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A JOURNEY OF MILITARY SERVICE AND LEADERSHIP

By: LTC Demarcio Reed, Commander, DENTAC Fort Sill

Each and every Army Dentist should be aware of the outstanding opportunity we have to serve, lead, and have successful careers as Army Officers. I chose a career as an Army Dental Officer because of the travel and education opportunities that it afforded me. As I have grown as an Army leader, I realized my service to the organization is as much a reward as any other benefits I have received.

While growing up in Mississippi, leaders in my community served as great role models and had a strong influence in my decision to pursue military service. I was afforded the opportunity to participate in JROTC and ROTC receiving my commission as a second lieutenant in the U.S. Army in 2004. My desires were always to serve this country and take advantage of the many educational and travel opportunities that the military had to offer. As an ROTC and HPSP scholarship recipient, I had an eight year active duty service obligation but planned to make the military a career.



After completing the comprehensive residency program at Fort Bragg, my career path took me upon a journey of many different leadership positions as Officer in Charge, Dental MOB/DEMOB at Fort Bliss; Director, Army Dental Assist Program at Fort Sam Houston; Commander, Dental Activity Japan, Camp Zama and, a broadening assignment at USUHS while receiving a master's degree in Health Administration and Policy and completing a yearlong fellowship at Washington DC Veterans Administration Medical Center which opened the door to serve in more administrative roles in healthcare.

My passion for leadership and military service grew after commanding the 502d DCAS Detachment in Kuwait during a nine-month deployment. During deployment, I learned more about the operational side of military life and gained a better understanding of providing dental care in austere environments to support the Warfighter. Prior leadership experiences helped prepare me for my current role as a commander of Fort Sill Dental Health Activity.

When it comes to career success and leadership, two quotes come to mind: "Always remember that leadership is a privilege. When you are in a leadership role, your influence may affect the trajectories of people's entire careers (and often their lives!)." "Success doesn't come from what



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you do occasionally, it comes from what you do consistently.”

One of my most recent achievements was being selected for FY23 AMEDD LTC Centralized Selection List (CSL) and slated to the command McDonald Army Health Center in Fort Eustis, VA next summer. The opportunity for dental officers to compete for AMEDD CSL commands began in 2020 and I am optimistic this change will open the doors for more strategic positions within AMEDD and DHA. I encourage dental officers to take advantage of every opportunity that allows them to explore and diversify their career path. You are not confined to one area but have find your niche and what you enjoy which may be different from the direction in which you’re headed.

My advice to junior officers is find a mentor and talk with other colleagues about jobs you are interested in then ask them questions about their positions. Get as much information from them that you can so you don’t feel like you’ve made a decision that you’ll regret later in the future. Getting feedback-or sometimes, confirmation-from these people can help put you at ease and build your confidence in your decision making.





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WAR COLLEGE GRADUATION

Lifelong learning is a principle in every professional career. As Dental Corps officers, we pursue education as dentists and as Army officers. These efforts are long and can take time away from our families and personal pursuits. Despite the hardship, each milestone is rewarding.

Senior Service College is the pinnacle of Army professional education. This summer three outstanding dental officers graduated from Senior Service College. COL Andy Anderson and COL Scott Rankin graduated from the Army War College. LTC Karen Gonzalez-Torres graduated from the Navy War College. Congratulations for their accomplishment!





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DENTAL HEALTH COMMAND– EUROPE UPDATE

Colonel Manuel Pozo-Alonso's Retirement Ceremony

COL Manuel Pozo-Alonso retired after more than 30 years of dedicated, faithful service to our nation. He began his career as a Naval Officer before making the decision to commission with the United States Army. On June 10, DHC-E held a retirement ceremony to express the organization's profound gratitude for his hard work, dedication, and commitment to service. The success of the organization was in large part due to his leadership and unwavering commitment to the mission. His contributions will sustain the organization well into the future.





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Forward Dental Support Mission in Poland

DENTAC Rheinland-Pfalz (DENTAC RP) Soldiers, MAJ Dustin Connor, SGT Adeyinka Oyebowale, SPC Jacqueline Mancillas, to serve in support of the dental readiness mission in Poland. The dental team contributed to the overall success of the dental readiness mission by providing dental readiness exams and triaging urgent dental needs to the 70 V Corps and 1st Infantry Division Soldiers. The team from DENTAC RP enabled the V Corps to synchronize current contingency operations, support the ongoing mission to reinforce NATO's eastern flank, and coordinate multinational exercises across the continent.



Soldiers Complete the U.S. Army Garrison Bavaria 10 Miler Qualification Race

- On June 25, CPT Andrew Kennedy and SSG Abdousebassitou Arouna from the Dental Health Activity Bavaria completed the U.S. Army Garrison Bavaria Army 10 Miler Qualification Race at Grafenwoehr, Germany.





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DHC-E Sexual Assault and Awareness Prevention Month (SAAPM)

DHC-E held events across Europe Dental Treatment Facilities in support of Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month. During “Teal it Thursdays” staff wore teal-colored clothing on Thursdays. Other activities included “Chalk the Walk” and Denim Day. The DHC-E team showed tremendous support in bringing awareness across Europe.



