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## FEBRUARY IS NATIONAL CHILDREN'S DENTAL HEALTH MONTH!

The 2021 National Children's Dental Health Month is brought to you by the American Dental Association. This month-long national health observance brings together thousands of dedicated professionals, healthcare providers, and educators to promote the benefits of good oral health to children, their caregivers, teachers and many others.

This year's NCDHM campaign slogan is "Water, Nature's Drink!".

Make sure to submit your community outreach efforts to the Dental Corps Mailbox for inclusion into the March Dental Corps bulletin NCDHM Highlight!

<https://www.ada.org/en/public-programs/national-childrens-dental-health-month>

## MAJOR STEVEN E. HANDEL

Major Steven Edward Handel recently graduated resident Intermediate Level Education (ILE) with distinguished honors, ranking number four 4 in a class of fifty-three students.

MAJ Handel will start his Oral Maxillofacial Prosthetic Residency at Brooke Army Medical Center in the summer of 2021.



Steven E Handel, DMD, FACP  
MAJ, DC, USA  
Prosthodontics, Fort Bliss

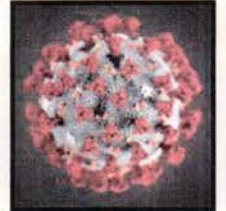




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## CORONAVIRUS UPDATES

### FRAGO 18 TO HQDA EXORD 210-20 CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) TRANSITION FRAMEWORK (FOUO), DTG: 120415Z JAN 21.



a. Annex DDD provides an example DA Form 4856, Developmental Counseling Form, to assist units and provide the minimum discussion points with Soldiers in order to comply with force health protection requirements associated with travel to a foreign country in a COVID-19 environment.

b. Force Health Protection (FHP) Supplement 12 (Annex II) is rescinded and replaced by FHP Supplement 14 (Annex EEE). IAW FHP Supplement 14, all Soldiers traveling from or through a CDC THN level 2, 3, or 4 country to the United States will undergo a 14-day ROM and self-monitor for COVID-19 signs and symptoms upon arrival at their residence or other appropriate location. The Army will implement more restrictive COVID-19 risk mitigation measures than the Department of Defense. ROM will not be decreased to fewer than 14 days. Additionally, Soldiers traveling from or through a CDC THN Level 1 country to the United States will self-monitor for COVID-19 signs and symptoms for 14 days and comply with all installation, CDC, state, and local guidance upon arrival in the UNITED STATES. Travel that is limited to transit between and through foreign countries contained within a single GCC, and between GCCs, is not subject to supplement 14 or this FRAGO and will be managed by each GCC or GCCs as appropriate.

c. IAW FHP Supplement 14 all personnel conducting official international travel to or from the United States require a negative COVID-19 test as close as possible to departure.

d. Soldiers, DA civilians, and family members under the jurisdiction of the SECARMY conducting official international travel will have a negative COVID-19 test result before departing home station or a CONUS replacement center.

e. Losing and gaining command coordination is required for all official travel outside the United States and its territories. This coordination is intended to solidify an understanding of host nation and GCC ROM and COVID-19 testing requirements. Losing commands will conduct a written counseling with Soldiers and DA civilians outlining COVID-19 standards and expectations for travel.

<https://www.milsuite.mil/book/docs/DOC-858724>

## DENTAL CORPS CHIEF RESPONDS TO QUESTIONS FROM THE FIELD: SEASON 2

### Episode 1: Response to COVID-19 questions from the field:

<https://www.dvidshub.net/video/780956/dental-corps-chief-video-season-2-episode-1>

### Episode 2: Response to HPSP related questions from the field:

<https://www.dvidshub.net/video/781595/dental-corps-chief-video-season-2-episode-2>





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## **NEW AR AND DA PAM 670-1, WEAR AND APPEARANCE OF ARMY UNIFORMS AND INSIGNIA, 26 JAN 21 (EFFECTIVE 26 FEB 21)**

Major revisions of AR and DA Pam 670-1 are provided at the following link. Also attached is a brief on grooming and appearance modifications which will be announced by ALARACT and will be effective after 26 Feb 21. These approved changes reflect diversity, inclusion, health wellness, functionality, good order and discipline. These changes are extremely important to the force and align with the Chief of Staff of the Army's People First priority.

