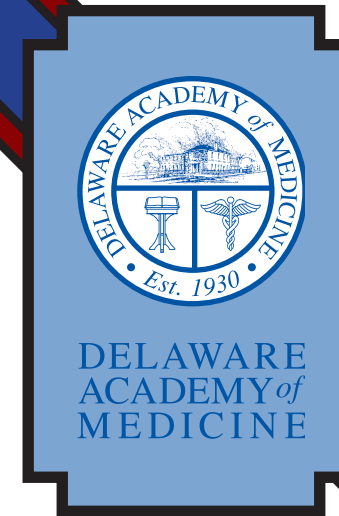
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6 pm  
Reception

7 pm  
Opening remarks, business meeting and  
Lewis B. Flinn President's Award Presentation

7:30 pm  
Dinner

8:15 pm  
Keynote Address by  
Michael J. Kussman, M.D., M.S., MACP  
Brigadier General, Medical Corps,  
United States Army (Retired)



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# 80<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting Awards Ceremony & Dinner



## Friday, March 5<sup>th</sup>



“This award is made in the name of Lewis B. Flinn, M.D. a founder and the first president of the Delaware Academy of Medicine. It is awarded to an individual or organization that has achieved distinction by substantive contributions to the well being of our community through education, leadership, philanthropy, or service.”

## Leslie W. Whitney, M.D.

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### Lewis B. Flinn President's Award Recipient

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Leslie W. Whitney, M.D., FACS, a life member of the Delaware Academy of Medicine, began his distinguished career in Delaware in 1951 after graduating from Temple University School of Medicine. His time at Temple was punctuated by service in the United States Navy, and upon his return he completed his education as a surgeon. He came to Wilmington in 1950, after interviewing with surgeon Daniel Preston, M.D. After an intensive year of surgical experience with Dr. Preston, he was approached by Delaware Hospital, and became the Director of the Tumor Registry and Tumor Service. He is quoted as saying that “The opportunity to become director of the Tumor Clinic at Delaware Hospital allowed me to become part of a very important initiative, working with Dr. Robert Frelick and others to build a state tumor registry and to have cancer designated a reportable disease”. Soon their efforts in cancer detection research led to establishing mammography as a nationally recognized effective tool for diagnosing breast cancer. Prior to settling in Delaware permanently, he returned to the United States Navy for 18 months attached to the Third Marine Wing located in northern Miami, Florida.

In addition to being an accomplished surgeon and researcher, Dr. Whitney trained new doctors for almost his entire career and he was instrumental in the founding of the Delaware Institute of Medical Education and Research (DIMER). As the founder and former chair, Dr. Whitney's vision for establishing a strategic alliance with Jefferson Medical College in Philadelphia, has provided hundreds of Delawareans with the opportunity to pursue a career in medicine...returning home to Delaware as some of the best and brightest doctors in our country. As Director for Academic Affairs and Research for Christiana Care Health System, in addition to his leadership position for the Delaware Academy of Medicine and the Medical Society of Delaware, Dr. Whitney has continued this tradition of education in the latter years of his career. He has held almost every position of leadership within the medical and hospital communities and he is held in the highest esteem by his colleagues.

# Keynote Speaker



*Michael J. Kussman, M.D., M.S., MACP  
Brigadier General, Medical Corps,  
United States Army (Retired)*

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A native of Troy, N.Y., Kussman earned his undergraduate and medical degrees from Boston University, receiving his medical degree in 1968. In 1994, he earned a master's degree in management from Salve Regina University. He is also a graduate of the Army War College and an honor graduate of the Command and General Staff College. He is board-certified in internal medicine and serves on the faculty of the Uniformed Services University of Health Sciences.

Dr. Kussman, who attained the rank of brigadier general while in the U.S. Army, has been with VA since 2000. As Under Secretary for Health since 2007, Dr. Kussman has directed a health care system with an annual budget of approximately \$40.2 billion, overseeing the delivery of care to more than 5.6 million Veterans. VA, the nation's largest health care system, employs more than 231,000 health care professionals and support staff at more than 1,400 sites of care, including hospitals; community and facility-based clinics; nursing homes; domiciliarys; readjustment counseling centers, and various other facilities.

Before coming to VA, Kussman had a military medical career spanning three decades. His service included stints as commander of the Walter Reed Health Care System in Washington, D.C., commander of the Europe Regional Medical Command, command surgeon for U.S. Army Europe, and TRICARE lead agent for Europe. Kussman retired from military service as a brigadier general.

With 156 hospitals and more than 800 community-based clinics, VA has more than one million patient visits per week. In addition to its health care mission, VA is the nation's largest provider of graduate medical education and a major contributor to medical and scientific research. More than 80,000 volunteers, 100,000 health profession trainees, and 25,000 affiliated medical faculty members are integral parts of VA's health care community.