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President's Message

James A. Browne, MD



Dear Colleagues,

As I write this message, I'm reflecting on the remarkable history of the Southern Orthopaedic Association, and looking forward with excitement to our upcoming 43rd Annual Meeting at the Greenbrier in White Sulphur Springs, West Virginia from July 22nd to 25th, 2026.

There are few organizations in medicine quite like the SOA. In a world increasingly dominated by virtual meetings, webinars and constant digital connectivity, the SOA continues to remind us of the enduring value of personal relationships, mentorship, shared experiences, and meaningful conversations among colleagues and friends.



Much has changed in orthopaedics since the SOA was founded in 1983. Surgical techniques have evolved dramatically, and technology has transformed the way we diagnose, operate, communicate and learn. Today, our everyday discussions involve robotics, machine learning, biologics, outpatient surgery and artificial intelligence – concepts that would have seemed un-

imaginable to many of our founders. Yet despite all this change, the core principles that define both the SOA and orthopaedics as a whole remain remarkably constant: excellence in patient care, commitment to education, mentorship of the next generation, and the importance of collegiality and fellowship.

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Come Join the Fun at the 43rd Annual Meeting

The SOA's Annual Meeting will be held July 22-25, 2026 at The Greenbrier in White Sulphur Springs, WV.

Located amid the wondrous Allegheny Mountains of West Virginia, The Greenbrier is a National Historic Landmark and world-class resort that has been welcoming guests from around the world since 1778. A new era of elegance awaits you at The Greenbrier by combining the graciousness of the past with exceptional comforts of today.

The natural mineral springs that drew the first guests over 235 years ago continues to lure visitors to the 11,000-acre luxury retreat. It offers exclusive services and amenities such as championship golf, fine dining, more than 50 activities, designer boutiques, a world-renowned mineral spa and a 103,000 square foot gaming and entertainment venue. Discover the unparalleled selection of luxury leisure

pursuits and outdoor adventures designed to satisfy and stimulate your widest range of interests.

For everyone's convenience, SOA has reserved a block of rooms. To make a reservation at The Greenbrier, visit SOA's meeting website at www.soaassn.org/current-annual-meeting, call **1-855-453-4858**, or scan the code below. Space is limited, so make your reservation early and be sure to mention that you are attending the Southern Orthopaedic Association to get the discounted rate. The cut-off for the special SOA room rate is **June 19, 2026**.

For meeting details, the Preliminary Program, hotel reservations, and online registration, scan the QR code or visit:



www.soaassn.org/current-annual-meeting

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The Greenbrier is the perfect setting to celebrate these ideals. Known as "America's resort," this destination combines history, southern hospitality, world-class recreation and family activities in a way that perfectly reflects the SOA experience. Whether it's golf on the legendary Old White Course, fly-fishing, the bunker tour, the spa, bourbon tasting, dancing, gaming at the casino or simply spending time with friends and family, there truly is something for everyone.

I am especially grateful to our Program Chair, Anna Cohen-Rosenblum, and our outstanding faculty for assembling an exceptional educational program featuring the latest advances across all orthopaedic specialties. We are also thrilled to welcome our Presidential Guest Speaker, Larry Sabato (founder of the University of Virginia Center for Politics and one of the nation's leading political analysts) as well as our Distinguished Southern Orthopaedist, Dr. Thomas Fehring.

One additional highlight worth mentioning is the incredible value of our meeting hotel rates. The SOA has secured room pricing at the Greenbrier that is dramatically below the resort's typical rates, a rare opportunity at one of the region's most iconic luxury destinations.

Most importantly, the SOA's Annual Meeting continues to revolve around relationships – re-connecting with mentors and colleagues, meeting new friends, and creating lasting memories with our families while exploring outstanding educational opportunities together.

On behalf of my family and the entire SOA leadership team, thank you for the privilege of serving as your President this year. We look forward to seeing you in West Virginia this July for what promises to be a truly memorable meeting!

Warm regards,

James A. Browne, MD

President, Southern Orthopaedic Association

SOA Education Fund

Southern Orthopaedic Education Foundation would like to acknowledge the generous support of the following 2025 contributors. The continued ability for SOA to fund special speakers and Resident/Fellow Awards for the Annual Meeting is due in large part to the generous donations by SOA members and nonmembers. Thank you for your support!