<https://www.milsuite.mil/book/docs/DOC-925834>

## **ALARACT 003/2021, SGM LARRY L. STRICKLAND EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP AWARD FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2021**

The Larry L. Strickland Educational Leadership Award (SELA) is a non-federal award of the Association of the United States Army (AUSA). This award honors the memory of SGM Larry L. Strickland (Deputy Chief of Staff for Army Personnel Sergeants Major (SGM)); a victim of the September 11th terrorist attack on the Pentagon, he represents all Soldiers and civilians lost in the Global War on Terrorism. The SELA is awarded on an annual basis to an NCO who exemplifies the Army's vision and mobilizes others in shaping our future leaders while practicing excellent stewardship of the Nation's most precious resource. Nomination packets are due no later than 16 April 2021.

<https://www.milsuite.mil/book/docs/DOC-925730>

## **BLENDED RETIREMENT SYSTEM (BRS) CONTINUATION PAY (CP) - CALENDAR YEAR 2021**

The memorandum attached at the following link establishes eligibility, amounts, and additional service obligation for CP in CY21 as authorized in Title 37, United States Code, Section 356. This guidance is effective immediately and expires on 31 December 2021. It applies to Regular Army, Army National Guard/Army National Guard of the United States, and United States Army Reserve Soldiers who are covered under the BRS.

<https://www.milsuite.mil/book/docs/DOC-923381>

## **MILITARY PAY E-MESSAGE 21-007, INCREASE IN THE SINGLE TEMPORARY LODGING ALLOWANCE (TLA) PERCENTAGE RATE**

The purpose of this message is to inform all of new guidance for Increase in the Single Temporary Lodging Allowance Percentage Rate.

<https://www.milsuite.mil/book/docs/DOC-925181>





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## DENTAL RESEARCH NOTES

**2021 Joseph L. Bernier Dental Research Competition:** submission deadline is **NLT 01 MARCH 2021**.

POC: MAJ Brian Kirkwood, [brian.j.kirkwood.mil@mail.mil](mailto:brian.j.kirkwood.mil@mail.mil)

**MEDCoE "The Medical Journal"** is considering publishing a special dental Issue in either Fall 2021 or Winter 2021.

POC: [usarmy.jbsa.medical-coe.list.amedd-journal@mail.mil](mailto:usarmy.jbsa.medical-coe.list.amedd-journal@mail.mil)

## THE ARMY CONGRESSIONAL FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

From the Office of the Chief of Legislative Liaison: The Army Congressional Fellowship Program is a 44-month program which includes pursuit of a Master of Professional Studies (MPS) Degree in Legislative Affairs at George Washington University, service as a Fellow for a Member of Congress, and utilization on the Army Staff in a congressional-related duty position. The program seeks service members who have demonstrated outstanding promotion potential. The program is open to MSG/SGM/CW2-CW3//CPT/MAJ in all components. **Applications are due 9 Apr 21.**

<https://www.milsuite.mil/book/docs/DOC-907398>

## MILITARY PAY E-MESSAGE 21-005, CONTINENTAL UNITED STATES COST OF LIVING ALLOWANCE (CONUS COLA)

The purpose of this message is to provide information of CONUS COLA new locations and procedures.

<https://www.milsuite.mil/book/docs/DOC-921151>

## ADVANCED APPLICATION OF MILITARY SPOUSE PREFERENCE IN CERTAIN FOREIGN OVERSEAS LOCATIONS.

From Army G-1: The DOD has authorized the Department of Army and Department of Air Force to carry out pilot programs allowing eligible Military Spouses to exercise Military Spouse Preference (MSP) when applying to Army or Air Force job opportunity announcements up to 30 days prior to arrival in certain foreign overseas locations. The Department of Army's pilot program became effective December 22, 2020. The pilot will expire on June 22, 2022. The pilot is exclusive to appropriated fund, non-bargaining unit positions at the GS-15 grade level and below (or equivalent) within the Republic of Korea, the U.S. Army Garrison Rhineland-Pfalz, and the Ramstein Air Base.

<https://www.milsuite.mil/book/docs/DOC-917106>



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## ARMY DENTAL LAB UPDATE

### 2021 UPDATED ADL DOCUMENTS FOR YOUR REFERENCE:

#### 1) 2021 ADL Product List

Contains all items available from the ADL.

If you have a request that is not on the list, please contact the ADL.

<https://www.milsuite.mil/book/docs/DOC-926112>

#### 2) 2021 ADL Submission Checklist

Outlines everything needed in order to successfully submit a case to the ADL without delay.

