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DENTAL CORPS NOMINATIVE COMMAND RESULTS

On behalf of the 28th Army Dental Corps Chief, BG Shan K. Bagby, please congratulate the following senior leaders who were selected during the Special Market for Dental Corps Nominative Commands.

These individuals have distinguished themselves as trusted leaders, capturing the faith and confidence of the Army, and earning the privilege to command.

UNIT	SLATED OFFICER
RDC-A	COL Michael Evans
RDC-C	COL Stefan Olpinski
257th DCAS	LTC Michael Browning
502d DCAS*	COL Phillip Neal
ARMY DENTAL LAB (ADL)	COL Cynthia Aita-Holmes
USADENTAC, FT LEWIS	COL Alfred Anderson
USADENTAC, FT SILL	LTC Demarcio Reed
USADENTAC, FT POLK	COL Ann Behrends
USADENTAC, FT EUSTIS	COL Stephanie Calhoun-Jamison
USADENTAC, FT HOOD	COL Paul Colthirst
USADENTAC, VICENZA	LTC(P) Kevin Parker
SHAPE DENTAL CLINIC	MAJ Autumn Becker
USADENTAC, BAVARIA	LTC Anthony Kight
USADENTAC, WEST POINT	LTC Craig Freccero
FT IRWIN DENTAL CLINIC	MAJ(P) Kourtney Logan
HUACHUCA DENTAL CLINIC	LTC Steven Mark
USADENTAC, FT DRUM	LTC Russell Searle
USADENTAC, FT BELVOIR	MAJ Jennette Bick

* COL Philip Neal, 502nd DCAS Command extension 1 year through 2022

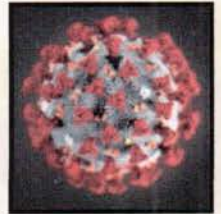


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CORONAVIRUS UPDATES

FFRAGO 14 TO HQDA EXORD 210-20 COVID-19 TRANSITION FRAMEWORK

(FOUO). Among other items included in this FRAGO is the following:



- ◆ 3.D.29. [CHANGE TO READ] For official travel from the US and its territories to another country, the Army will implement more restrictive COVID-19 risk mitigation measures than the Department of Defense has outlined in previous guidance, including Force Health Protection Supplement 12, released on 6 Aug 20 (Annex ii). The Army will implement a pre-travel COVID-19 test as an additional risk mitigation measure. Soldiers, family members, DA Civilians, and contractors departing on official travel from the US to another country will conduct a pre-travel 14-day ROM, unless the GCC or host nation requires a 14-day ROM at the destination location. Only one ROM is required, either before travel or after arrival. See Annex PP for a list of country ROM and test requirements.
- ◆ 3.D.29.A.[RESTATED] Effective for travel commencing after 300001R Aug 20 Soldiers, DA civilians, and family members under the jurisdiction of the SECARMY conducting official travel from the US and its territories to another country will have a negative COVID-19 test result (or medical clearance IAW 3.D.29.A.2) before departing home station or a CONUS replacement center. The negative test result or medical clearance must be received as close as possible to departure from home station or CONUS replacement center.
- ◆ 3.D.29.A.4.A.) [ADD] Army personnel, family members and DA Civilians on PCS or TCS orders to another country that have tested positive for COVID-19 will isolate at their residence or other appropriate domicile until medically cleared to discontinue isolation. Personnel will not travel for at least 14 days after receiving a positive test result. At the 14 day mark from a positive test, these patients should be medically cleared by their local medical treatment facility for onward movement. A second COVID test is not required for movement after the 14-day wait period is complete. This policy replicates the Korean CDC's policy that established a 14 day medical clearance timeline for Korean and international patients arriving COVID-19 positive in Korea.

