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## Army Dental Corps Engagement / Satisfaction Survey FY 2020

### DENTAL CORPS SATISFACTION SURVEY FY2020

#### ATTENTION: ARMY DENTAL CORPS OFFICERS

On behalf of the 28th Dental Corps Chief, BG Shan K. Bagby, please take a few minutes to complete the Dental Engagement / Satisfaction Survey.

Army Medicine Leaders would like your input regarding readiness, support, job satisfaction and Army career plans. Information from this survey is anonymous and non-attributional.

The collective anonymous results will be shared with our Dental Corps leadership, The Army Surgeon General, Army Senior Leaders, and DoD Leaders.

While this survey is intended for Army Dental Corps officers only, a survey specific to the 68E population will follow in the near future.

The survey should take 10-15 minutes to complete and will be open through **October 8, 2020**.

#### [SURVEY LINK](#)

We look forward to sharing the results of the survey with you and to develop plans for the future of our Dental Corps. Remember, your voice matters!

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## **FORSCOM WIAS POSITIONS (UPDATED 11 SEP 20)**

**FORSCOM is recruiting for 2x critical positions (Compo 1, 2, and 3; AGR, IMA, and Active Duty Soldiers authorized to source):**

FORSCOM is recruiting a CPT or MAJ, Branch immaterial, to serve as the Ceremonies Officer for the upcoming Presidential Inauguration. Supports Chief, Ceremonies Division, Ceremonies and Special Events Office, in the planning, management and execution of authorized military support to the Swearing In, Departure Ceremony, Presidential Escort and White House Activities.

FORSCOM is recruiting a LTC or COL, Branch immaterial, to serve as the Deputy Director with the responsibility of managing the administrative, logistics, and training of the CENTCOM CDOC personnel.

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## **NEW / REVISED PUBLICATIONS**

The following new/revised ARs, DA Pams, ADPs, ADRPs, ATPs, ATTPs, and FMs have been published on the [APD website](#). If the links provided do not work for you, go to the APD website at the following link and use the search function to look for the new edition.

[ATP 4-02.19, 08/14/2020, Dental Services](#)

## **SOCIAL SECURITY PAYROLL TAX DEFERRAL: "UPDATE" FROM ARMY G-1 COMPENSATION AND ENTITLEMENTS**

In order to provide relief during the COVID-19 pandemic, a Presidential Memorandum was issued on August 8, 2020 and guidance followed by Internal Revenue Service on August 28, 2020, to temporarily defer Social Security (Old Age, Survivors, and Disability Insurance (OASDI), as seen on the Leave and Earnings Statement as "FICA-SOC SECURIT" tax withholdings. **MILITARY MEMBERS:** Fact sheet and briefing card have been provided by DOD at the following [LINK](#).

**OCTOBER IS DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH (DVAM).** From Soldier & Family Readiness Division, Army G-9: Getting help for an abusive relationship is difficult, especially during a global pandemic. Public health measures designed to slow COVID-19 have created conditions that may contribute to domestic abuse. This year's DVAM campaign is focused on informing family and friends of victims about how they can help, and reminding victims that assistance is always available. Visit the following [LINK](#) for more information.





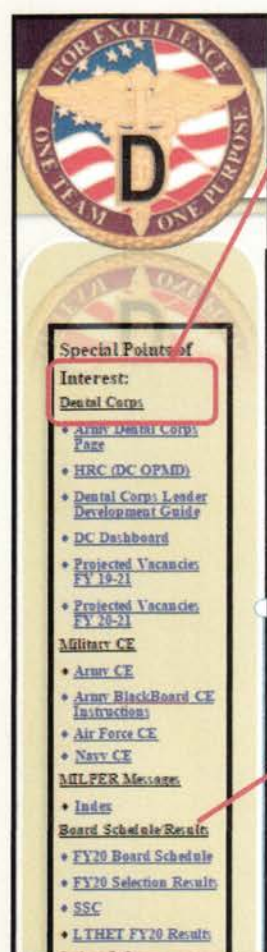
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## NEW HOLISTIC HEALTH AND FITNESS PUBLICATIONS

- a. ATP 7-22.01, **Holistic Health and Fitness Testing**, 1 Oct 20. [https://armypubs.army.mil/ProductMaps/PubForm/Details.aspx?PUB\\_ID=1020966](https://armypubs.army.mil/ProductMaps/PubForm/Details.aspx?PUB_ID=1020966)
- b. ATP 7-22.02, **Holistic Health and Fitness Drills and Exercises**, 1 Oct 20. [https://armypubs.army.mil/ProductMaps/PubForm/Details.aspx?PUB\\_ID=1020967](https://armypubs.army.mil/ProductMaps/PubForm/Details.aspx?PUB_ID=1020967)

## CONSOLIDATED SCHEDULE FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY PROMOTION BOARDS

Links to the most up to date promotion MILPER messages and promotion selection results can be found on the front page of the monthly Army Dental Corps Bulletin.