<https://www.milsuite.mil/book/docs/DOC-926113>

#### 3) 2021 Abutment Product List

Outlines what types of abutments are available.

<https://www.milsuite.mil/book/docs/DOC-926114>

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## 2021 FORT GORDON ADVANCED DENTAL EDUCATION SHORT COURSE

29 – 31 MARCH 2021

### 2021 FORT GORDON ADVANCED DENTAL EDUCATION SHORT COURSE

ATTENDANCE WILL BE DOCUMENTED  
THROUGH THE LOCAL CONTINUING  
EDUCATION COORDINATOR  
IDENTIFIED BY YOUR DENTAC  
COMMANDER



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This Course is designed to provide Continuing Dental Education to Army 63A (General Dentists) on new and exciting techniques in endodontics, periodontics and prosthodontics. Although the course is virtual, there will be opportunities to interact with residents and faculty at Tingay Dental Clinic, the center of Army Post Graduate Dental Education.



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## **DENTAL CORPS CHIEF AWARD OF EXCELLENCE: CALL FOR NOMINATIONS:**

Nominations are now being accepted for the 2021 Dental Corps Chief Awards of Excellence!

The following awards are being considered:

- DC Chief Exceptional Service and Leadership Award
- DC Chief Junior Officer Award of Excellence
- DC Chief Award of Excellence in Dental Education
- DC Chief Reserve Component Officer Award of Excellence
- DC Chief Federal Civilian Award of Excellence-Category I and II
- DC Chief Non-Commissioned Officer Award of Excellence
- DC Chief Junior Soldier Award of Excellence

Specific instructions are outlined in the Dental Corps Chief's FY2021 Dental Corps Chief's Awards Memorandum.

<https://www.milsuite.mil/book/docs/DOC-928343>

Complete submissions can be submitted directly to the Corps mailbox:

[usarmy.jbsa.medcom-ameddcs.mbx.dental-corps@mail.mil](mailto:usarmy.jbsa.medcom-ameddcs.mbx.dental-corps@mail.mil)

Note: the Corps mailbox cannot accept encrypted e-mails. If sending encrypted emails, use the point of contact below.

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Submission deadline for nominations: **Monday, 01 March 2021**





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## UNITED STATES ARMY INSTITUTE OF SURGICAL RESEARCH (ISR)



For nearly 100 years, Dental Corps Officers have used their clinical skill set to advance scientific research while assigned to various research organizations to include Army Dental School (pre-WW2); USA Institute of Dental Research (until 2010) and currently at the USA Institute of Surgical Research (USAISR). The DC officer's role as a clinician-scientist continuously evolves to meet mission requirements. DC Officers still have an opportunity to impact military medical research as part of the broadening assignment at the USAISR. Unlike in the past where a DC officer's role was geared toward advancing military dental research recently has transitioned to focus on programmatic medical research. The research conducted at USAISR strives to address medical capability gaps to overcome challenges in Multi-Domain Operations on the future battlefield. The DC officers are part of a team of researchers to include civilian scientists, Medical Corps officers, Medical Service Corps officers and Veterinary Corps officers. The officer's primary role is to facilitate the business component of medical research as administrators and leaders in the organization. Currently, three dental officers are assigned to the USAISR.

LTC Kevin Gillespie

*Deputy Chief, Engineering Processes and Product Development group*

*Chief, Dental Research Officer*

Research division-level leadership responsible for supervising personnel, oversee group operations and budget management. Primary healthcare provider within the engineering group who provides clinical expertise to enhance project innovation and improve clinical applications by contributing to research proposals, projects, and publications. Serves as the senior dental officer, advisor and POC for dental research-related matters to support the Research Directorate and the USAISR Commander.

MAJ Brian Kirkwood

*Deputy Chief, Combat Mortality Prevention Division*

*Chair, Bernier Dental Research Award Committee*

Leadership role that supports research and development efforts for acute life-saving medical interventions on the battlefield. The responsibilities include optimization of administrative processes and improve quality assurance/control enabling advancement of scientific programs within the research division. Serves as committee chair for the Bernier Dental Research Competition.

MAJ Barrett Beardsley

*Deputy Chief, Business Development*

Collaborative role in the Business Development Office facilitating academic, research and business relationships between the ISR and other government or private entities. The responsibilities include drafting and reviewing both commercial and data use agreements between the ISR and partners to facilitate research opportunities and collaborations.

