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Fort Hood AEGD2 - A Storied History Leading into 2028

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Fort Hood Advanced Education in General Dentistry (AEGD2) Vision

“Establish the Army’s premier post-graduate dental education program focused on integrating technology and innovation with evidence-based practices to train world-class clinicians and the future leaders of the Dental Corps and AMEDD.”

The first post-graduate dental training site in the United States Army Dental Corps, the Fort Hood Advanced Education in General Dentistry Two Year (AEGD2) Residency Program opened its doors in 1962. Over the past 60 years, Army AEGD2 programs have served as a foundational component of the professional base of the Dental Corps. The ultimate goal of the program has always been to develop career dental Officers who are clinically and academically competent in all major specialty areas of dentistry, and who are administratively capable of assuming leadership positions in military medicine. In 2022, this remains as true as ever.

Over the years, the AEGD2 program has developed and maintained several key affiliations with national dental and educational organizations. The program is fully accredited by the American Dental Association (ADA). As a testament to the clinically oriented, competency based culture of the AEGD2 at Fort Hood, program completion often translates to successful challenge of board certification through the American Board of General Dentistry (ABGD). This year, the Class of 2022 exemplified this high standard with a 100% (7 of 7) pass rate on the first phase of ABGD examination (written), while five other alumni earned full Diplomate status after successfully passing Phase 2 examinations (oral).





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A cornerstone of the program is the development of “life-long learners” who are able to assess and select the best evidence available to provide patient treatment and care. The AEGD2 program is part of the Post-graduate Dental College (PDC) of the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences (USUHS) –clinical mentors are considered professors for the PDC, and upon completion of a dental research project, all graduates earn a Master’s Degree in Oral Biology through USUHS.

In the clinic, residents learn their role as an integral member of the multi-disciplinary healthcare team through examination, diagnosis, and treatment of patients with complex dental

treatment needs. Comprehensive dentists, with their diverse technical abilities, are capable of providing unparalleled continuity of treatment utilizing the most current evidence-based techniques. The Fort Hood program, perhaps more so than any other AEGD2 program in the military, emphasizes digital/cutting-edge technology and its ability to improve clinical efficiency and quality treatment outcomes-graduates from the Fort Hood program are experts in digital dental implant surgery planning, same day (CEREC) crown restoration and microscopic endodontic (root canal) therapy. Clinical instruction is the responsibility of a very talented group of members who are all board certified or board eligible in their specialty. The current staff includes the following specialties: Prosthodontics, Endodontics, Periodontics, Orthodontics, Oral Surgery, Pediatric Dentistry, Oral Pathology, and Comprehensive Dentistry. Graduates of the AEGD2 earn a clinical specialty skill identifier (63B, Comprehensive Dentist) and take this unique talent back to the Corps where they become true force multipliers both downrange and in garrison, providing a critical element in sustaining a Medically Ready Force.

The Fort Hood AEGD2 has a long history of tradition of providing the Dental Corps with outstanding clinicians and leaders of character; this is accomplished through a thoughtful and rigorous curriculum. Although the program is very time-consuming and demanding, it is also rewarding both professionally and personally. A foundation of the educational philosophy is “learning begins where your comfort zone ends”, so each dentist trained at the Fort Hood AEGD2 is pushed to the limits of their ability. The program leadership’s aim is to always “be the best at getting better” which means all aspects of the training environment are consistently being analyzed for areas to improve. The culture is competitive with a high operational tempo, but this unwavering commitment to excellence is balanced with tremendous camaraderie. Members of the Fort Hood AEGD2 are committed to supporting their teammates, their families, and their Unit. The program maintains a busy extracurricular calendar- social events, group fitness, and celebrations-which truly makes the Fort Hood AEGD2 “the Great Place” to develop as a clinician, Officer and person.

63 Bravos.....Always Ready!





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ANNOUNCEMENT BOARD

Dental Corps Long-term Health Education and Training (LTHET)

Applications for the Fiscal Year 2023/Academic Year 2024 Selection Board for the Dental Corps Long-term Health Education and Training programs are due on August 5, 2022. The memorandum of instruction and application forms can be found on the Dental Directorate SharePoint. Contact Graduate Dental Education at (210) 221-0079 or usarmy.jbsa.medicalecoe.list.dhet-dc-ameddcs@army.mil.