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Make your mark on the future by helping to support the SOA Education Fund (a 501(C)3 tax-exempt fund) with your charitable contribution. The SOA established this fund to provide educational opportunities for young orthopaedists throughout the territory. We encourage you to make a donation to help the SOA achieve its goals for funding educational programs for residents. It is a worthy endeavor, and one that will endure for generations.

The process to donate is simple. Just go to www.soaassn.org/donations, and you can make a donation instantly.

The SOA

The Southern Orthopaedic Association (SOA) was founded in 1983 for physicians who are engaged in the specialty of orthopaedic and trauma surgery. Its mission is to develop and foster the art and science of medicine in the specialty of orthopaedic and trauma surgery. SOA operates exclusively for charitable, scientific and educational purposes.

Annual Meeting Tour/Activities Information

Thursday, July 23

Spouse/Guest Breakfast & Historical Walking Tour

Spouses and guests are invited to gather for a welcoming morning hospitality breakfast at The Greenbrier. Following breakfast, guests are invited to join a guided historical tour of the resort.



Interior Walking Tour

Step back in time with a guided walking tour of one of America's most historic resorts, highlighting the iconic design influence of Dorothy Draper.

Kids' Spin Fishing

This hands-on, guided experience is perfect for beginners, where kids will learn fundamentals of spin fishing. All equipment is provided.

Beginner's Golf Clinic

Join us for a high-yield intro to the game: etiquette, attire, scoring, rules & how to play a round, followed by a hands-on practice session led by former professional golfer / current Vanderbilt medical student, August Kim.



Guided Fly Fishing with Guide

The Greenbrier's talented guides take you through the process of fly tying, understanding aquatic insects and casting, so you'll be fully prepared.

Bunker Tour

Explore the declassified bunker beneath The Greenbrier and learn about the remarkable story behind its construction, secrecy, and eventual declassification.

New Member & OREF Reception

Enjoy this year's combined New Member & OREF event! The SOA Board is excited to personally welcome all new members to the organization.

Welcome Dinner

This casual, family-friendly gathering is a chance to see colleagues, meet new guests, and start the week together with the SOA! Kids' activities include a bounce house, balloon animals and other entertainment. A full dinner buffet and refreshments will be available as everyone gathers for the first time.

Friday, July 24

Spouse/Guest and Child Hospitality & Falconry Demonstration

Enjoy a hot breakfast buffet while connecting with fellow guests, followed by a falconry demonstration featuring trained birds of prey and expert handlers.

Golf Tournament

Show off your swing at the Annual Golf Tournament, held at The Meadows Course amid the historic and picturesque setting of The Greenbrier resort.



Jeep Driving Adventure

Ride with highly trained Off-Road Adventure guides along a 30-mile course that winds through rugged mountain terrain with a variety of trail conditions.

Stryker Women's Network/Ruth Jackson Orthopaedic Society Reception

Join SWN, RJOS & SOA for a Happy Hour Reception!

Exhibitor Reception

Kick off your evening with drinks and light hors d'oeuvres at the SOA Exhibitor Reception, the perfect opportunity to network and connect before dinner.

Kids' Night

Kids are invited to an evening at the Greenbrier arcade and bowling alley for bowling, games, and dinner while parents attend the Exhibitor Reception.

Champagne Toast & Waltz in the Casino Club and Dancing in 42 Below

Continue the evening at the Casino Club and try your luck at the tables and enjoy the lively atmosphere. Later in the evening, join fellow attendees at 42 Below at The Greenbrier for music and dancing.

Saturday, July 25

Spouse/Guest and Child Hospitality & Charity Activity

Begin the morning with a relaxing hospitality breakfast, followed by a meaningful charity activity supporting a local organization.



The Bubba Armstrong Clay Shoot

The resort's sporting clays course winds through hardwoods and towering pines in a scenic mountain setting, featuring 10 shooting stations, each with two shooting stands. Enjoy an engaging experience for shooters of all skill levels.