ALARACT 080/2020, URGENT - UPDATE ARMY GUIDANCE FOR FILING PERMANENT CHANGE OF STATION (PCS) AND TEMPORARY DUTY (TDY) TRAVEL CLAIM FOR SOLDIERS IMPACTED BY THE CORONAVIRUS DISEASE 2019 AND MILITARY PAY AND ALLOWANCES FLOWCHART

(FOUO). This ALARACT replaces ALARACT 029/2020 and provides clarification guidance for filing PCS or TDY travel claims when Soldiers and/or dependents travel was impacted by COVID-19 in accordance with the provisions set forth in ALARACT 054/2020. It further clarifies the restriction of movement requirement and impact to entitlements. Included as attachments are COVID-19 Pay And Allowances Flowchart, 28 SEP 20, Sample DD Form 1610 (COVID-19 Travel Delay), Sample DA Form 4187 (Personnel Action), and Military Pay E-Message 20-018, Subject: Hardship Duty Pay – Restriction of Movement Due to COVID-19 (HDP-ROM).



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RELEASE: FIRST OFFICIAL ARMY DENTAL PODCAST IN HISTORY!

BG Shan Bagby is pleased to announce the release of the first official podcast series in Army Dental history!

Major Brandon Jones (lower), our Recruiting Integration Officer at US Army Recruiting, and Captain Richard Low (right) the officer in command of the Army Healthcare Recruiting station in Indianapolis, have released season one of the podcast series titled "Army Dentistry at Work." Season one focuses on the Army Health Professions Scholarship and the Advanced Education in General Dentistry programs.



iTunes: <https://podcasts.apple.com/us/podcast/army-dentistry-at-work/id1536441689>

Spotify: <https://open.spotify.com/show/7Hsmc2LwT0OR43yI01ZD7k?si=2w0srT76TQi2knGTkaVwWw>

Stitcher: <https://www.stitcher.com/podcast/army-dentistry-at-work>

Google Podcasts: Coming Soon!

ORAL AND MAXILLOFACIAL SURGERY SHORT COURSE

The OMS Short Course is scheduled to take place 25-27 May 2021 at JBSA Fort Sam Houston. In person attendance is planned, but is subject to change. A virtual option may be offered if in person attendance is not feasible. More details will follow in the coming weeks.

CALL FOR PHOTOS: ARMY AREA DENTAL LABORATORIES

Do you have any old photographs from the current or former Army Area Dental Laboratories (ADLs). Old photographs of the ADLs are needed for a Dental Corps History Project connected to the planned Dental Corps Statue at the AMEDD Museum.

If you have any photographs you can share, send to COL Guevara at peter.h.guevara.mil@mail.mil

Bulletin POC: usarmy.jbsa.medcom-ameddcs.mbx.dental-corps@mail.mil



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CHOOSE KOREA: "EIGHTH ARMY, THE ASSIGNMENT OF CHOICE".

A wonderful place to live, work and play. Live the unmatched quality of life on one of the newest installations in the DoD. Work an unparalleled professional opportunity in a combined environment with a strong alliance. Don't miss out - contact us now for more on assignment options in the AIM marketplace.

MILPER MESSAGE 20-344, FISCAL YEAR 2021 (FY21) ACTIVE COMPONENT (AC), LIEUTENANT COLONEL (LTC), MEDICAL CORPS (MC), AND DENTAL CORPS (DC), PROMOTION SELECTION BOARDS (PSB) ZONES OF CONSIDERATION.

Subject selection board will convene on 20 Jan 21 to consider eligible Majors (MAJ) on the Active Duty List (ADL) for promotion to LTC. The board will recess on or about 28 Jan 21.

MILPER MESSAGE 20-345, CHANGE TO CONSOLIDATED ENLISTED PROMOTIONS EXCEPTIONS TO POLICY GUIDANCE DURING THE CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) OUTBREAK.

Effective with the November 2020 promotion month, the previously approved limited application of exceptions to policy (reference J) suspending requirements to complete requisite professional military education (PME) course to fully qualify for promotion is rescinded. Promotion to all noncommissioned officer ranks, across all military occupational specialties (MOSSs) require Soldiers to be fully qualified, to include completion of the requisite PME course. The previously published PME exception to policy program for deployed NCOs is reinstated across all MOSSs.

FIGHT COUNTERPRODUCTIVE THINKING BY USING REAL-TIME RESILIENCE.