### **JOSPEH L. BERNIER DENTAL RESEARCH COMPETITION DEADLINE:**

2021 Joseph L. Bernier Dental Research Competition submission deadline is approaching and all entries are due **NLT 01 MARCH 2021**.

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## DENTAL HEALTH COMMAND – CENTRAL (DHC-C) UPDATE

As the response to the COVID-19 pandemic approaches one year in duration, the DENTACs and Dental Clinic Commands (DCCs) within DHC-C have shown to be agile, creative, and resilient while never wavering in commitment to mission accomplishment. The DHC-C Command team is proud to recognize some of the most recent activities and achievements throughout our region. This month we chose to continue to highlight the COVID-19 response while also preparing for the transition to MHS Genesis, taking care of our personnel, and supporting our installations.

## FOCUSED ON REGAINING DENTAL READINESS WHILE IMPROBING UNIT MORALE

Readiness Race 2021. The Fort Leavenworth DCC implemented a team-based weekly competition to ultimately increase readiness of Fort Leavenworth Soldiers, while moving from a 15 months cycle to a 12 months cycle. Each dental team consists of dentist, hygienist, dental assistant, and is led by a middle-management supervisor. At the end of every week the Command team tallies up the numbers and the team with the most calls wins a 59 minute rule. At the end of 12 weeks, leadership awards a day off and a special prize for the winning team. To keep teams engaged throughout the competition, leadership also incorporated a mid-progress prize for the entire DCC upon achieving a milestone. With the ever-increasing tension from COVID, the DCC leadership wanted to increase morale, esprit-de-corps, and make day-to-day operations somewhat fun, especially for annual readiness appointments (particularly those service members who are not yet red on their MEDPROS because they're still within their 15 months window). Additionally, the intent was also to motivate and incentivize middle-management supervisors who are feeling more and more "burned out" by the COVID environment. We applaud the Fort Leavenworth DCC leadership for thinking outside the box to ensure the mission is completed while also taking care of the mental health of the their staff.



## REVIEW OF RESPONSE: MEDICAL EMERGENCIES IN A DENTAL SETTING

Maintaining their commitment to patient safety, the Fort Leavenworth DCC leadership also wanted to ensure that all personnel are familiar with medical emergencies in dental clinics (or at least be familiar with processes to reduce reaction time). The photos show Dr. Clay Sligh is reviewing the importance of oxygen with Ms. Otejiri Ohwovoriole to his left and Ms. Laura Drewelow to his right. Additionally, LTC Crystal Smith is pictured leading training entitled "Medical Emergencies in the Dental Clinic" for the staff of Smith Dental Clinic.







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## DENTAL HEALTH COMMAND – CENTRAL UPDATE CONTINUED

### TRANSITIONING TO MHS GENESIS WHILE MAINTAINING DENTAL READINESS

The Fort Irwin DCC was recently featured in article published by Army Medicine News entitled: [Fort Irwin DENTAC Strives to Reach Readiness Perfection \(MHS, 21 October 2020\)](#). Link available in resource section.

“The Fort Irwin Dental Clinic staff recently held a dental rodeo aboard Ft. Irwin in California. During the event, DENTAC providers examined more than 200 service members, leading to a 97% green status on dental for the installation. Green means that a service member has had the necessary dental screenings and is cleared to deploy. The push came prior to the hospital’s transition to MHS GENESIS, the Department of Defense’s new electronic health record, which went live on September 26.

As the hospital staff continues to adjust to the new system, most appointments changed from 20- 30-minute appointments to one-hour appointments, limiting the number of patients seen in a day. To stay on track for dental exams, Army Sergeant First Class Fisamuel Reggans, the senior dental noncommissioned officer for the dental clinic, reached out to the brigade-level command sergeant majors on post to garner their support in getting as many service members through the dental rodeo as possible. Dental clinic staff examined service members on a walk-in basis the first week, and also scheduled the units on post for different days the second week. To accommodate an entire installation, the dental clinic extended its hours and Army Col. Elliott Bermudez, the dental clinic commander, even jumped in to perform exams.

“If I could make time, everybody could make time because this was a priority for us,” he explained. DENTAC staff took many COVID-19 precautions, to include wearing N95 masks and face shields, in addition to their regular surgical masks and eyewear. They also only used disposable instruments to lower the risk of any cross contamination. Dental clinic staff also ensured physical distancing protocols in the waiting room. While the 97% green status could shift at any point in a matter of 30 days, Bermudez, Reggans and their team are staying proactive to support the Ft. Irwin soldiers, meet the Army standards and maintain a readiness posture .”



