



Enlisted Medical Corps serves proudly for 129 years

For 129 years, the Army Enlisted Medical Corps has provided quality care and selfless service to Soldiers, Retirees and Family members on the home front and on the battlefield.

"Our enlisted medics continue to be an excellent example of professionalism, leadership and selfless service," said Command Sgt. Maj. John Steed, Regional Health Command-Atlantic.

At the outbreak of the Revolutionary War, medical support was hampered not only by the limited availability of trained medical personnel, but the lack of adequate medicine and equipment. Insufficient care not only of the wounded, but the lack of treatment and prevention of the diseases that ravaged the army caused Washington to address the issue of medical care with Congress. Finally, on July 27, 1775, Congress authorized the establishment of "a hospital" or Medical Service.

This date is known as the Anniversary of the Army Medical Department. This important step made provisions for a Director General and Chief Physician (Surgeon General), four surgeons, one apothecary, 20 surgeon's mates, one clerk and two storekeepers. It also provided one nurse to every 10 sick, and

laborers as needed.

Dr. Benjamin Church was selected as the first Surgeon General. Based on the recommendations of the Director General, on July 17, 1776, congress authorized the employment of "Hospital Stewards" (Medical NCO's) which were the forerunners of the AMEDD NCO Corps.

In 1847, the Surgeon General had asked Congress several times to authorize positions for Hospital Stewards and he would set up a formal school to train them, however, his requests were turned down.

In 1885, the Surgeon General's annual report contained a recommendation that a "Hospital Corps" be formed of personnel trained in all aspects of medical support for field and garrison operations. On 1 March 1887, the Hospital Corps was finally established.

Today, there are more than 36,000 enlisted medical Soldiers serving proudly in 17 different military occupational specialties.



AROUND THE REGION



Womack Army Medical Center, Fort Bragg, North Carolina, hosted Lt. Gen. Nadja West, the 44th Surgeon General and Commanding General of U.S. Army Medical Command. She toured the newly renovated ED and Maternal Child Medicine sections of Womack Army Medical Center, and attended an intimate lunch at the WTU with Soldiers in transition and cadre. Later in the day, she held a town hall back at Womack Army Medical Center, which was heavily attended by both Soldiers and civilians.

Eisenhower Army Medical Center, Fort Gordon, Georgia, continues to be a top performing HRP for patient satisfaction with over \$1 million in IRIS earnings in the 1st quarter of Fiscal Year 2016.

Martin Army Community Hospital, Fort Benning, Georgia, has been identified as one of four Army Health Readiness

Platforms to have an HRO Oro 2.0 site visit this year. Oro 2.0 is an online organizational assessment with resources designed to guide hospital leadership throughout the HRO journey. According to The Joint Commission, the discoveries made throughout the Oro 2.0 process help organizations identify their high reliability maturity level and opportunities for improvement.



Mr. Fred Holly, Mr. David Gillespie and Ms. Laura Boyd, Blanchfield Army Community Hospital, Fort Campbell, Kentucky, placed first in MEDCOM's 2015 Keith L. Ware Public Affairs Competition for its video production, "Hearing on the Battlefield".

Ms. Evangela Meinhardt, Womack Army Medical Center, Fort Bragg, North Carolina, placed first in MEDCOM's 2015 Keith L. Ware Public Affairs Competition for a series of articles highlighting the experience of wounded, ill and injured Soldiers assigned to Womack's warrior transition unit in support of Warrior Care Month.

Special shout out to our region's 57 athletes selected to participate in the 2016 Army Trials, March 6-10 at Fort Bliss, Texas. Good Luck All!

Sgt. Eric Dombou, Public Health Command-District Fort Belvoir, West Point Branch, West Point, New York, received approval for a direct commission as a Veterinary Corps Officer after passing the North American Veterinary Licensing Examination. He was certified by the Educational Commission for Foreign Veterinary Graduates and is licensed as a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine in Iowa.

Capt. John Galan, Keller Army Community Hospital, West Point, New York, served as the officer-in-charge of the U.S. Military Academy chess team during an exchange tournament with the British Royal Military College, Jan. 22-24.

Spc. Kat "Batman" DiMaria, Moncrief Army Community Hospital, Fort Jackson, South Carolina, won Fort Jackson's Fight Night Extravaganza, which included participants from several military installations.

ABOUT PEOPLE

Civilian Corps Chief Update

- **ARMY ENTERPRISE TALENT MANAGEMENT (ETM) / SENIOR ENTERPRISE TALENT MANAGEMENT (SETM)** If you are in grades GS12 through 15 (or equivalent) and would like to be considered for the above mentioned programs (or others) under the Army's SETM and ETM programs, the next application window will open March 1. Now is the time for to prepare you applications packets. For more information on eligibility and application requirements, check out the programs on our website (<https://ameddciviliancorps.amedd.army.mil>) under "What's New" and "Announcements" and on the Army Civilian Senior Leader Management Office website: <http://www.civiliantraining.army.mil/professional/Pages/SETM.aspx> for grades GS14-15 (and equivalent). We'll post additional information about it soon on our website to include the MEDCOM submission deadlines.

- **INTERMEDIATE LEADER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM (ILDP) FOR GS11-GS12 LEVEL:** Also in March, we will begin accepting applications for our second MEDCOM cohort in the TRADOC Intermediate Development Program (ILDP). This is a 2-year program, centrally funded, in which you'll remain at your current job while you attend training, developmental assignments, and work with a mentor on your career development goals. The application period will be March 21 – April 21. Watch for more details on this iteration soon on our website (have I given it to you enough times??). If you want to get a running start, we have put the application information from last year's iteration back up on our—yes—website. The information may not be exact so you'll have to check when the new info comes out, but I'm certain it'll be close. Again, good luck!

- **ADDITIONAL TRAINING:** We also have 5 Civilians attending the AMEDD's 2016 C.J. Reddy Leadership training in March. We had a very short suspense to fill these seats and reached out to local commands for participants. Next year, we'll announce the opportunity to apply to attend this "junior leader" training (GS10-11-12 level) and we'll fund the travel expenses. Keep an eye out after the holidays (Dec-Jan) for the announcement!

- **IMPORTANT TRAINING REMINDER!** This is a great time to take care of any outstanding training requirements -- complete the online Army Foundation Course and the online portion of your CES Basic, Intermediate, or Advanced course.

Gregg Stevens, SES



Army Dental Corps celebrates 105 years

On March 3, 2016, the Army Dental Corps celebrates 105 years of tradition and service to our Army.

The most important mission of the Dental Corps is to prevent dental casualties during deployment by ensuring dental readiness and the health of the force.

In addition to identifying and treating oral disease, the Dental Corps is also the Soldier's trusted agent for oral health. It creates this capacity by maintaining individual and unit-level dental readiness and advocating initiatives for dental wellness, and monitoring access to care in the military and private sector care settings. Additionally, dentists screen patients for harmful habits, which may lead to chronic diseases later in life.



March 2016

Events/Observances

- National Nutrition Month
- Brain Injury Awareness Month
- National Kidney Month
- National Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month
- National Irish American Heritage Month
- National Women's History Month
- Enlisted Medical Corps Anniversary (March 1)
- Dental Corps Anniversary (March 3)
- AMEDD Civilian Corps Anniversary (March 26)
- National Sleep Awareness Week (March 6-12)
- Patient Safety Awareness Week (March 13-19)



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