Simply scan down the left hand tool bar, labeled “Special Points of Interest,” until you come to the section labeled “Board Selection/Results.” Select from the tabs “FY20 Board Schedule” or “FY20 Selection Results.” You can also find information pertaining to Senior Service College (SSC) and the results of the most recent Long Term Health Education (LTHET) board.

### Board Schedule/Results

- ◆ [FY20 Board Schedule](#)
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Promotion board MILPER messages may also be accessed via the following link:  
<https://www.hrc.army.mil/login?redirectURL=%2Fcontent%2FFY21%2520HQDA%2520BOARD%2520SCHEDULE>





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## MASKS WITH VALVES / VENTS

Per the CDC, masks with exhalation valves or vents should not be worn to help prevent the person wearing the mask from spreading COVID-19 to others. The purpose of masks is to keep respiratory droplets from reaching others to aid with source control. However, masks with one-way valves or vents allow air to be exhaled through a hole in the material, which can result in expelled respiratory droplets that can reach others. This type of mask does not prevent the person wearing the mask from transmitting COVID-19 to others.

[SOURCE](#)



## AIM2 KNOWLEDGE, SKILL, AND BEHAVIOR (KSB) DEVELOPMENT AND REFINEMENT.

From the Army Talent Management Task Force (ATMTF): In response to AAR comments received following the 20-02 ATAP market regarding KSB list functionality within AIM2, the ATMTF, in coordination with Army Research Institute (ARI) and HRC, developed an enhanced KSB interface and structure for the personal attribute list and other experiential lists provided within AIM2. The most current lists and enhancements have been uploaded into AIM and are currently functional. Please visit ["Maximize the Power of AIM2 KSB-Ps for your Resumé"](#) on MILSUITE to review the newest KSB-P lists and structures.

Contact LTC Greg Lockhart at [paul.g.lockhart.mil@mail.mil](mailto:paul.g.lockhart.mil@mail.mil) for more information.

## CORPORATE DENTAL SYSTEM (CDS)

Check out the latest issue of the [CDS Newsletter](#). It contains articles and information relevant to enhanced features and helpful tips. Our goal is to continue to bring you information you can use, when you need it.

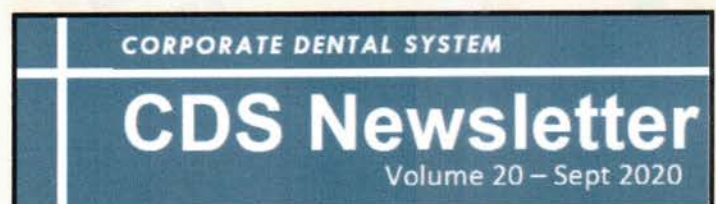
Please feel free to send us suggestions for topics or training resources you need.

Best Regards,

The CDS Team

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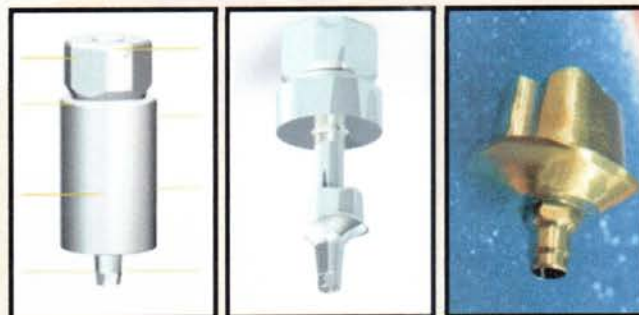
## ARMY DENTAL LAB UPDATE

### THE ARMY DENTAL LAB (ADL) IS MANUFACTURING IMPLANT ABUTMENTS IN-HOUSE

Historically, custom implant abutments from the ADL have been milled in offsite Nobel Biocare or Biomet 3i milling centers or by waxing and casting them in gold when other dental implants systems are restored.

The ADL has purchased an abutment mill in order to fabricate titanium abutments on site. This will allow for better control over the milling process and improve turnaround time for implant restorations.

In order to be able to provide this service on site, the ADL will fabricate the implant abutments in an abutment mill from a blank that has the interface to the implant already pre-fabricated. The ADL will not mill this connection. The abutment mill will remove bulk material from a blank, pictured immediate right, and create the proper form that is coronal to the implant connection, pictured middle right. This will allow all abutments made at the ADL to be 510(k) compliant with the FDA.



Left to right: Blank abutment, milled abutment from blank, abutment with no prongs

One thing to note is that Biomet 3i Certain internal connection abutments will no longer have the prong appearance, pictured far right. The “click” you may have heard in the past when seating will no longer occur. This will have no impact on retention of the implant abutment.

Zirconia abutments will still be outsourced to Nobel Biocare (Nobel Biocare internal tri-channel and conical connection). Zirconia is NOT available for ALL Biomet 3i implants and NB 3.0. Also, since they are milled off-site, please allow for more time at the lab due to additional shipping events.

Lastly, conical connection 3.0 and WP titanium abutment blanks are not available for the mill and will still be outsourced. There will be a delay on these outsourced abutments due to end of fiscal year limitations. Any requests for these abutments will be delayed until mid-November.