Above: Displaying Pride in the Patch!

Left to right, Front: SGT Lamar Leseur, SFC Fisamuel Reggans, COL Elliott Bermudez-Colon, MAJ Sung Kim.  
Back: MAJ Jesse Thompson, SPC Xavian Clark, CPT Mathias Fallis, SGT Ariana Monterroza, Ms. Annalyne Francis, Ms. Jennifer Ayala



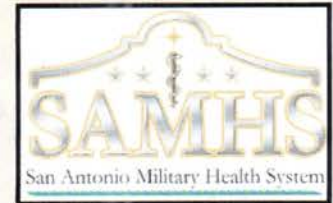


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### SERVICE PARTNERSHIP TO STANDUP MARKETPLACES

LTC Jeffery Hambrice, JBSA Fort Sam Houston DENTAC Commander, serves as Functional Capability 44 (dental) co-lead with the 59th Dental Squadron Commander at Lackland AFB, Lt Col Kristen Nichols, for the certification process of the DHA San Antonio Market. LTC Hambrice and Lt Col Nichols work together to coordinate future cross-leveling of dental care for the San Antonio Market, to include Fort Sam Houston, Lackland AFB and Randolph AFB. They virtually meet monthly to coordinate and produce deliverables to the SAMHS Market Certification team leads. LTC Hambrice and Lt Col Nichols maintain regular communication to understand the needs and requirements of each installation's dental support. They also meet monthly with the team leads from the other established DHA Markets throughout CONUS, led by COL Christensen Hsu, dental (FC #44) lead for the NCR Market and DHA. Leaders involved in standing up DHA marketplaces are welcome to reach out to those who have already trail blazed the path to share best practices and lessons learned.



### RESPONSE: DEMONSTRATING LEADERSHIP DURING VACCINE ROLLOUT

Name a reason for receiving the COVID-19 vaccine. Pictured below, LTC Dong Lee, CPT Weston Eggett, and SPC Nicholas Bethards of the Fort Leavenworth DCC roll up their sleeves as clinic leaders and give a few reasons for participating in the COVID-19 vaccination program. All members of the dental community are encouraged to vaccinate at their earliest opportunity.







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## DENTAL HEALTH COMMAND – CENTRAL UPDATE CONTINUED

### COVID-19 RESPONSE: IMPLEMENTING PORTABLE HEPA FILTRATION UNITS

Studies regarding the spread of COVID 19 has brought a huge spotlight on particularly one mode of transmission; aerosols. Experiments proved that the microscopic COVID-19 virus was able to hitchhike in aerosols that could travel for distances ranging up to six feet or more and linger in the air for an extended period of time. This became a major concern for those in dentistry because dental procedures are inherently aerosol producing in nature. Thus came the need to clean the air and rid the clinical atmosphere of this potentially infectious cloud. This brought about the need to use high-efficiency particulate air (HEPA) filtration units based upon their ability to capture the virus and keep them contained within layer upon layer of filter media.

Once the Fort Hood DENTAC was notified that their HEPA filtration were on their way from the manufacturer, the DENTAC leadership comprised of COL Stefan Olpinski, Mr. Timothy Schimmels, and SFC Kristen McPhee quickly sprang into action to ensure a timely and seamless deployment of the HEPA filtration units to each dental treatment facility (DTF). Mr. Glenn Ferrer, the DENTAC Patient/ Infection Control Manager was tasked to spearhead the effort.

Mr. Ferrer began coordinating with multiple offices at the Carl R. Darnall Army Medical Center (CRDAMC); the Facilities Branch, Property Book Office (PBO), Medical Maintenance, and Public Health. The Facilities Branch was requested to conduct a power study at each dental clinic to determine if the current power supply was be able to handle the increased power load; PBO would be responsible for adding the equipment onto each clinic's hand receipt; while Medical Maintenance would conduct quality control inspections of each HEPA unit and serve as subject matter experts for operation and maintenance. Guidance from Public Health was solicited to determine the proper method of disposing the filters once they reached their capacity. Mr. Ferrer was responsible for training DENTAC personnel on the operation and maintenance of the portable HEPA filtration units as well as conducting site visits at each DTF to conduct mock set ups of the equipment.