Fiscal Year 2023 Active Component Major and Colonel Promotion Section Boards

Milper #: 22-273

Proponent: AHRC-PDV-PO

Issued: 19 Jul 2022

Expires: 19 Jul 2023

Subject: Fiscal Year 2023 (FY23) Active Component (AC), Major (MAJ), Medical Corps (MC), and Dental Corps (DC), Promotion Selection Boards (PSB) Zones of Consideration

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Proponent: AHRC-PDV-PO

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Subject: Fiscal Year 2023 (FY23) Active Component (AC), Colonel (COL), Medical Corps (MC), and Dental Corps (DC), Promotion Selection Board (PSB) Zones of Consideration

Eligibility Criteria for FY2023 Lieutenant Colonel Promotion Selection Board

Milper #: 22-253

Proponent: AHRC-OPH

Issued: 06 Jul 2022

Expires: 19 May 2023

Subject: Eligibility Criteria for Officers Requesting to Defer Promotion Consideration (Opt-Out) from the FY23 LTC/MAJ Medical Corps (MC)/Dental Corps (DC), Promotion Selection Board (PSB)

Milper #: 22-252

Proponent: AHRC-OPH

Issued: 06 Jul 2022

Expires: 19 May 2023

Subject: Eligibility Criteria for Officers Requesting Early Consideration (Opt-In) by the FY23 LTC Medical Corps (MC)/Dental Corps (DC), Promotion Selection Board (PSB)

More information can be found at: <https://www.hrc.army.mil/milper/active>



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Professional Military Education

Discuss these opportunities with your Command and Professional Development Officer.

Captain's Career Course (CCC)

Phase 1 is not currently required. Visit <https://www.atrrs.army.mil/atrrscc/> and search Course # 6-8-C22 for available dates. Submit signed DA3838 to HRC, DC Professional Development Officer.

Intermediate Level Education (ILE)

The primary method of completion is distance learning ILE. Submit signed DA3838 to HRC, DC Professional development Officer.

Expert Field Medical Badge (EFMB)

EFMB training and information can be found on the U.S. Army Medical Center of Excellence website: <https://medcoe.army.mil/efmb>. Testing for EFMB is conducted annually at multiple sites across the Army.

Army Training Requirements and Resources System (ATRRS)

[Brigade Healthcare Provider Course](#)

[Tactical Combat Medical Course](#)

Defense Medical Readiness Training Institute (DMRTI)

[Combat Casualty Care Course \(C4\)](#)

Joint Medical Operations Course

Joint Medical Executive Skills Program

Visit <https://www.health.mil/Training-Center/LEADS> for information on the following courses: Healthcare Management Course, JMESI Intermediate Executive Skills, Capstone Course for Military Health System Leaders.

Medical Management of Chemical and Biological Casualty Course (MMCBC)

Interagency Institute for Federal Healthcare Executives

Joint Senior Medical Leader Course

Capabilities Development Course

Defense Strategy Course



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LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

CONTINUING EDUCATION

ARMY GRADUATE DENTAL EDUCATION (GDE) PROFESSIONAL POSTGRADUATE SHORT COURSE PROGRAM

The Army GDE office offers multiple short courses every year. Some have been run as virtual and in-person to maximize participation. In FY22 courses included:

Endo/Perio/Prosth Short Course

Restorative Dentistry Short Course

Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Course

Federal Service Dental Educators (FSDEW)

NAVY POSTGRADUATE DENTAL SCHOOL (NPDS) CONTINUING EDUCATION COURSES

The NPDS offers a long list of continuing education courses. A list of courses and application forms are listed at <https://www.med.navy.mil/Naval-Medical-Leader-and-Professional-Development-Command/Naval-Postgraduate-Dental-School/Educational-Resources/>.

On August 1, 2022, the NPDS FY23 "live" course schedule and information will become available. Army officers are welcome to apply to attend the courses. For more information visit the NPDS Continuing Education webpage: <https://www.med.navy.mil/Naval-Medical-Leader-and-Professional-Development-Command/Naval-Postgraduate-Dental-School/Continuing-Education/>



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CONTINUING EDUCATION

DENTSPLY-SIRONA Training Sustainment

Army Digital Dentistry pays for a CEREC Doctor's membership annually granting you no-cost access to the world's largest resource for CEREC training. They have provided below the 2022 CEREC Doctor's (CDOCS) Codes for 2022.