From the Army Resilience Directorate: On a daily basis we have several important performances—morning PT, delivering a brief, putting together a PPT deck for a presentation, helping kids with homework, etc. However, a lot of the time we have counterproductive thoughts that take our attention off our task at hand and ultimately hinder us from performing to the best of our ability. Real-Time Resilience is a skill that utilizes evidence, optimism, & putting things in perspective to fight counterproductive thoughts in the moment and take us to a place of self-confidence.



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ENHANCED ARMY READINESS THROUGH INCREASED MILITARY SPOUSE EMPLOYMENT.

Memo from the Army G-1: The quality of life of our military families directly affects Army readiness and the retention of Soldiers, and is a priority for the Secretary of the Army. Increasing military spouse employment is a means to improve the quality of life for military families. This memorandum (attached at the following link) from the DCS, G-1, LTG Gary Brito, highlights the value that military spouses bring to the workforce, and asks Army leaders, managers, and supervisors, as well as the human resource community to support their employment. To improve military spouse employment, hiring managers should consider all available hiring options, such as Direct Hire Authorities, non-competitive reassignments and remote work, where feasible.

THE COMBINED FEDERAL CAMPAIGN (CFC) IS UNDERWAY

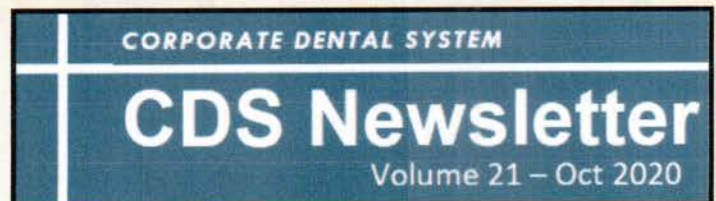
The Combined Federal Campaign (CFC) is underway and will continue through 15 January 2021. CFC is a once-a-year opportunity to support a wide variety of charitable agencies. It is our chance to make an impact on our world and to invest in our future.

The CFC makes it quick and easy to search for a charity and to make a donation. Military and civilian personnel can make a payroll deduction pledge. To learn more about the CFC or to donate, visit <https://cfcgiving.opm.gov>

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

IMPLANT SCREW TORQUE VALUES AND ZIRCONIA ABUTMENTS

- The ADL is fabricating implant abutments in house. Screw torque values for single crown restorations continue to be 20 Ncm for Zimmer Biomet implants and 35 Ncm for Nobel Biocare implants. There has been no change. If a screw needs to be replaced, an OEM screw can serve as the replacement.

- Screw torque values for all Nobel Biocare and Zimmer Biomet restorative components are in the attached PDF's

[Nobel Biocare Torque PDF](#)

[Zimmer Biomet Torque PDF](#)

- Prosthetic components for other implant systems may require different torque values. Always consult the respective instructions for use.

- For Nobel Biocare ZIRCONIA ABUTMENTS for CONICAL CONNECTIONS, unless a zirconia connection is requested in the Labtrac Rx, ALL connections will default to a titanium connection. The abutment screws for the zirconia abutment with a titanium connection will require the Omnigrip driver from Nobel Biocare (driver used with angulated screw channel restorations).

- When the zirconia abutment for conical connections has no metal connection, use the Unigrip driver.

- TRILOBE connections with the titanium connection will still require the Unigrip driver.

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Nobel Biocare Zirconia Abutments

[Omnigrip – Titanium connection](#)



[Unigrip – Zirconia Connection](#)



Nobel Biocare Zirconia Abutment with Metal Connection



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NEW PROSTHODONTICS (63F) CONSULTANT TO THE SURGEON GENERAL

LTC STEPHEN SHAE CHERRINGTON

DDS, FACP

LTC Stephen “Shae” Cherrington currently serves as OIC of Rhoades Dental Clinic, Air Force Maxillofacial Prosthetics Fellowship Program Mentor, JBSA Chief of Dental Sleep Medicine, and Deputy Commander JBSA FT Sam Houston DENTAC.

LTC Cherrington’s previous duty assignments include general dentist, Snyder Dental Clinic FT Gordon GA (2005); Prosthodontic Resident, FT Gordon GA (2006-2009); Chief of Prosthodontics and Prosthodontic Mentor, FT Campbell KY 1 Year AEGD Residency Program (2009-2015); Brigade Dentist ICAV Division, Mosul Iraq in support of Operation New Dawn (2011); Maxillofacial Prosthetic Fellow, JBSA FT Sam Houston TX (2015-2016); Chief of Prosthodontics, JBSA FT Sam Houston TX DENTAC (2016-2017).