In the end, the Fort Hood DENTAC was able to deploy 89 HEPA filtration units to all the clinics in a matter of 72 hours upon receipt at CRDAMC. The organization was able to significantly increase its level of defense against the COVID 19; not only for the staff but for our patients as well.



Mr. Glenn Ferrer showing the proper positioning of the HEPA filter for use.



SGT Michael Amoako and CPT Matthew Buchanan go over operating instructions on the HEPA filter their hands-on training at Perkins Dental Clinic.



Ms. Tamera Luker (CSP Dental Hygienist) performs dental hygiene prophylaxis on SGT Narelin Morales while using the HEPA filtration unit at the Billy Johnson Dental Clinic.





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### DEMONSTRATING LEADERSHIP BEYOND OUR BORDERS

U.S. Army Periodontist, MAJ(P) Sachiyo Kawaguchi-Chambers (right), assigned to Civil Affairs East Africa, in support of Combined Joint Task Force-Horn of Africa (CJTF-HOA), interacts with a village child in Ali Oune, Djibouti, January 7, 2021. U.S. Army Civil Affairs teams identify critical requirements needed by local citizens while fostering and maintaining dialogue with civilian aid agencies and assistance organizations. MAJ(P) Kawaguchi-Chambers will return to Rhoades Dental Clinic at Joint Base San Antonio - Fort Sam Houston following her tour overseas. Read more about the mission at: <https://www.facebook.com/cjtfhornofafrica>



U.S. Army National Guard photo SGT Brandon Julson

### REALIZING A DREAM

On 14 January 2021, Dr. Katharine Stringer, Fort Leonard Wood DENTAC GS dentist, raised her right hand and took the Oath of Office to commission as a Captain in the Dental Corps, U.S. Army Reserve Component! This has been a dream come true for her, and we are all excited to have her serve in this dual capacity. Dr. Stringer has been treating patients at Fort Leonard Wood since October of 2018. Administering the Oath of Office is MAJ Pamela S. Cotton, Officer-In-Charge of Boak Dental Clinic, the FTDR Clinic at Fort Leonard Wood, MO.



### IMPROVING WELLNESS THROUGH PARTNERSHIPS

The Fort Riley DENTAC initiated the DENTAC Victory Wellness Program throughout the organization and works with key programs and partners to support this priority. DENTAC leadership established two wellness afternoons per month which commences on third week of the month. The plan covers self-awareness, relationship building, performance assessment, value of teammates, plan of action, and reassess. It focuses on one of the 5 dimensions of strength (physical, emotional, spiritual, social, or family).





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### DEMONSTRATING CULTURAL AWARENESS

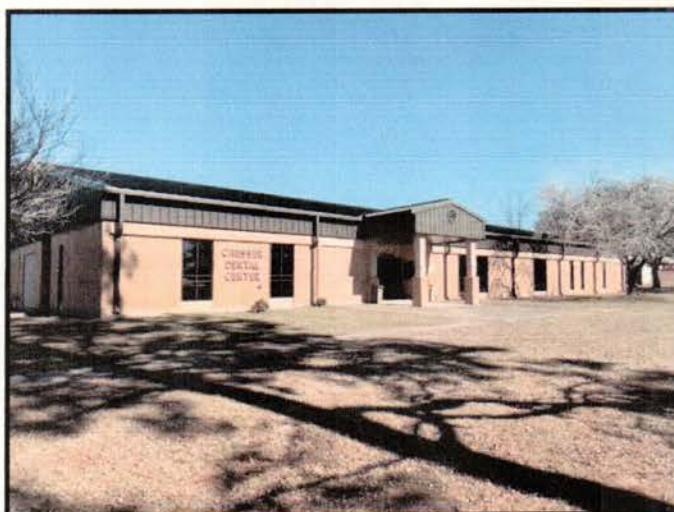
On 19 November 2020, Major General Ken Kamper, the Commanding General, United States Army Fires Center of Excellence and Fort Sill, with Fort Sill-Dental Health Activity as the host unit, celebrated our American Indian brothers and sisters. This Army observance celebrates and shines light on the American Indian heritage which further helps display strong inclusion, “HONORING THE PAST, SECURING THE FUTURE”. COL Behrends presents Mr. Lenniel T. Sovo a token of appreciation as the guest speaker for the celebration.