## DELAY IN PROSOMNUS CASES

Due to the end of the fiscal year limitations with outsourcing, the ADL is unable to outsource ProSomnus cases at this time. Outsourcing will resume mid-October so expect delays for any ProSomnus case until mid-November. If you are in need of an OSA device before this time, consider either TAP-3 or Dream TAP, which are made at the ADL with no delay.

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## SPECIAL FEATURE: FORT CARSON DENTAL HEALTH ACTIVITY EDUCATION CENTER MEMORIALIZATION

### HONORING COLONEL (RET) LAWRENCE G. BREAUT

FORT CARSON— Dental Health Activity, Smith Dental Clinic, and the Advanced Education General Dentistry One-Year (AEGD-1) Residency are excited to announce that they will be memorializing the Smith Dental Clinic Conference Room in honor of COL (Ret) Lawrence G. Beault. The room will be known as the COL Larry Beault Education Center. COL(Ret) Beault was an incredible Army officer, program mentor, and Periodontist serving over 30 years on active duty. Ten of these years were spent as a mentor at Fort Carson. There is no one more worthy of this honor who truly represents the type of mentor and officer we should all strive to be! Check out the Facebook post [HERE](#)

### *COL Larry Beault Education Center Memorialization Ceremony*

In Honor of COL (Ret) Lawrence G Beault



**7 OCT 2020**

**Smith Dental Clinic**

**Ft Carson Dental Health Activity**

**Ft Carson, CO**





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## DENTAL HEALTH COMMAND – CENTRAL UPDATE

As we transition into the season of autumn, the DHC-C Command team is proud to highlight some of the most recent activities and achievements throughout our region. This month we chose to continue to highlight the amazing innovation, commitment, and professionalism of our team to sustain operations during the continued response to the COVID-19 pandemic while working to expand services based on local conditions, consultation with local senior mission command teams and military treatment facility leaders, and sound risk assessment.

### COVID-19 RESONSE: Communication Remains Critical

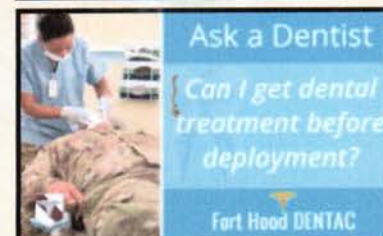
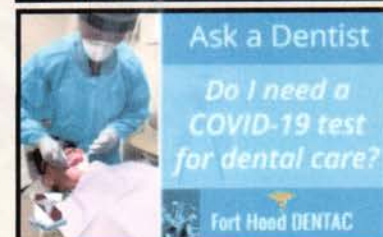
Undoubtedly, as COVID-19 cases in the community begin to decline the urge to resume to pre-pandemic normalcy will grow. Along with the desire to go to the gym, watch a movie in a theater, or share a meal with friends and family, people are anxious for the resumption of medical services they have grown accustomed to receiving. As health care providers we have a responsibility to care for our patients, but also to ensure a safe environment for staff and clientele. COVID-19 numbers may be on the decline in many parts of the country, but threat is by no means gone. We are still navigating obstacles associated with personnel protective equipment shortages, difficulty obtaining disinfectant materials, and challenges associated with upgrading our facilities to further enhance safety in the midst of an airborne pathogen.

Against this backdrop, the Fort Hood DENTAC has listened to concerns raised from Soldiers and family members in their community and developed a targeted social media messaging campaign in partnership with the Carl R. Darnell Army Medical Center Public Affairs Office. Beginning September 24th an “Ask a Dentist” series has been added to the CRDAMC Facebook page.

The first five posts will address the following questions:

1. Can I get a dental cleaning?
2. Do I need a COVID-19 test for dental care?
3. When will Fort Hood Dental Clinics be fully operational?
4. Can I get dental treatment before deployment?
5. Can I go off post for treatment?

We encourage you to view the posts containing responses from the Fort Hood DENTAC team and consider creating similar messaging for the communities your support. The website for the CRDAMC Facebook page is <https://www.facebook.com/CRDAMC/>







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## DENTAL HEALTH COMMAND – CENTRAL UPDATE CONTINUED

### LEADING INNOVATION: Rolling Out the Tri-Service Encounter Module (TEM)

Dental Health Command – Central was selected to pilot and lead the implementation of the latest innovation from the Corporate Dental System (CDS); namely, the Tri-Service Encounter Module (TEM). Efforts from the CDS team, along with feedback from across the Dental Enterprise, have resulted in a user-friendly, versatile product that was necessary to retain access to operate (ATO) on government networks prior to January 2021. Budge Dental Clinic at Joint Base San Antonio – Fort Sam Houston was the first clinic to fully implement the TEM beginning August, 10, 2020. The entire staff contributed to a successful and safe rollout.