Please pass along to the appropriate people and remind them that they MUST renew on their anniversary month. If they have questions please direct them to: Memberships@cdocs.com/membership@cdocs.com

2022 Promo Codes (cut and paste into Google Chrome)

MIL NEW: https://www.cdocs.com/register/resident/promo_type/military/promo_code/MILCD2022

MIL RENEW: https://www.cdocs.com/register/resident/promo_type/military/promo_code/RNWMILCD2022

If the provided links do not work on your government computer please try to log in on a personal device, and for further assistance please contact the membership team at CDOCS. As an admin note the website asks for your current rank (for GS civilian just put "GS CIV"), and date of "enlistment" (please put an approximate date of rank or date of hire for GS CIV).



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DENTAL HEALTH COMMAND– ATLANTIC UPDATE

Fort Campbell DENTAC

2-17th CAV, 101st ABN DIV (AASLT) Dental Rodeo

On March 23, the 2-17 CAV Command Team presented Adkins Dental Clinic with a Certificate of Appreciation and Adkins Leadership Team with coins for conducting 159 exams and treating 32 DRC3 patients (increased dental readiness by nearly 6%).



Ready Dental Force

The Fort Campbell DENTAC executed a Physical Training event that combined Army Warrior Tasks, Individual Critical Tasks, and elements of the ACFT. The goal of this event was to develop our Officers, NCOs, and Junior Enlisted into a Ready Medical Force as well as foster Esprit de Corps within the



unit. Two teams consisted of three pairs of 63As and 68Es. These provider assistant teams worked in conjunction to complete all tasks. The event started with a Sprint, Drag, Carry Lane which went directly into Disassemble, Assemble, and Function check on an M4 Carbine. The team then carried a weighted litter 100 meters to an ICTL station.

At that station the team completed 1 minute of plank, 20 Hand Release Push-ups, 10 air squats and then went immediately into triaging and treating a notional sick call patient. 68Es were tested on checking vitals, completing a health history and timeout and setting



up for patient care. Officers were tested on diagnosing pericoronitis, notionally treating it and giving the patient follow-up care. The team then carried their litter 100 meters to a commo task that involved assembling a SINCGARS radio and sending a 9-line MEDEVAC request. The team finished with a final 200 meter litter carry to the endpoint



Realistic training builds confidence to complete tasks in challenging environments. Performing tasks with an elevated heart rate and under duress helps builds resilience and confidence. This training grew confidence in the Soldiers' ability to work together which further served to improve unit cohesion. Participants concluded the training confident in their ability to deliver dental care with limited time and supplies in an austere environment.



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Fort Gordon DENTAC

Congratulation to the Periodontics, Endodontics, Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery, and Prosthodontics graduating residents!



Army Dental Laboratory



Mr. Fernando Maura was selected as April Employee of the Month for his hard work and exemplary dedication to the ADL mission.



SSG Glotzbach holding a coin she received from CSM McFarlane and a Certificate of Appreciation for being selected for Commandant's List at the Army Senior Leader Course.



SPC Teasley receiving a PCS Award (ARCOM). SPC Teasley will be attending the Dental Lab Course (N5).



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Fort Benning DENTAC – Airborne Graduation



In April, PV2 Mikenson Pierre earned his Airborne wings among 171 graduates. He was pinned by CPL Alazar.



DENTAC Soldiers participating in MEDDAC level Best Leader Competition lane validation.



CPL Bosquez successfully graduated from Airborne School.

Fort Meade DENTAC – Women History Month observance & Dental Assistant Appreciation Week

During the month of March Fort Meade DENTAC celebrated Dental Assistant week and Women History month, with a very successful observance of over 140 in attendees.





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Fort Bragg DENTAC

SFC Weisler retirement congratulations to 24 years of dedicated service. SFC Weisler was a great asset to the Fort Bragg DENTAC; he served 24 dedicated years starting off as a generator mechanic and taking the leap into the 68 CMF as a Dental NCO.



Fort Bragg DENTAC's Soldiers are committed to continuing to improve their skills as 68E Dental Specialists. Congratulations to our recent graduates from the 68EX2 Preventive Dentistry Specialty School. They are valuable assets to our treatment teams.



Congratulation to the 2022 graduating resident at the Fort Bragg Oral Maxillofacial Surgery, Comprehensive Dentistry, and Endodontics resident programs! Best of luck at your next assignments.





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Fort Eustis DENTAC

On May 5, Fort Eustis held an NCO Induction Ceremony and welcomed a number of Soldiers into the core. On June 16, the Fort Eustis DENTAC was proud to have several NCOs serve as ushers at the Joint Base Langley—Eustis Birthday Ball.



