Readers Respond

In response to the request accompanying the cover article, “To Have Surgery or Not to Have Surgery - That is the Question!” by Debbie Hardy, in the last issue of Post-Polio Health, PHI Members (Nancy Dubois, Barbara Goldstein, Gladys Kiplinger, Rita McGovern, Stuart G. McLennan, Jr., Rick Paris and Marilyn Spera) recommend the following orthopedic surgeons. (NOTE: This list is updated continually and can be accessed from this issue’s index.)

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NEW BOOKS

Understanding Viruses
University textbook includes post-polio syndrome

Teri Shors, University of Wisconsin at Oshkosh, authored a textbook for a mid-level virology class. Published by Jones and Bartlett Publishers (2009), Chapter 11, “Poliovirus and Other Enteroviruses” is 23 pages of history, clinical features, classification and structure of the virus, transmission, prevention and eradication. Post-polio syndrome is also described.

Love, War & Polio: The Life and Times of Young Bill Porteous

Timothy James Bazzett combines research with original letters, interviews, personal recollections and anecdotes to tell polio survivor Bill Porteous’s story. It is a home-spun history lesson about the nearly forgotten polio plague years and our fathers’ and grandfathers’ war. The appendix lists all the polio patients and staff who spent time at the Army and Naval General Hospital (A&NGH), Hot Springs, Arkansas, in the late 1940s.

NEW REQUEST: Polio survivor, Larry Julius (LJulius600@aol.com) was not at A&NGH and, unlike Mr. Porteus, had polio before he was accepted into the service. For the year of 1969, Larry was an Army artillery forward observer in the jungles of Vietnam assigned to the 1st Air Cavalry infantry. Larry is specifically interested in contacting fellow combat vets who have symptoms of Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) and worsening symptoms of post-polio syndrome.