### THE GRAND REOPENING OF CHESSER DENTAL CLINIC

Fort Polk, Louisiana - Following nearly a year and a half of extensive renovations, the Fort Polk DENTAC team is excited to announce the reopening of Chesser Dental Clinic. Among the notable improvements are modernization of the front foyer, the sterilization DECON and clean rooms, clinic windows, and the HVAC system. The renovation process required extensive support within and outside the Fort Polk DENTAC. Operations at Shira Dental Clinic were adjusted to accommodate the staff and patients assigned to Chesser DC. Bayne-Jones Army Community Hospital provided logistical support and timely medical maintenance to ensure dental operatories were functioning at maximum efficiency during the transition. Clear communication was delivered to supported units so installation leadership was aware of the renovation project status and where to direct personnel to receive dental services. Teamwork, dedication, endurance, and patience made certain a successful outcome was achieved.

Well done, team!







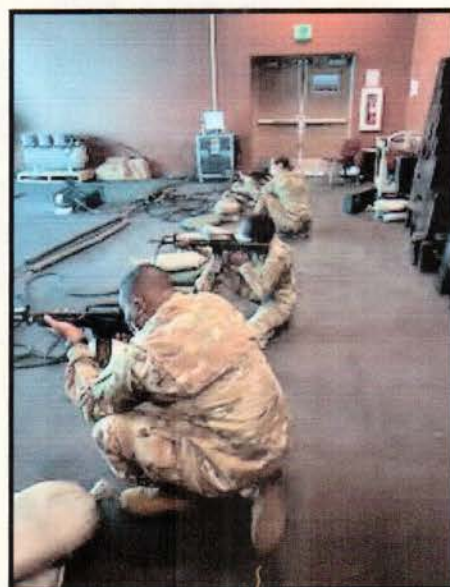
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### DENTAC ANNUAL SOLDIER OF THE YEAR COMPETITION: REVEALS EXCELLENCE

On the morning of 14 January 2021, three Soldiers from the Fort Carson DENTAC set out to compete for the title Soldier of the Year. This was a significant day because over the past 10 months this unit and the people in it have struggled to create normal battle rhythms.

The event started off with a chilling road march around the Iron Horse Park. All three Soldiers were given an OPORD brief on the route and operation at hand. Once they started it was clear to see that these Soldier wanted to win. It is often said around the Army that winning matters and we must train to win at all cost. Once the Soldiers finished the road march they immediately went in an equipment layout to ensure the Soldiers followed the directives given to them. Each item missing resulted in a time penalty. The next event the Soldiers dueled in was weapon utilization and qualification. This was used as a learning event to help each Soldier learn the new qualification fire tables as well as instruction on proper workspace with effective magazine changes. Then came the moment of truth as each Soldier went through the qualification tables with their rifles. The final event was an oral board



Soldiers qualifying in the kneeling position.  
left to right: SGT Mark Harris, SGT Susan Tanui, and SPC Daisy Gutierrez



Winning Soldiers  
Names from left to right: SGT Mark Harris, MSG Michael Rawls, and SPC Daisy Gutierrez

consisting of the Soldiers senior leaders. Each Soldier displayed the confidence and competence required of today's warfighters. The Soldiers endured about one hour of questions and situational problems. They were asked to think outside the box and provide doctrinally correct solutions

The final moment of truth came around 1800 hours. The scoring was complete and the drive left on the field. The final two Soldier left standing were Sergeant Mark A. Harris, who earned the title Non-commissioned Officer of the Year, and SPC Daisy M. Gutierrez, who earned the title Soldier of the Year. Both of the Soldiers will continue to train and compete at the Dental Health Command – Central's Best Warrior Competition in the coming months. It is without doubt these troops will display a character for all other Soldier to emulate.





# THE DENTAL CORPS BULLETIN

## SPOTLIGHT: CAPABILITY DEVELOPMENT INTEGRATION DIRECTORATE (CDID)

### ARMY MEDICAL CAPABILITIES... OR HOW YOU GET YOUR DENTAL STUFF

#### Army Capability Managers/Army Health System (ACM-AHS)

#### Capability Development Integration Directorate (CDID) - Fielded Force Integration Directorate (FFID)

These separate but functionally overlapping organizations reside in Building 4011 on JBSA– Fort Sam Houston, San Antonio, TX. Between all three organizations there are subject matter experts on all things Army Medicine that work towards developing, testing, equipping and supporting the medical needs of the Army today and tomorrow.