Fort Jackson DENTAC

COL G. Anthony Quiroa, Fort Jackson DENTAC Commander, kicked off April's Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month with a SAAPM proclamation signing.

Fort Jackson DENTAC hosted a teal Tuesday which consisted of a SASH ambassador that hosted games, food and educational material on SAAPM. These events served to increase the importance and values of a unit that supports SHARP.

Fort Jackson DENTAC proudly showcased four new Soldiers Against Sexual Harassment (SASH) Ambassadors to the Fort Jackson footprint.





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West Point DENTAC

COL Ryhn was recognized for his many years of outstanding military service. The DENTAC team presented him with a United States Flag that flew over West Point. The DENTAC also promoted and enlisted several Soldiers.



Fort Knox DENTAC

Fort Knox conducted a joint Change of Command/ Responsibility on June 9th. A warm welcome to the new command team, LTC Setter and SFC Robinson.





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AOC SPOTLIGHT - 63H DENTAL PUBLIC HEALTH

Dental Public Health is “the science and art of preventing and controlling dental diseases and promoting dental health through organized community efforts. It is that form of dental practice which serves the community as a patient rather than the individual. It is concerned with the dental health education of the public, with applied dental research, and with the administration of group dental care programs as well as the prevention and control of dental diseases on a community basis”.

Army Dental Public Health (DPHers) practitioners are a small band of highly skilled individuals who are at the forefront of dental research, oral epidemiological surveillance, Global Health Engagement (GHE), COVID-19 protocol development, and the DC enterprise clinical operations and management.



So much has transpired since FY21 to present. The COVID-19 pandemic response continues to heavily influence clinical operations throughout the dental enterprise. In April, LTC Peter Drouillard, Dental Public Health Officer for the 18th Medical Command (Deployment Support) and Modified Table of Organization and Equipment Assigned Personnel (MAP) as the Director of Clinical Operations for Dental Health Command – Central, represented the Army Dental Corps during the Federal Dental Services Session of the National Oral Health Conference. Civilian, Government, and Military leaders gathered to discuss the importance of dental readiness, ways in which teledentistry can be maximized in future pandemics, and preparations being made by federal services for future emergency/pandemic preparedness. The annual event continues to be an excellent opportunity for collaboration while highlighting the outstanding efforts put forth to sustain oral health in the face of enormous challenges.

The 2022 Federal Dental Services Session at the National Oral Health Conference, Fort Worth, Texas included Dr. Gretchen Gibson (VHA), Col Scott Irwin (USAF), LTC Peter Drouillard (USA), CAPT Kathi Buss (USN), and CDR Tequilla McGahee (USPHS/BOP).

Regarding oral epidemiology surveillance, the team at the Corporate Dental System (CDS) is nearing completion on the Tri-Service initiated expanded caries risk protocol for use within the Tri-Service Encounter Module (TEM) and CDS Mobilized. Ideally, the new protocol will serve as a model for utilization in other dental record software platforms. Keep an eye on the CDS newsletter for additional information regarding enterprise fielding and how to navigate this new capability.



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Huge congratulations goes out to LTC Christa Goodwin on her two publications:

- The oral cancer study can be found on the MSMR website : <https://www.health.mil/News/Articles/2021/07/01/Oral-Cavity-MSMR>
- The sleep apnea technical report can be found on the Defense Technical Information Center: <https://discover.dtic.mil/> (accession # AD1171341).

LTC Goodwin will be PCSing (Summer FY 22) from the Disease Epidemiology Branch, at the Army Public Health Center to the Tri-Service Center for Oral Health Studies (TSCOHS), JBSA, TX.

COL Paul Colthirst in collaboration with external partners, has two dental technical reports currently being developed that summaries the incidents of Dental Emergencies, and what future technologies the Army (dental) can employ to address shortfalls of dental care delivery in a Multi-Doman Operation (MDO) environment. Of interest, the report will identify the most common dental emergencies in the battle space by utilizing current and historic data that challenges the scope of current dental ICTLs...More to follow!

Finally, congratulations to MAJ ChangHee Jin for graduating #1 from his residency program at the University of Iowa. MAJ Jin will PCS to the 18th MEDCOM (Deployment Support) in Hawaii. MAJ Shenice Williams was selected for DPH training, starting in 2023.