Bourbon at the Bar

Enjoy a special guided bourbon tasting experience, featuring a hand-chosen selection of the resort's favorite bourbons.

Gala Dinner Dance

Celebrate a fun-filled evening with great food, music, and plenty of dancing.

Kids' Night

While parents enjoy their evening, kids have their own with a buffet dinner, yard games and a special magician performance - dinner and a show!

Sunday, July 26

The Greenbrier Chapel Sunday Service

Join us for a casual and inclusive Informal Ecumenical Service at The Greenbrier Chapel for reflection and community every Sunday morning.

Discover more experiences at The Greenbrier. From outdoor adventures, spa treatments and signature resort activities, there's something for everyone to enjoy during your stay. Explore and sign up for additional activities directly on property. Availability may be limited, so we encourage you to reserve early.





2026 Program Chair's Message

Anna Cohen-Rosenblum, MD, MSc

Dear fellow SOA Members, Spouses and Guests:

I am honored and delighted to invite you all to attend the 43rd Annual Meeting of the Southern Orthopaedic Association at the Greenbrier Resort in White Sulphur Springs, West Virginia, July 22-25, 2026. President James Browne, MD, the SOA Board of Trustees, the Program Committee, and I have developed an exciting program with a wide range of topics, including a special session for medical students and residents, as well as social events for attendees and their families.

We intentionally designed our main session symposia to appeal to orthopaedic surgeons of all specialties, practice types, and career stages. Whether you are seeking to tackle a broad spectrum of musculoskeletal disease (Symposium 1- The Generalist On Call: Top Tips for Getting Through the Night), help your patients avoid arthroplasty as long as possible (Symposium 2- Innovations in Orthobiologics and Joint Preservation), advocate for the future of our profession in this age of declining reimbursement (Symposium 3- Advocacy in Orthopaedic Surgery), understand the ramifications of the incoming wave of artificial intelligence (Symposium 4- AI in Orthopaedics: Don't Get Left Behind!), take a deep dive into the nuances of adult reconstruction or spine (Symposium 5A- Debates in Total Joint Arthroplasty and Symposium 5B- Spine: Who Goes First?), or hear from a panel of experts on the latest and greatest developments in

our field (Symposium 6- The One Biggest Innovation in my Specialty in the Last 5 Years), we have something for you!

Our panel of reviewers chose 209 research presentations and 46 E-posters from 412 abstract submissions, and there will be 30 subspecialty breakout sessions moderated by expert faculty to ensure robust and stimulating discussions. The top 12 award winning manuscripts will be featured in the main session. We invite you to participate in these breakout sessions and main session research discussions, both to learn more about areas of scientific interest in orthopaedic surgery and to support the presenters, many of whom are trainees. Up to 18 CME credits are available for attendees.

In addition to the esteemed faculty featured in our symposia who include department chairs, private practice leadership, and current, former, and future presidents of numerous orthopaedic societies, we will hear from this year's Distinguished Southern Orthopaedist, Tom Fehring, MD. Dr Fehring is a former president of the American Association of Hip and Knee Surgeons and a world expert in the treatment of prosthetic joint infection. Our Presidential Guest Speaker will be Larry Sabato, PhD, a professor of politics at the University of Virginia who can provide us simple bone carpenters with a broader perspective on the state of the world.

2026 Program Committee

The Southern Orthopaedic Association gratefully acknowledges the following orthopaedic surgeons for their contribution to the development of the Scientific Program.

Anna Cohen-Rosenblum, MD, MSc, Chair
 R. Carter Cassidy, MD
 Erik J. Hansen, MD
 Scott D. Mair, MD
 Jocelyn R. Wittstein, MD

This year our social events have a classic SOA feel with some new twists. Daily family breakfasts will provide ample opportunities for children to steal extra pastries while the adults are getting to know each other, and we are once again hosting a New Member Reception, Welcome Dinner, Exhibitor Reception with concurrent Kids' Party, Gala Dinner Dance (it's black tie so don't forget that tuxedo and/or fabulous gown) and Golf Tournament. We will also be featuring a Beginner's Golf Clinic led by a former professional golfer and current medical student, a guided tour of the declassified bunker beneath the resort, a bourbon tasting, a special happy hour jointly hosted by SOA, Stryker, and the Ruth Jackson Orthopaedic Society, and more!