LTC Cherrington is a graduate of Indiana University School of Dentistry (2005). He has a certificate of graduation from the Army Advanced Education in Prosthodontics Residency (2009) and Air Force Maxillofacial Prosthetics Fellowship Program (2016). He is a graduate of the AMEDD Officers Basic Course, AMEDD Officers Advance Course, CGSOC Intermediate Level Education, and Dental Management Development Course.

LTC Cherrington is a Diplomate of the American Board of Prosthodontics; Fellow of the American College of Prosthodontic; Member of the American Academy of Maxillofacial Prosthetics, American Dental Educators Association, and American Academy of Dental Sleep Medicine.

His awards and decorations include the Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal (2OLC), Army Achievement Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Iraq Campaign Medal, Global War of Terrorism Service Medal, Army Service Ribbon, Air Assault Badge, Airborne Parachute Badge, American Academy of Maxillofacial Prosthetics Barron Award.





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ARMY MEDICAL DEPARTMENT "A" PROFICIENCY DESIGNATOR RECIPIENTS FISCAL YEAR 2020

The "A" proficiency designator is an honor bestowed by the Army Surgeon General upon Army Medical Department (AMEDD) officers in all compos who have attained full professional status and national prominence in their fields.

For the Dental Corps, AMEDD "A" Proficiency Designator selection indicates that an officer is a senior, academic, master clinician with accomplishments and experience that would qualify them for Clinical Professor appointment at an accredited dental school. The officers considered must be a Lieutenant Colonel, must be board certified, and must have fifteen years of professional experience. The nominees must show a commitment to teaching, academics, and advancement of the profession through science and research by actively working in professional organizations, presenting at scientific meetings, and publishing manuscripts that contribute body of scientific knowledge.

CONGRATULATIONS!



LTC Travis Austin



LTC John Decker



LTC Michael Mansell



COL Jennifer Sabol



LTC Diana Weber

ARMY MEDICAL DEPARTMENT SENIOR SERVICE COLLEGE (SSC) SELECTEE FISCAL YEAR 2020

AMEDD SSC provides graduate-level instruction to senior military officers and civilians to prepare them for senior leadership assignments and responsibilities. Each year, a number of Army colonels and lieutenant colonels are considered by a board for admission.

This year, LTC Phillip W. Neal was selected to represent the Dental Corps for FY20.





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GRADUATE DENTAL EDUCATION (GDE) IS PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE THE RESULTS OF THE FY 2021 LONG TERM HEALTH EDUCATION AND TRAINING (LTHET) SELECTION PANEL

COMPREHENSIVE DENTISTRY (63B)

2LT Daniel Boland
MAJ Scott Brown
MAJ Bobby Chun
CPT John Fleischmann
CPT Brandi Gervias
2LT Paul Geuy
2LT Brent Harney
CPT James Higham
CPT Andrea Jeffery
CPT Laurel Kessler
MAJ Jee Kim
MAJ OD Kwon
MAJ Alyson Lasater
CPT Chanel Moses
CPT Stephanie Oppenheim
MAJ Sang Row
CPT Luke Sandersfeld
CPT Caleb Stott
CPT Sichang Sung

PERIODONTICS (63D)

CPT Alan George
CPT Chelsea Harris
CPT Han Kim

ENDODONTICS (63E)

CPT Bryant Farr
CPT Jeremy Hill
CPT James Kearns
CPT Philippe Mansour
CPT Kaleigh Namiotka
CPT Ryan Smith

PROSTHODONTICS (63F)

2LT Michael Chew
MAJ Terrence Lewis
CPT Katie Senkiw
CPT Peter Yoon

PEDIATRIC DENTISTRY (63K)

CPT David Flanders

ORTHODONTICS (63M)

MAJ Jeffrey Marrs
MAJ Hillary McCormack

ORAL AND MAXILLOFACIAL SURGERY (63N)