Pictured top left, two leaders at Budge DC provided exceptional support and feedback during the “Go Live” fielding of the TEM beginning on August 10th. COL Rafael Caraballo, DHC-C Commander, recognized Ms. Jennifer Coyne (green scrubs) and Ms. Karen Fyda (black scrub top) with the DHC-C challenge coin. Pictured top right, Mr. Aden Murphy, the DHC-C Regional Safety Manager, presented Ms. Coyne and Ms. Fyda with his occupational safety chip for excellence in safety in the workplace.





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### DENTAL CLINIC COMMAND – FORT LEAVENWORTH

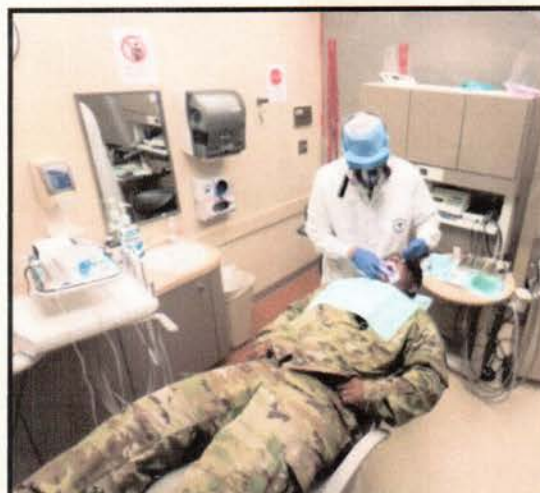
#### EMPLOYEE HIGHLIGHT: DR. CLAY SLIGH

Dr. Clay Sligh has served selflessly in his support of the Fort Leavenworth Dental Clinic Command (FLW DCC) in serving the Soldier during the COVID-19 global outbreak. Fort Leavenworth DCC is working hard to provide Class 3 and urgent dental care to our soldiers, which has required much planning to keep patients and staff safe by minimizing risks from aerosol generating treatments. Currently, Smith Dental Clinic contains two Expeditionary Dental Airborne Infection Isolation Rooms (EDAIIR) which require an arsenal of personal protective equipment (PPE) to keep our staff and patients safe. This includes a gown, N95 mask or half face shield respirator with filters, face shield, loupes, gloves, foot coverings, and head covering. Dr. Sligh is always working with a smile on his face, positive attitude, and is always asking how he can lend an extra hand to everyone on the team. Thanks to Dr.

Sligh for his selfless dedication working alongside our military providers and patient care team to provide the highest quality of care despite difficult (and hot!) circumstances. Thanks for helping to keep our DENTAC fully operational!



Above: Dr. Clay Sligh, very happy to see that there are instructions on how to properly don personal protective equipment.



Left: Dr. Sligh prepares to perform an aerosol generating procedure in an Expeditionary Dental Airborne Infection Isolation Room (EDAIIR).





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## DENTAL HEALTH COMMAND – CENTRAL UPDATE CONTINUED

### DEVELOPING FUTURE LEADERS OF THE DENTAL CORPS

Corporal Gabriel Moreno (right), assigned to the Fort Sill Dental Activity (DENTAC), was recently accepted into the Tufts University School of Dental Medicine in Boston, MA for the graduation class of 2023. He holds a Doctor in Dental Surgery Degree and a Diploma in Cosmetic Dentistry from Universidad Antonio Nariño and Universidad de Cartagena, Colombia. Currently he is pursuing a Master of Sciences in Molecular Medicine at Barry University and looks forward for an opportunity to become an AMEDD Officer by commissioning through the Health Professions Scholarship program (HPSP). Best of luck, CPL Moreno.



SPC Jorge Martell (right), a 68E assigned to the Fort Leonard Wood DENTAC, graduated X2 school at the top of his class, obtained the Air Assault Badge, and won the SHARP Award for his BLC class. Hooah



### COVID-19 Response: On the Front Line:

From March 2020 to present, Fort Leonard Wood (FLW) DENTAC Soldiers and employees have worked tirelessly in conjunction with the FLW MEDDAC to be the first line of defense against COVID-19. FLW dentists have screened and tested thousands of incoming trainees for COVID-19. The Fort Leonard Wood DENTAC is definitely doing their part to ensure a medically ready Force.



Left/Middle: CPT Justin Hoying, Fort Leonard Wood DENTAC, swabbing and passing out individual COVID-19 tests to AIT/IET Soldiers at FLW as the new basic trainees watch and wait their turn at the COVID-19 Screening Clinic.  
Right: CPT Austin Johnson, a general dentist assigned to the 673rd DCAS, swabbing a drill sergeant.