We cannot wait for you to join us at the Greenbrier for an educational, edifying, entertaining, and exciting SOA Annual Meeting.

Sincerely,

Anna Cohen-Rosenblum, MD, MSc
 2026 Program Chair

Scientific Program Highlights

THURSDAY – JULY 23, 2026

BREAKOUT SESSION 1A-E: Foot & Ankle, Upper Extremity, Practice Management, Pediatrics and Spine

SYMPOSIUM 1: The Generalist on Call: Top Tips for Getting through the Night

RESIDENT AWARD SESSION:
 Award Presentations

GENERAL SESSION 1: L. Andrew Koman, MD Distinguished Southern Orthopaedist - **Thomas K. Fehring, MD**

BREAKOUT SESSION 2A-E: Sports Medicine, Adult Reconstruction, Trauma, Shoulder & Elbow and Mixed Topics

SYMPOSIUM 2: Innovations in Orthobiologics and Joint Preservation

SCIENTIFIC ePOSTERS: (Open daily to all participants before and after the Scientific Program.)

FRIDAY – JULY 24, 2026

BREAKOUT SESSION 3A-E: Tumor, Upper Extremity, Pediatrics, Total Knee Arthroplasty and Total Hip Arthroplasty

SYMPOSIUM 3: Advocacy in Orthopaedic Surgery

SYMPOSIUM 4: Artificial Intelligence in Orthopaedics: Don't Get Left Behind!

GENERAL SESSION 2: Angus M. McBryde Jr., MD Presidential Guest Speaker - **Larry Sabato**

BREAKOUT SESSION 4A-E: Basic Science, Sports Medicine, Total Hip Arthroplasty, Total Knee Arthroplasty and Spine

SCIENTIFIC ePOSTERS: (Open daily to all participants before and after the Scientific Program.)

SOA RESIDENT COURSE: Resident / Fellow Primer for the Transition to Practice

SATURDAY - JULY 25, 2026

BREAKOUT SESSION 5A-E: Sports Medicine, Upper Extremity, Shoulder & Elbow, Trauma and Adult Reconstruction

GENERAL SESSION 3: AAOS & OREF Reports

CONCURRENT SYMPOSIUM 5A: Debates in Total Joint Arthroplasty

CONCURRENT SYMPOSIUM 5B: Spine - Who Goes First?

SYMPOSIUM 6: The One Biggest Innovation in My Specialty in the Last 5 Years

GENERAL SESSION 4: Presidential Address - **James A. Browne, MD** and Second Business Meeting

BREAKOUT SESSION 6A-E: Adult Reconstruction, Shoulder & Elbow, Sports Medicine, Trauma, and Foot & Ankle

SCIENTIFIC ePOSTERS: (Open daily to all participants before the Scientific Program.)

2026 Award Recipients

Congratulations to the following 2026 SOA Award Recipients. The award papers will be presented during the Scientific Program at The Greenbrier.

SOA Presidents' Resident Award Winner

Placebo-Controlled Trial of Opioids for Breakthrough Pain after ACL Reconstruction
Gregory Darville, MD, Emory University

Harley & Betty Baxter Resident Award Winners

Does Ten Minutes of Intraoperative Nerve Stimulation Improve Outcomes Following Nerve Transfer?
Madeline Rieker, MD, Atrium Health Carolinas Medical Center

Cylindrical vs. Standard Casts in the Treatment of Supracondylar Humerus Fractures

G. Dillon Graham, MD, Atrium Health / OrthoCarolina

SOA/OREF Resident Award Winners

Methylprednisolone Taper after Total Knee Arthroplasty: A Prospective Single-Blinded Randomized Trial

Kevin Y. Heo, MD, Emory University

Antibiotic Suppression after Two-Stage Exchange Arthroplasty Reduces Treatment Failure

Alexander B. White, MD, Atrium Health Carolinas Medical Center

Mid-Term Outcomes of Stemless aTSA: Comparison of Subscapularis Management Techniques