CPT Parker Benton
2LT James Castellino
2LT Junghun Choi
2LT Logan Helquist
CPT David Levy
CPT Julia Lim
2LT Charles Long
MAJ James Mccan
2LT Meredith Messerle
CPT Mu Song
CPT Hung Truong

BAYLOR MHA/MBA PROGRAM

LTC James Giesen

ORAL & MAXILLOFACIAL SURGERY FELLOWSHIP

MAJ Andrew Jenzer

JOINT COMMISSION FELLOWSHIP

LTC Min Kim



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RETIREMENT RECOGNITION—OVER 30 YEARS OF SERVICE FROM E-1 TO O-6 COL CHRISTOPHER D. JENKINS, DDS, MD

COL Christopher Jenkins is retiring from Active Duty November of 2020 after having served for over 30 years in the Army Dental Corps, culminating as the Chief and Program Director of the San Antonio Military Medical Consortium (SAMMC) Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Residency.



SPC Christopher Jenkins, COL Christopher Jenkins, PO3 James Jenkins

COL Jenkins started his Army Dental career in August of 1984 after completing Basic Training at Fort Dix, New Jersey and being assigned as a 68E Dental Specialist to the 101st Airborne Division, Fort Campbell, Kentucky. COL Jenkins completed dental school at the University of Michigan under the Health Professions Scholarship Program (HPSP), graduating in 1993. He was selected and completed the 1-Year Advanced Education in General Dentistry Residency (1YR-AEGD) at Fort Carson, Colorado. His first tour as a General Dentist took him to Vilseck, Germany as the Brigade Dental Surgeon for the 201st Forward Support Medical Company where he deployed to Croatia in support of Operation Joint Endeavor April-July 1996. In 1997, COL Jenkins started the 6-year dual-degree Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Program at the San Antonio Uniformed Services Health Care Consortium (SAUSHCC), graduating in 2003. Dr. Jenkins is one of only nine Army Oral Surgeons to have earned the Doctor of Medicine degree upon graduating from his Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Residency. COL Jenkins deployed with the 10th Combat Support Hospital (CSH) to Baghdad, Iraq as the Theatre Consultant in Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery November 2008 through June 2009. Since his return from the combat zone, COL Jenkins has dedicated his life to mentoring Army Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Residents. He has served three years as the Chief and Program Director of the Eisenhower Army Medical Center OMS Residency Program, Fort Gordon, Georgia (2011-2013), and nine years (2013-2020) as the Chief and Program Director of the San Antonio Military Medical Consortium (SAMMC) Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Residency Program. During his career, COL Jenkins successfully graduated 44 OMS residents, 42 of which obtained board certification. There are an additional 17 residents that he is actively involved with, bringing his total to 61 residents who have benefitted from his passion as an educator.

COL Jenkins is a diplomate of the American Board of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery (ABOMS) and is a fellow of the American Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons. He has served as the Army OMS Alternate Delegate to the American Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery from 2010-2019. COL Jenkins was awarded The Surgeon General's "A" Designator, and is a member of the Order of Military Medical Merit.

COL Jenkins is married to Rosie Jenkins and they have two sons, Christopher and James. COL Jenkins plans to settle down at his ranch in Seguin, TX and continue practicing Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery. We wish him all the best in his next chapter of life! His expertise and talent as an educator will be sorely missed!!!



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DENTAL HEALTH COMMAND – ATLANTIC UPDATE

DHC-A hosted a Change of Responsibility ceremony 12 August 2020, honoring outgoing Sergeant Major, SGM Annie Gurrola and welcoming SGM Mascarenas. RHC-A Commander, COL Simuel Jamison, presided over the ceremony and recognized SGM Gurrola's steadfast leadership during a time of high operations tempo and support of the COVID-19 response, citing that SGM Gurrola was "absolutely the right leader at the right time. SGM Mascarenas, who recently served as the Dwight D. Eisenhower Medical Center Troop Command, Command Sergeant Major, is well known in the dental community. SGM Mascarenas brings operational experience and a diverse background at the tactical, operational and strategic levels, which will help DHC-A be ready, responsive and relevant in providing a "Trained and Ready Medical Force" to deliver a "Medically Ready Force".