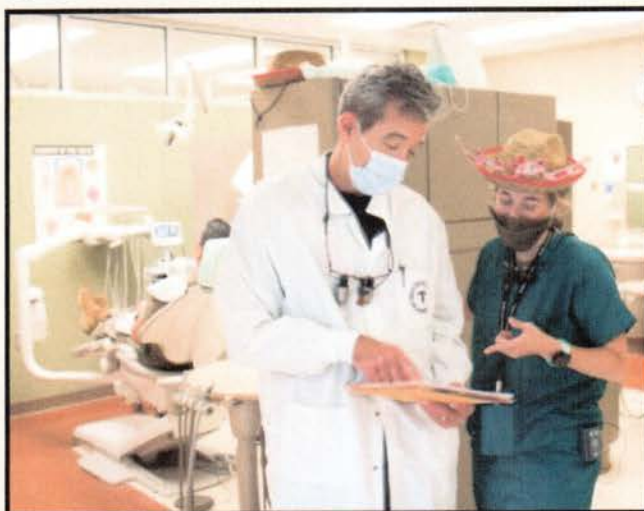


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### COVID-19 RESPONSE: Focused on Readiness, Focused on Safety:

The Fort Leavenworth Dental Clinic Command (FLW DCC) is focused on meeting dental readiness targets, but doing so in a safe manner is non-negotiable. During August 2020, the Smith Dental Clinic team spent a week conducting a Readiness Rodeo, complete with western attire, with the focus on dental readiness class (DRC) 4 exams. At the same, clinic leaders at the correctional facility dental clinics remain focused on ensuring that every aspect of their dental operations meets standards.



Top Left: Dr. Clay Sligh and Smith DC OIC, CPT Tess Kornacki discuss whether patient should be DRC2 or DRC3.

Top Right: Ms. Connie Stubbs performs entry screenings for all patients during the FLW DCC Readiness Rodeo.

Bottom: Practice Manager, SPC Nicholas Bethards, and Patient Safety Officer and OIC of correctional facility dental clinics, CPT Weston Eggett, discuss the importance of Sterisil.





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## DENTAL HEALTH COMMAND – CENTRAL UPDATE CONTINUED

### COVID-19 RESONSE: Fort Bliss Dental Activity – Iron Majors Lead the Way:

Within the Army, Majors are often tasked with the planning and execution of operations. Creativity and innovation are key traits to tackle the complex challenges that confront our Army. The Fort Bliss Dental Activity (DENTAC) is fortunate to have several outstanding Majors within their ranks. Their contributions and talents were on full display during the initial and ongoing response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

MAJ Nathan Kosiba and MAJ Steven Handel were both tasked to support Army Public Health Nursing (APHN) with COVID-19 testing, contact investigations, and reporting for Soldiers and civilians within the Fort Bliss community. Each was assigned as the leader of one of the four teams where they worked tirelessly at the Fort Bliss quarantine sites to test more than 800 Soldiers over a two month time period. The efforts of their teams was vital to the readiness of the Fort Bliss Soldiers who were deploying and redeploying to various areas across the world.

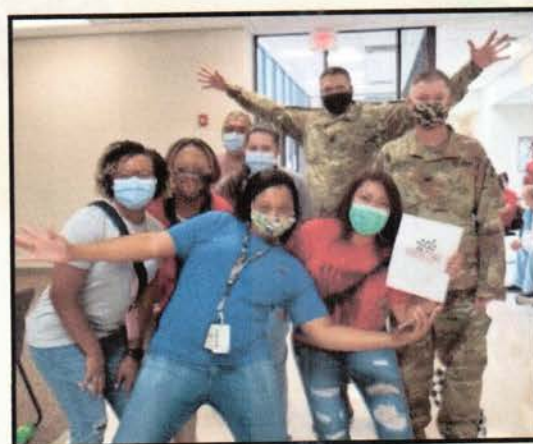
In addition, MAJ Giovanni Zalamar volunteered to assist APHN with contact tracing and testing of Soldiers and civilians within the Fort Bliss community. There was an overwhelming need that arose within the Fort Bliss community during the month of June and when called upon MAJ Zalamar selflessly gave of his time. His willingness to be part of the APHN COVID-19 contact tracing team greatly impacted the success of the mission.

Lastly, MAJ Frank Delatour and MAJ Ryan Peters pro-actively obtained needed dental equipment and instrument sets and worked with William Beaumont Army Medical Facility to establish the COVID-19 response plan for the Fort Bliss Dental Health Activity. This plan was shared with the Dental Health Command-Central and became the template for other dental facilities to emulate. Both were instrumental in ensuring that any potentially infected patients with dental emergencies could be treated appropriately while ensuring the safety of DENTAC and MTF personnel.

### Proving TeamSTEPPS Training Can be Fun:

Ms. CiAnn Brockman, the Fort Hood DENTAC TeamSTEPPS Coordinator, recently organized an Amazing Race TeamSTEPPS Challenge for members of Dental Clinic #3. The event involved multiple team competitions to include several team building events with an overall focus on patient safety and teamwork. Much fun and learning took place culminating in a pie-in-the-face for the clinic OIC, CPT Quinn Lear. I think we can all agree that CPT Lear is a great sport.

Right: COL Stefan Olpinski (above right), Commander, Fort Hood DENTAC joins members of DC#3 in celebration after completing the TeamSTEPPS Amazing Race.