Trevor Wolterink, MD, Medical University of South Carolina

Cynthia L. Lichtefeld Resident Travel Grant Award Winner

Return to Hunting and Fishing after Total Knee Arthroplasty

Brett M. Lowden, MD, Marshall University School of Medicine

Harley & Betty Baxter Resident Travel Grant Award Winner

Cefazolin Plus Gentamicin vs. Ceftriaxone for Gustilo-Anderson Type III Open Lower Extremity Fractures

Cameron Foster, MD, University of Florida-Jacksonville

SOA Resident Travel Grant Award Winners

Arthroscopic Pectoralis Minor Release, Neurogenic Thoracic Outlet Syndrome in Athletes

Evan Bailey, MD, Emory University School of Medicine

Can CRP-Albumin Ratio Predictor of DAIR Outcomes and Infection Chronicity?

Stephen Graham, MD, MSc, OrthoCarolina

Effects of Surgeon Volume on Medicare Reimbursement in Primary THA

Alexander S. Guareschi, MD, University of Tennessee-Campbell Clinic

SOA Medical Student Travel Grant Award

Patient Perceptions of Artificial Intelligence-Generated Clinical Notes in Orthopaedic Care

Edward L. Major, BS, University of Kentucky College of Medicine

2026 Donor Award Recipients

Congratulations to the following 2026 Southern Orthopaedic Association Donor Resident / Fellow Award Recipients. These awards were made possible by generous SOA member donations.

Benjamin A. Alman, MD Travel Grant Award
Assessing Fluoroscopy Effects on Dislocation after Hip Arthroplasty for Fracture

Emily Lewis, MD, PharmD, Prisma Health – Upstate

James A. Browne, MD Travel Grant Award
Virtual Care Hotel as an Alternative Recovery Pathway for Outpatient Total Joint Arthroplasty: Safety and Patient Experience

Jayanth Kumar, MD, UF Health Jacksonville

E. Lyle Cain, MD Travel Grant Award

Preoperative Expectations Predict Two-Year Patient-Reported Outcomes after Total Shoulder Arthroplasty

Stefan Dabic, MD, University of Maryland School of Medicine

Anna Cohen-Rosenblum, MD Travel Grant Award

Preoperative GLP-1 Exposure vs. Bariatric Surgery Before THA: A Claims-Based Comparison of Complications, Length of Stay, and 90-Day Costs

Kara McConaghy, MD, University of Virginia

L. Andrew Koman, MD Travel Grant Award
Medicare Reimbursement and Utilization Trends in Orthopaedic Shoulder Procedures

LaMiah Hall, BS, MPH, University of Alabama at Birmingham

Scott D. Mair, MD Travel Grant Award

Is Humeral Stem Retention in Revision Shoulder Arthroplasty Advantageous?

Devin John, MD, Palm Beach Shoulder Service HCA Florida – Atlantis Orthopaedics

Michael J. O'Brien, MD Travel Grant Award

The Impact of Achieved Reconstruction Geometry on Outcomes after Reverse Shoulder Arthroplasty: The Answer Lies in the Balance

Jesse Seilern und Aspang, MD, Emory University

Upcoming SOA Meetings



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44th Annual Meeting

July 21-24, 2027

Wyndham Grand

Clearwater, FL



**2026 Angus M. McBryde Jr., MD
Presidential Guest Speaker
Larry J. Sabato, PhD**

Larry Sabato is the founder and director of the University of Virginia Center for Politics. He is also the University Professor of Politics at the University of Virginia, and has had visiting appointments at Oxford University and Cambridge University in Great Britain. A Rhodes Scholar, he received his doctorate from Oxford, and he is the author or editor of two dozen books on American politics.

Prof. Sabato directs the Center for Politics' Crystal Ball website, a leader in accurately predicting elections since its inception. In 2006, the Pew Research Center and the Pew Charitable Trusts' Project for Excellence in Journalism recognized the Crystal Ball as the leader in the field of political predictors, noting that the site "came closer than any other of the top ten potential predictors this cycle."