Right: COL Jamison, SGM Gurrola and SGM Mascarenas during the Change of Responsibility ceremony, Fort Belvoir, VA.

FORT STEWART DENTAL HEALTH ACTIVITY— TACTICAL COMBAT CASUALTY CARE

SGT Barron (MEDDAC 68W) observing DENTAC Soldiers on the three phases of Tactical Combat Casualty Care. This photo shows the hands on portion of the class where two Soldiers are extracting a patient from a simulated wrecked vehicle. Here the individuals learn about care under fire, tactical field care, and tactical evacuation care. All personnel adhere to the COVID19 restrictions and practice social distancing guidelines before continuing to the next phase.

Right: SGT Mohr observing SGT Torres extracting a casualty from a vehicle during Tactical Combat Casualty Care Training at the Fort Benning Medical Simulation Center





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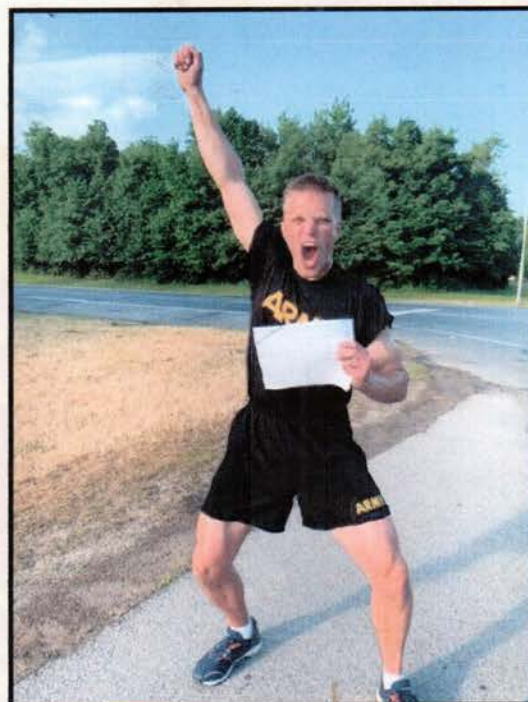
DENTAL HEALTH COMMAND – ATLANTIC UPDATE CONTINUED

FORT DRUM DENTAL HEALTH ACTIVITY —ARMY COMBAT FITNESS TEST SUCCESS

CPT Mason, a general dentist, was able to score 100 points on each event of his (not for record) Army Combat Fitness Test (ACFT), making him the first dentist in the Army who has been able to score a perfect 600 points in the ACFT. Such a great accomplishment has been a motivation for the Soldiers, as they strive to meet the Army standard as well as training to attain a maximum score for the ACFT.

Fort Drum Dental Activity takes pride in the wellness and physical readiness of every individual in the organization. Although, the unit has not been able to conduct PRT as whole, the Soldiers are still maintaining their physical readiness. Clinic level PRT are taking place every Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Each clinic is a small group, which allows the soldiers to maintain social distance while training.

Right: CPT Mason celebrating achieving 600 points on the ACFT.



WEST POINT DENTAL HEALTH ACTIVITY

Pictured below: COL Sedon awarding CPT Ilya the championship belt for the highest producing general dentist in the unit. This past fiscal year, CPT Ilya was the highest producing dentist at Saunders dental treatment facility overall. He was the highest producing general dentist last year.





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DENTAL HEALTH COMMAND – ATLANTIC UPDATE CONTINUED

FORT GORDON DENTAL HEALTH ACTIVITY– IN SUPPORT OF MOBILIZATION

The Fort Gordon Dental Health Activity Command Team focuses on training NCOs and Junior Enlisted on field equipment to provide better quality care for their next mission to Camp Shelby. The purpose of the training is to support Camp Shelby with a dental mission once a quarter to increase readiness and wellness standards. All personnel are expected to abide by all PPE/Infection Control workplace guidelines in an effort to protect both patients and staff from transmission of the COVID-19 virus.



REGION-WIDE: TRAINING CONTINUES DESPITE COVID-19

FORT BENNING DENTAL ACTIVITY

Far right: SPC Htike instructs SPC Gardner on conduct Tactical Combat Casualty Care Training at the Fort Benning Medical Simulation Center.