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## DENTAL HEALTH COMMAND – CENTRAL UPDATE CONTINUED

### CONTINUING TO RECOGNIZE AND REWARD EXCELLENCE

The Fort Carson DENTAC team recently took time to recognize several individuals who made significant contributions during the COVID-19 pandemic. SPC James Mitchell served as the only oral surgery assistant when the mass of employees were sent home due to safety protocols. He was instrumental in setting up the airborne infection isolation room (AIIR) for the Unit. Ms. Fran Gernert was the driving force to pull support across the unit to go into each clinic and headquarters to review and update every Safety Data Sheet (SDS). She also coordinated with the MEDDAC to ensure personal protective equipment supplies were sufficient to meet the mission. CPT Andrew Ryser was first selected to serve as the readiness officer to help ensure the 4th ID Soldiers remained deployable. He then took lead as the Safety Officer to complete the last two phases toward earning the ASHMS Star for the DENTAC.

### New RHC-C Command Team visits the Fort Bliss DENTAC

In August 2020, BG Wendy Harter and CSM Timothy Sprunger visited the Fort Bliss DENTAC. The Commanding General's focus during her initial visits is to develop an understanding of leading practices and challenges in support of determining how she and CSM Sprunger can better assist each organization and to recognize outstanding performers. CPT Dang and PFC Gonzalez were nominated by the Fort Bliss DENTAC leadership for recognition by BG Harter.



Left to Right: SPC James Mitchell, Ms. Fran Gernert, and CPT Andrew Ryser  
Fort Carson DENTAC



Far Left: Coin presentation by BG Wendy Harter to CPT Quoc Dang for navigating treatment under COVID conditions without a hint of complaint.

Immediate Left: COL Jay Owens observes a coin presentation by BG Wendy Harter to PFC Yesenia Gonzalez for her go-getter attitude and the superb efforts in the "Best Soldier" competition.





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## AOC SPOTLIGHT: 63K PEDIATRIC DENTISTRY

Army pediatric dentists (63Ks) are a small but mighty group of health care providers and Leaders in Army Medicine. Pediatric dentistry is an age-defined specialty that provides comprehensive oral health care for infants, children, adolescents and individuals with special health care needs. In addition to providing care for children, 63Ks also support the mission by treating Soldiers, mentoring, improving procedures and processes, performing additional duties and stepping up to the many challenges in our complex environment.

Pediatric dentists perform treatment, conduct research and teach in a variety of settings. Army pediatric dentists typically serve in locations that are affiliated with a Graduate Dental Education (GDE) program or are located in an OCONUS or remote CONUS locations. Residency programs in Fort Hood, Fort Bragg and Schofield Barracks are prime 63K locations. Pediatric dentists may also be found in OCONUS locations such as Korea (Camp Humphreys), Germany (Grafenwöhr, Vilseck, Wiesbaden, Stuttgart, Kaiserslautern, and Baumholder) and Vicenza, Italy. Fort Irwin is an example of a remote CONUS location where 63Ks are indispensable since family members have little access to pediatric care on the economy.



In addition to providing basic preventive and restorative care, pediatric dentists work in coordination with other health care providers and members of social disciplines for the benefit of children. Collaboration with pediatricians, anesthesia providers, and other specialists is often necessary to safely deliver care to children in an operating room environment. Pediatric dentists also serve as key members of multi-disciplinary healthcare teams. For instance, 63Ks participate in craniofacial teams and also work closely with ear, nose, & throat (ENT) surgeons, sleep physicians, and speech & language pathologists in the medical care of children with sleep related breathing disorders.

Currently, there are twenty 63Ks in the Dental Corps including four in residency training.

Although considered a low-density specialty, 63Ks shoulder many key executive positions within Army Medicine. Army pediatric dentists presently serve in the following capacities: Chief, Dental Corps Branch, Human Resource Command; Medical Center of Excellence (MEDCoE) Staff Officer; Dental Health Activity Commander; Chief, Dental Informatics Officer; Executive Fellow for the Dental Directorate and Advanced Education General Dentistry (AEGD) Program Director. In addition to being strategic leaders within the Army Dental Health Care System, 63Ks are also currently serving on professional committees both within the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry (AAPD) and the American Board of Pediatric Dentistry (ABPD).

Written By: COL Thomas Stark, Pediatric Dentist, Consultant to the Surgeon General





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## AOC SPOTLIGHT: 63K PEDIATRIC DENTISTRY CONTINUED

### COVID-19 IMPACT, INGENUITY & EDUCATION

The tides have shifted from a war on tooth decay to a war against a global pandemic. 63Ks across Army Dentistry have been donning “duck-billed” N95s and “bubble-headed” powered air-purifying respirators (PAPR) to ensure our military-connected children are taken care of. In addition to supporting both family and Soldier readiness during the COVID-19 pandemic, 63Ks have contributed greatly by providing education and insight during these unprecedented times:

LTC Leslie Oakes provided an informative presentation and YouTube video for the dental clinical communities on the application of powered air-purifying respirator in the dental setting. Her pioneering efforts greatly improved our understanding of this emerging technology.

