THE FIFTH ANNUAL HUNT LECTURESHP FEATURES DR. WILLIAM BEANES: THE FORGOTTEN MAN BEHIND OUR NATIONAL ANTHEM

BALTIMORE, June 24, 2014 — MedChi, the Maryland State Medical Society and the Center for a Healthy Maryland will present the Fifth Annual Hunt Lectureship on Wednesday, June 25, 2014 at Osler Hall, 1211 Cathedral Street in Baltimore. Fort McHenry Ranger Paul Plamann will be portraying Dr. William Beanes, a founder of MedChi and the forgotten man behind the National Anthem.

The evening will begin with a reception at 5:45 p.m. in the main hall at MedChi’s historic building on Cathedral Street. A sing-along of patriotic songs will take place before the lecture which begins at 6:30 p.m. with the singing of the National Anthem.

Dr. William Beanes, one of MedChi’s founders, played a pivotal role in the writing of the National Anthem. He was taken prisoner after the British burned Washington. Francis Scott Key was sent by President James Madison to negotiate his release. After chasing around the Chesapeake on a ship, the British, with Dr. Beanes as a prisoner, arrived in Baltimore, with plans to bomb the city. After 25 hours, the bombing finally ceased and Francis Scott Key and Dr. Beanes saw that “the flag was still there.” Key would never have written the poem that became the National Anthem if not for Dr. Beanes.

The Hunt Lectureship is named for noted Baltimore orthopaedic surgeon, Dr. Thomas Hunt, Jr. who has been an active member of MedChi and the Baltimore City Medical Society for many years, and whose interest in the history of medicine in Maryland, lead him to establish the lecture series.

About MedChi
MedChi, The Maryland State Medical Society, is a non-profit membership association of Maryland physicians. Formed in 1799, it is still the largest physician organization in Maryland today. The mission of MedChi is to serve as Maryland’s foremost advocate and resource for physicians, their patients and the public health of Maryland. For more information, please visit [www.medchi.org](http://www.medchi.org).

About Center for a Healthy Maryland
The Center for a Healthy Maryland is an affiliate of MedChi. The Center’s mission is to advance the practice of medicine, enhance the quality of medical care, and promote the health of the citizens of the State of Maryland. The Center’s programs are directed at the public to improve health status, and also focus on quality improvement and education, with programs for physicians to help them to better serve their patients. For more information, visit [www.healthymaryland.org](http://www.healthymaryland.org).