FORT BRAGG DENTAL ACTIVITY

Immediate right: Commanders Call and Safety Stand-Down was held at each clinic. This was the first COVID round robin quarterly training conducted.





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FORT EUSTIS DENTAL ACTIVITY: DENTAL HYGIENE RODEO

Fort Eustis Dental Activity (DENTAC) performed a "Dental Hygiene Rodeo" in October at Tignor Dental Clinic to mitigate the several months of "class 4 exam only" treatment due to COVID-19 restrictions. The concept of the Dental Hygiene Rodeo was created to lower the dental classification of over 500 dental class II Soldiers with prophy only needs to dental class I. The Dental Hygiene Rodeo provided 243 Service members with hygiene appointments, which increased wellness to 39.5%. Teamwork within the DENTAC demonstrated the willingness to serve. Although the Dental Hygiene Rodeo week was the focus for most Fort Eustis providers, Tignor Dental Clinic concurrently supported the First Time Dental Readiness (FTDR) mission by treating 51 Soldiers, caring for sick call, providing endodontics and oral surgery services.



COL Anderson, Fort Eustis Commander, leading the way completing an adult prophy during the rodeo.

Cooperation of the entire DENTAC was required for success of the Dental Hygiene Rodeo plan. The First Sergeant contacted the identified units and gained the needed commitment to participate from unit leadership. Dental staff identified specific patients, pulled charts and scheduled the needed prophys by name. The Commander, most dentists, hygienists, and X2s performed prophys. A COVID-19 reception/screening station was staffed at the front door. Sterilization was appropriately staffed and provided additional help to distribute sterilized instruments.

The Dental Hygiene Rodeo schedule consisted of sixty minute hygiene only appointments for permanent party. No Hygiene-Exam appointments were scheduled. No routine operative or pros care was provided. Each provider treated six to seven hygiene patients per day with the last hour of the day saved for admin and chair clean time.

Prophys performed were non-aerosol generating procedures. A sixty second pre-rinse, hand scaling, toothbrush polish, and fluoride varnish with OHI were performed. Due to the PSRs of 1 and 2, extensive calculus was not expected. If the patient did have extensive calculus that needed more attention, the patient was rescheduled. Proper personal protective equipment was supplied.

Fort Eustis' out of the box thinking has improved Soldier readiness and wellness ensuring the Department of Defense has a medically ready force. One team one fight. Crown the Brave.

Article written by: LTC Mary S. Stuart, OIC Oral Surgery Dental Clinic Fort Meade DENTAC



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FORT MEADE DENTAL HEALTH ACTIVITY

Fort Meade conducted a 4th Quarter Best Warrior Competition at Fort Belvoir on 24 September 2020. The competitors were tested mentally and physically through numerous tasks. The competition increased in intensity, pushing the competitors to their limits by measuring their combat readiness, which included the Army Combat Fitness Test and a land navigation course. The competition required each competitor to employ basic and advanced Soldier skills needed for rendering healthcare and survival in any environment.

Right: SGM Mascarenas, SFC Batie, and PFC Vo showing their "Patch Pride" after a six mile ruck march during the DHA Ft. Meade 4th Board.



FORT CAMPBELL DENTAL HEALTH ACTIVITY

Fort Campbell Soldiers conduct Land Navigation training and qualify expert in preparation to attend the 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault) Expert Field Medical Badge (EFMB) in November.





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AOC SPOTLIGHT: 63P ORAL AND MAXILLOFACIAL PATHOLOGY CONTINUED

With forensic dentistry training a part of the 63B residency curriculum (and the choice of some one-year AEGD programs), oral pathologists can also support the local DENTAC forensic dentistry training needs. As the Individual Critical Task Lists (ICTLs) continue to mature, "Perform a postmortem dental examination/forensic identification" (081-000-2729) is one of the 63A tasks (and therefore applies to all AOCs except 63N). The 63P community can support initial and sustainment forensic dentistry training at the DENTAC level to satisfy that readiness requirement. For example, this summer forensic dental identification training was conducted for the 502d Dental Company Area Support at Ft. Hood in support of their deployment.