In 2013 Prof. Sabato won an Emmy award for the television documentary Out of Order, which he produced to highlight the dysfunctional U.S. Senate. In 2014, Prof. Sabato won a second Emmy award for the PBS documentary The Kennedy Half-Century, which covers the life, assassination, and lasting legacy of President John F. Kennedy.



**2026 L. Andrew Koman, MD
Distinguished Southern Orthopaedist
Thomas K. Fehring, MD**

Dr. Thomas K. Fehring is the recipient of this year's L. Andrew Koman, MD Distinguished Southern Orthopaedist Award. Dr. Tom Fehring graduated cum laude from Wake Forest University where he played varsity football and received an NCAA postgraduate scholarship for excellence in athletics and academics. He completed his orthopedic residency at Vanderbilt University and completed a fellowship in Adult Reconstructive Surgery in Boston.

involved in teaching residents and fellows and helped establish the OrthoCarolina Research Institute. He is also the Co-Director of the OrthoCarolina Charitable Foundation which supports educational programs for the needy locally and internationally.

Dr. Fehring's clinical interests are in revision hip and knee arthroplasty. His research has focused on revision surgery, prosthetic design, osteolysis and infection.

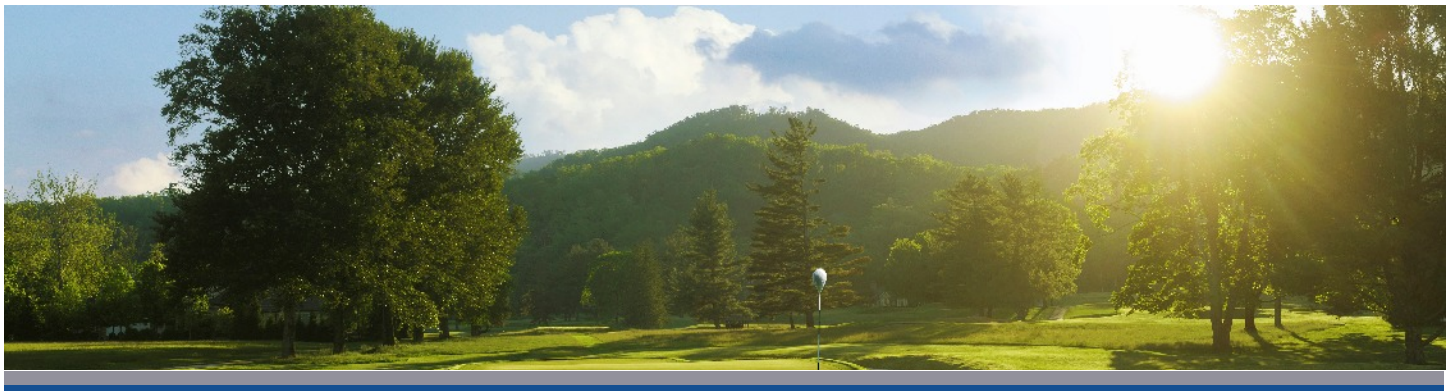
Dr. Fehring helped establish the OrthoCarolina Hip and Knee Center where he practiced for over 30 years. During that time he was

Dr. Fehring has served as President of The Knee Society and American Association of Hip and Knee Surgeons. He is also an active member of The Hip Society.

SOA Job Board

Hiring? Advertise your open position at the Annual Meeting!

Looking for a new job? Post your contact information anonymously for employers to contact you at the Annual Meeting. Scan the code below to sign up!

In Memory of John Ollie Edmunds, Jr, MD

SOA Past President, John Ollie Edmunds, Jr. MD, passed away at the age of 85, peacefully at home in New Orleans on March 13, 2026. Dr. Edmunds was internationally known as a teacher, lecturer, author, and pioneer of surgical procedures and medical software. He practiced medicine for forty-four years before retiring in 2015 as Professor Emeritus of Orthopaedic Surgery at Tulane University School of Medicine.