If a deployed dentist or dental specialist has ever opened a dental equipment set downrange and received just what they wanted and needed, these are the organizations that made that happen. If the opposite happened, these organizations want to know so that we can do our part to ensure that the next deployed dentist or dental specialist does not experience the same thing.

As the future of Army Medicine includes the Multi-Domain/Large Scale Combat Operations (MDO/LSCO) framework it is imperative to understand how dental capability fits into that big picture. Multiple areas of operation will take place and dental capability must be integrated within these various areas in order to maintain readiness of the Soldier.



The ACM-AHS integrates and synchronizes all DOTMLPF-P actions related to the 10 Medical Warfighting Functions executed throughout the Army Health Services. Dental services are simply one of the medical functions. We at the ACM-AHS attempt to provide the right capability at the right time and at the right place. In other words, we work for YOU. The warfighter, the user of the dental equipment, the deliverer of dental health provisions, and the service member that will receive this care. We at the ACM-AHS strive to be the honest broker for the user.



Similarly, in oversimplified terms, the core competencies of the FFID include supporting the current force through integration and synchronization of fielded force medical capabilities development across DOTMLPF-P, documenting medical and dental Force Design Updates, reviewing medical and dental equipment sets, and conducting manpower requirements for medical and dental units.



The core competencies of the CDID provide for the future force through the development of materiel requirements/capability documents for medical equipment, devices, and vaccines, executing medical experimentation plans and facilitating horizontal and vertical integration within the MEDCoE, as well as other non-medical CDIDs and commands.





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## SPOTLIGHT: CDID CONTINUED

Right: Diagram of Protection (yellow) and Sustainment (red) Medical Functions.

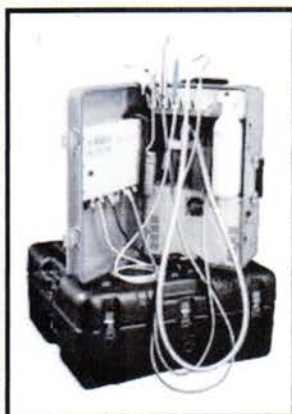
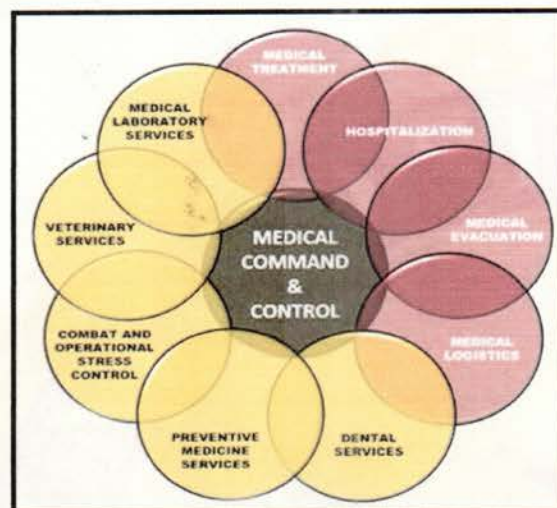
Some of the dental projects currently ongoing include:

1. Modernizing the portable Dental Operating System. The updated product will be lighter, more powerful and efficiently mobile.

Lower Left: Aseptico Transport 2 Portable Dental Unit (pending user evaluation/testing by AMEDD board).

2. Modernizing the Dental Filmless Imaging System. The updated product will replace the stand-alone Dexis X-ray Windows XP system with CDS Mobilized / X-ray vision windows 10 system

Lower Right: Updated system to replace the stand-alone DEXIS system (pending user evaluation/testing by AMEDD board).



3. Developing Individual Critical Task List (ICTL) items to evaluate the readiness of Soldier providers in respect to expeditionary clinical competency. Dental providers must be clinically competent to care for the populations they serve immediately upon arrival into an operational environment.

4. Future efforts include investigating the advantages of novel far forward dental injury mitigation. Dental providers are currently located at Role 2 facilities on

the battlefield. As we move toward Large Scale Combat Operations as a Multi-Domain Environment, it may require placing dental capabilities farther forward to better manage dental emergencies at the point of injury.

Collectively, these organizations are responsible for preparing and equipping the Army for success. Specifically, at the ACM-AHS, our goal and expectation are for our dental capabilities to contribute to the sustainment of operational tempo and the ability to return the dental patient/Warfighter to duty as quickly as possible. Again, we are the honest broker for the user for all DOTMLPF-P development and not just the material asset. We want to hear from you, and implore you to contact your Army Dental Capability manager at any time.

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