The following current forensic dental identification forms (hyperlinked) should now be used: [Antemortem Dental Record](#), [Postmortem Dental Record](#), and the [Dental Identification Summary Report](#). These Office of the Armed Forces Medical Examiner forms should be familiar to those who have had Army, Navy, or Air Force forensic dental identification training. The modification from the previous forms includes the FDI World Dental Federation tooth numbering system (if needed for a NATO or an international scenario). In addition, the forms are PDF fillable for electronic use although a printed hardcopy of the forms can also be used. The previous AF 1801 Postmortem Dental Record, AF Form 1802 Antemortem Dental Record, and AF Form 1803 Dental Identification Summary Report forms can also be used until supplies are exhausted. If DENTAC forensic dental officers are not able to access the newer revised forms through the bulletin, notify one of the 63Ps so the forms can be forwarded.

Some of the duties Army Oral Pathologists perform that may not be well-known include serving at the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency (DPAA), Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. The agency identifies the remains of previously unidentified US service members from the conflicts of WWII, Korea, and Vietnam. Forensic dental analysis plays a crucial role in the identification and LTC Rachelle Retoma is currently fills that role. Army oral pathologists also perform forensic dental identifications for the Armed Forces Medical Examiner at Dover Air Force Base on the remains of US service members from currently deployed operations and/or training mishaps. An example is two Army oral pathologists participated in the identification of eight Marines who died in an amphibious assault vehicle (AAV) training accident over the summer. The 63Ps conduct forensic dental identifications as requested for hospital autopsies at installations where 63Ps are assigned. (The DENTAC forensic dental identification teams do a great job in that role at hospitals where there is no 63P assigned.) Oral pathologists attend hospital tumor boards to provide diagnostic support to oral surgery, otolaryngology, radiation-oncology, and hematology-oncology in the treatment planning of cancer patients. Oral pathologists conduct immediate frozen-section pathology diagnosis during hospital operating room procedures in support of oral surgery and otolaryngology. 63P also conduct training for our physician pathologists colleagues to increase their understanding and diagnostic capability for oral pathology entities.

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THE DENTAL CORPS BULLETIN

AOC SPOTLIGHT: 63P ORAL AND MAXILLOFACIAL PATHOLOGY

Oral and maxillofacial pathologists (63Ps) are the Army's dental specialists addressing the nature, identification, and management of diseases affecting the oral and maxillofacial regions. The assignment authorizations are located at major medical centers to support the clinical, diagnostic, educational, and treatment needs of oral and maxillofacial surgery (63N) residencies, comprehensive dentistry (63B) residencies, other graduate dental education programs, and the Army Dental Corps at large. Oral pathologists are also the Department of Defense's subject matter experts in forensic dentistry. We support oral pathology and forensic dentistry training requests at dental activities (DENTAC's) dental residency programs, and federal services dental education symposiums.

The current locations of 63P authorizations and the dentists assigned there are as follows.

Fort Bliss: MAJ James McCann

Fort Bragg: MAJ Parth Mewar

Fort Gordon: LTC Jennifer Hawie

Fort Hood: (Currently Vacant)

Joint Base Lewis-McChord: LTC Heather Olmo

Joint Base San Antonio: LTC Sam Poindexter

Ft. Shafter/Tripler AMC/Schofield Barracks: (Currently Vacant)

Walter Reed National Military Medical Center: COL David Flint

The two vacant 63P authorizations at Ft. Hood and Hawaii are expected to be filled in the summer of 2021 as two new graduates from the oral pathology residency will enter the inventory.

Although the COVID-19 pandemic limits the ability to perform in-person training at some locations, educational objectives can still be met via tele-conference with platforms such as Microsoft Teams. This past fiscal year, oral pathology and some forensic dentistry training was performed virtually via remote electronic means to include collaboration with Air Force oral pathology. Oral pathology training was also provided virtually to the Naval Post Graduate Dental School and the Walter Reed General Practice Residency program.

Army oral pathologists can also provide tissue specimen and radiographic pathology diagnostic consults, diagnosis clarification, and second opinions as requested. For installations that do not have an oral pathologist but would like one to review a case or suspected pathology, reach out to one in the list above with a request. The radiographs can be sent electronically and the oral pathologist can assist in getting any tissue specimen slides sent to them.