MAJ Matthew Eusterman provided a highly informative and entertaining 4-hour virtual pediatric dentistry short course for dozens of Army and Air Force dental officers. The continuing education (CE) credits participants earned were especially valuable since many professional conferences and live CE opportunities have been canceled due to the pandemic.

MAJ Loc Dang will be providing education to dental officers at the 70th Annual 38th Parallel Healthcare Training Symposium in Korea. He will be discussing caries management through the use silver diamine fluoride. This training will teach providers to safely deliver dental care while minimizing the need for aerosol generating procedures.



Above: LTC Leslie Oakes using the PAPR while performing dental rehabilitation on a child in the operating room in Bethesda.





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## AOC SPOTLIGHT: 63K PEDIATRIC DENTISTRY CONTINUED

### MILITARY-CONNECTED YOUTH CONSIDERED A VULNERABLE POPULATION

Military-connected children make tremendous sacrifices on behalf of their parent(s). Therefore, providing care requires appropriate knowledge, understanding and appreciation of military culture.

Although many military-connected children are highly resilient, data suggests some vulnerabilities exist. To that point, military-connected youth were included in the new American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry (AAPD) Oral Health Policy on Care for Vulnerable Populations in a Dental Setting. This policy serves to educate professionals and the public on the challenges and liabilities associated with the unique requirements of military life. The AAPD Council of Clinical Affairs developed the policy which will be available in the 2020 AAPD Reference Manual.

Children of service members face a number of challenges related to oral health care. Military-connected children may also be at an increased risk of developing caries due to deficiencies in protective and biological factors. For example, fluoride exposure in OCONUS locations such as Germany or Hawaii may be suboptimal. Furthermore, establishing a long-term dental home is not possible for most military-connected families. In particular, frequent relocations may interfere with continuity of care and leave some medical or dental problems unresolved. In some cases, monitoring incipient lesions or recommending procedures that require multiple follow up visits may not be in the best interest for the military-connected child.



Left: Complications associated with an unmonitored distal shoe space maintainer.

Dental Health Activities can make a great impact on the oral health of military-connected children. School dental screenings and oral health education programs are excellent ways to identify significant dental needs and promote dental disease prevention. National Children's Dental Health Month activities, back-to-school expos and other community events are outstanding forums to provide information to families about care options including enrolling in the Tricare Dental Program. Although GDE programs treat a limited number of pediatric patients, the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) caps the number of CONUS pediatric patients that may be seen in our dental treatment facilities per fiscal year.





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## AOC SPOTLIGHT: 63K PEDIATRIC DENTISTRY CONTINUED

### HOSPITAL DENTISTRY

Pediatric Dentists (63K) play a unique role in war fighter readiness as they take care of soldiers' families, providing quality healthcare and peace of mind. This opportunity to serve families helps fulfill the charge of putting "People First." In an interview with the Association of the United States Army, Chief of Staff of the ARMY, General James C. McConville, said that one of his top priorities is to put "People First." General McConville continued, "One of the things, when you're talking about people, is recognizing the type of force that we have." More than 50% of soldiers are married, and a little more than that have children. He added that "we realize that quality health care is very, very important to our soldiers and families." This is one of the major reasons the Army provides pediatric dentists to care for children overseas.

Working in a hospital operating room (OR) is an important skill of 63Ks. In the OR, pediatric dentists provide high quality care and complete complex treatment plans in a single visit. The OR setting also allows a 63K to coordinate patient care with other specialists. For example, an ENT can also perform a tonsillectomy and adenoidectomy while the patient undergoes only a single anesthesia event. None of this is possible without the hospital staff and anesthesiology team. Not every child can be treated in a normal clinic setting. Lots of things go into making the decision of whether to go to the OR for treatment, to include: a child's behavior, their home life, their emotional and physical maturity, previous dental experiences, and the amount of treatment needed. Providing dental care in the OR can be a powerful tool for ensuring a positive, healthy dental outcome for a child.

Soldiers want their spouses and children taken care of well, enabling them to focus on their mission and assignments. Family members stationed OCONUS really appreciate being able to receive medical and dental care in a highly reliable organization (HRO) with familiar facilities and without language or cultural barriers. Mental fitness, wellness, and resilience is a significant part of a soldier's readiness. The peace of mind a 63K can provide to soldiers, spouses, and their children is thus invaluable.



Written By: MAJ Benjamin Werner

FULL MOUTH DENTAL REHBAILITATION on a pediatric patient at Landstuhl Regional Medical Center. LTC James Kim (left) from Baumholder, MAJ Benjamin Werner (center) from Grafenwohr and SPC Daniel Rodriguez from Wiesbaden (right).