Known to most as "Ollie," Dr. Edmunds was born to Emily Caroline Bryant Edmunds and J. Ollie Edmunds, Sr. in Jacksonville, Florida on September 18, 1940. He spent his early years in Deland, Florida where his father was president of Stetson University. After graduating from Woodberry Forest High School in Virginia, Dr. Edmunds attended Washington and Lee University for two years, where he was a member of Beta Theta Pi before transferring to Stanford University, where he obtained a bachelor's degree in Biological Sciences. He then spent a year at Regent's Park College at the University of Oxford. He was an avid wrestler during high school and college. In 1967, he graduated from the University of Florida College of Medicine and started his internship at Ochsner Medical Center in New Orleans, where he met his future wife, Karen Ann Oser. They later married in New Orleans on April 11, 1970.

In 1968, Dr. Edmunds went to Naval Air Station Pensacola for training as a flight surgeon. He was then stationed at Naval Air Station New York. He also worked at St. Albans Naval Hospital taking care of soldiers returning from Vietnam. After the Navy, he set course for Duke University, where he completed residencies in general surgery and orthopaedic surgery, in addition to a fellowship in hand and microvascular surgery.

In 1976, Dr. Edmunds moved his family back to Karen's hometown of New Orleans, where he joined the faculty at Tulane University in the Department of Orthopaedic Surgery. Dr. Edmunds served as the Chief of Hand and Upper Extremity Surgery at Tulane University Medical Center, Charity Hospital of New

Orleans, and the Veterans Affairs Medical Center of New Orleans. After Hurricane Katrina, Dr. Edmunds worked for several years at the Veterans Affairs Medical Center of Nashville and served as a Visiting Professor of Orthopaedic Surgery at Vanderbilt University Medical School.

Dr. Edmunds was a Fellow of the American Orthopaedic Association and the American College of Surgeons. He was a past president of the Southern Orthopaedic Association and the Louisiana Orthopaedic Association. He was also a member of the editorial board of the Journal of the Southern Orthopaedic Association and later the Journal of Surgical Orthopaedic Advances. He was especially known for surgical procedures of the thumb basal joint and hemophilic joint replacement. Countless patients appreciated his kindness and compassion. Dr. Edmunds also designed medical software as Chairman of Aesculapius Technologies.

After his father's death, Dr. Edmunds became Chairman of Gualala Redwoods, Inc., managing timber north of San Francisco, in Sonoma and Mendocino counties. He was also a member of Abita Springs Timber Company, L.L.C. in St. Tammany Parish.

Dr. Edmunds and his sister, Jane Edmunds Novak, co-founded the J. Ollie Edmunds Distinguished Scholarship Program at Stetson University, in honor of their father. Since 1997, the full-scholarship program has funded dozens of "Edmunds Scholars" to attend Stetson. In 2022, Stetson University awarded Dr. Edmunds an honorary doctorate.

He loved the New Orleans Saints and popcorn. On his way home from work, he would often stop at the Prytania Theatre—just to buy the popcorn. He also loved to sing. With his deep vocal range, he sang bass in the choir at the Tulane Catholic Center during Sunday mass. While in Nashville after Katrina, he sang in the choir at Cathedral of the Incarnation.

Personally, he was most proud of his talented and beautiful family. His loving wife of 55



years, Karen Oser Edmunds, is an artist. "Happiness is being married to your best friend," he used to say. Professionally, Dr. Edmunds was most proud of the generations of medical students he taught, including the approximately 250 Tulane orthopaedic residents he trained over four decades. He was awarded the Outstanding Orthopaedic Faculty Teacher Award at Tulane in 1981 and 1996, and the Spartacus Maximus Award in 2011.

Dr. Edmunds is survived by his wife, Karen; his children Anne (Ernie) Aguirre of Nashville; John (Rachel) Edmunds and their children, Julian & Rosie of Rutherford, NJ; Caroline (Ryan) Purdy of Maplewood, NJ; and Chris (Cristina) Edmunds and their children, Oscar & Arabella of New Orleans; and his sister, Jane (Wayne) Edmunds Novak of Atlantic Beach, FL.

His funeral was held on March 28, 2026 at Holy Name of Jesus Church in New Orleans. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to the Ollie Edmunds Research and Education Fund at Tulane University Orthopaedics at <https://tinyurl.com/mwusc4> or the charity of your choice.



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