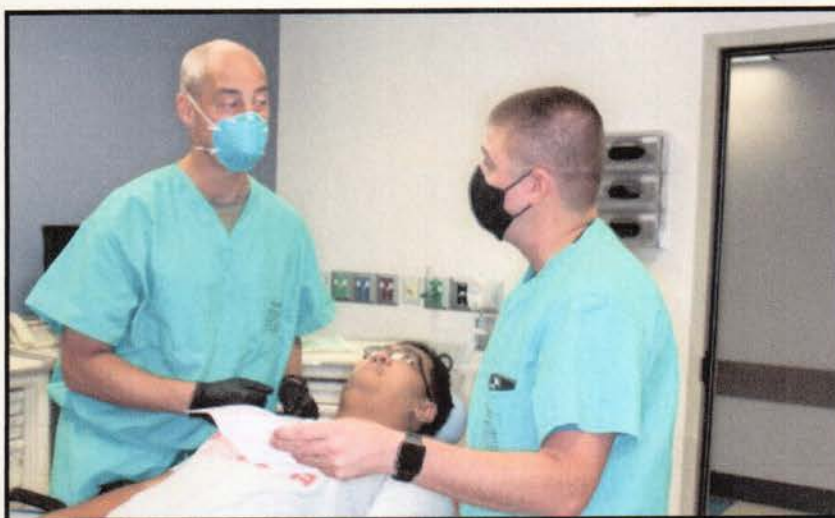
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## AOC SPOTLIGHT: 63K PEDIATRIC DENTISTRY CONTINUED

### TRIPLER ARMY MEDICAL CENTER CRANIOFACIAL TEAM

The Tripler Army Medical Center (TAMC) Craniofacial Clinic consists of a multidisciplinary team of medical professionals that provide comprehensive care for Indo-Pacific Department of Defense beneficiaries with craniofacial anomalies from birth through adulthood. The pediatric dentist on the craniofacial team collaborates with oral and maxillofacial surgeons, plastic/craniofacial surgeons, otolaryngologists, orthodontists, prosthodontists, developmental pediatricians, speech and language pathologists, audiologists, social workers and other specialists to ensure patients receive the most comprehensive care possible. Members of the craniofacial team meet on a monthly to quarterly basis to evaluate new patients and assess the needs of established patients. Patients treated in the craniofacial clinic present with a wide variety of abnormalities in the growth and development of the head and neck. The majority of patients have structural anomalies such as cleft lip and/or cleft palate; however, the craniofacial team also provides care for patients with other conditions such as craniosynostosis, Pierre Robin sequence and Goldenhar syndrome. Patients with craniofacial anomalies may present with scarring from surgical procedures, congenitally missing teeth, supernumerary teeth, dental anomalies and various malocclusions. As such, intraoral appliance therapy, extractions, esthetic restorations, and prosthetics are often required during their long course of treatment. In addition to the multidisciplinary care provided in the craniofacial clinic, pediatric dentists provide ongoing routine dental care based on treatment needs and caries risk. 63Ks may also provide limited or interceptive orthodontic treatment in preparation for more extensive procedures such as alveolar bone graft surgery. 63Ks are a vital part of a team of professionals that provide care for these patients and their families. Army pediatric dentists are uniquely equipped to provide a positive dental experience and make a difference in the lives of patients with craniofacial anomalies and their families.

Written By: MAJ Christopher Luevano



Left: Multi-disciplinary care:  
COL Andy Wargo (63N) and  
MAJ Christopher Luevano (63K)  
discuss treatment planning for a  
patient with cleft lip and palate.





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### RECOGNITION

Our hard-working 63Ks deserve praise for providing outstanding care for our military-connected children and serving as stewards for our profession. A special congratulations goes out to the following individuals:

MAJ(P) Katie Egbert, a civilian pediatric dentist and COMPO 3 dental officer, for being selected below the zone for promotion.

MAJ(P) Kourtney Logan for being selected below the zone for promotion.

LTC(P) Kevin Parker was selected for promotion.

### HAILS

Please welcome the newest members of Army Team Pedo, MAJ Colleen Segall and MAJ Kourtney Simpson. They recently completed a highly competitive, elite residency training at Texas A&M College of Dentistry in Dallas, TX. During their residency, they also treated patients at Children's Medical Center and Texas Scottish Rite Hospital for Children. Their training in advanced behavior guidance techniques and the management of patients with special health care needs will serve them well during their utilization tours. MAJ Segall joins her husband, MAJ Michael Segall (63M) and will be serving as a Mentor for the AEGD program at Fort Hood, TX. MAJ Simpson will be taking care of children in Vicenza, Italy. They are both fully prepared to pursue board certification and step up to the challenge of serving our military-connected families.

### FAREWELLS

We would like to thank MAJ Jillian Seglem for her commitment to her patients and her residents and we wish her much success as she transitions to civilian practice. After finishing dental school at the University of Michigan, she went on to complete a one-year AEGD at Fort Campbell. After residency, she moved to Fort Bragg and served as a general dentist. During this time, she volunteered for a mission to Bagram, Afghanistan with the 257th DCAS in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. She attended pediatric dentistry residency at Texas A&M College of Dentistry and volunteered for a two-week mission trip to Omoa Cortes, Honduras. After graduation she moved to Germany and served as the 63K for DHA-Bavaria, working at both Grafenwoehr and Vilseck dental clinics. She is currently the Program Director for the Comanche 12-Month AEGD Program at Fort Sill.