Soldiers from DENTAC Italy and 173rd IBCT Complete 40-Mile March

DENTAC Italy’s and 173rd ABCT’s Brigade Dentist, completed the annual 12 hour, 40 mile, COL William O. Darby Ranger Road March Challenge on the shores of Lake Garda. The challenge is an annual event dedicated to COL Darby and 25 of his 10th Mountain Division Soldiers who marched those 40 miles and perished on April 30, 1945. The Soldiers that competed in the race were CPT Zachary White and CPT Chad Wierlo.





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2022 Army Dental Health Activity Bavaria Soldiers Commemorate Bataan Death March

On April 23, thirteen Soldiers from the Dental Health Activity Bavaria and Dental Health Command Europe SGM participated in a Bataan Memorial Death March. The 26.2-mile foot march began and ended in the picturesque Bavarian town of Amberg, Germany. The event commemorated the forced march of some 70,000 U.S. and Filipino prisoners of war captured by the Japanese in the Philippines during World War II. According to historians, the starving and ill-treated prisoners were forced to march 63 miles to a prison camp near the town of San Fernando on the island of Luzon. Of the 70,000 POWs, 54,000 prisoners lived to reach the camp. Nearly 10,000 died on the way, and others escaped in the jungle. The DENTAC Bavaria First Sergeant, 1SG Amadi, organized the event to commemorate the actual Bataan Death March and honor those who died and survived the grueling experience.





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DENTAC Rheinland Pfalz Change of Command Ceremony

On May 26, LTC David Redmond relinquished duties as the commander of the Dental Health Activity-Rheinland Pfalz to LTC James Giesen during the change of command ceremony at Sembach, Germany.



Farewell to COL Tamer Goksel

DHC-E headquarters and Dental Health Activity Rheinland Pfalz held a farewell dinner in honor of COL Tamer Goksel, recognizing him for his profoundly impactful contributions to the organizations.





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AOC SPOTLIGHT - 63P ORAL AND MAXILLOFACIAL PATHOLOGY

By: COL Lisa Franklin

Oral pathology is a specialty of dentistry that focuses on diagnosing and treating oral diseases, including oral cancer. Pathologists are involved in all areas of disease management, including research, diagnosis, examination, and treatment.

In the Army, oral pathologists maintain a practice that may include conventional dental treatment in addition to providing oral pathology consultation and treatment. The Army oral pathologist also has the mission of forensic dental identification in the unfortunate event of a service member's death.



LTC Hawie reviewing microscopic slides from a surgical case with the OMFS residents at Tripler Army Medical Center.

Army Oral Pathology authorizations include the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency and DENTACs at Hawaii, Fort Bragg, Fort Gordon, Fort Bliss, Fort Hood, Joint Base Lewis-McChord, and Joint Base San Antonio. Some in our current inventory are serving tours in command, the Defense Health Agency, and strategic assignments.



Soldier conducts forensic training.

The term "pathology" often strikes fear into the heart of a patient when counseled by their dental provider that they might need a referral for further evaluation. Patients presenting for a pathology evaluation are often concerned with the worst outcome, such as "cancer." However, there are many entities that can develop in the oral cavity that are far from malignant and can be easily treated. Most of these conditions have similar counterparts on the skin. For example, callouses that form on the hands of a weightlifter or heel blisters that develop from a long ruck. Often, time alone allows the oral tissues to heal from trauma or insult and return to normal. When lesions in the oral cavity do not return to normal and have conflicting etiology, a biopsy may be warranted. The pathologist may commence with a biopsy or refer to an oral surgeon for the procedure. Then, when the microscopic slides are ready, the oral pathologist will "read" the slides and render a report. The oral pathologist will send the diagnostic report to the referring dental health care provider.

A robust and collegial relationship is essential between the dental provider and the oral pathologist. When the material on the microscopic slide is not congruent with the clinical presentation of the oral malady, a conversation must be had between the dentist and pathologist. It is frequently a quick consult to sort things out to render a timely and accurate diagnosis for the patient.

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ANNOUNCEMENT BOARD

Medical Command Assessment Program (MCAP) Participant Attendance in Association with the Fiscal Year 2024 (FY24) Colonel (COL) Army Medical Department (AMEDD) Centralized Selection List (CSL) - Command/Key Billet Announcement

Milper #: 22-296

Proponent: AHRC-OPH

Issued: 05 Aug 2022

Expires: 01 JUL 2023

Subject: Medical Command Assessment Program (MCAP) Participant Attendance in Association with the Fiscal Year 2024 (FY24) Colonel (COL) Army Medical Department (AMEDD) Centralized Selection List (CSL) - Command/Key Billet Announcement (MILPER 22-121)

AMEDD Command Management: <https://www.hrc.army.mil/content/AMEDD%20Command%20Management>

Fiscal Year 2023 Active Component Major, Lieutenant Colonel and Colonel Promotion Selection 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

Milper #: 22-304

Proponent: AHRC-PDV-PO

Issued: 11 Aug 2022

Expires: 11 Aug 2022

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

Milper #: 22-272

Proponent: AHRC-PDV-PO

Issued: 19 Jul 2022

Expires: 19 Jul 2023

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



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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 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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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/>

FREE RESOURCES

[P&G Dental Care](#)

[Colgate Oral Health Network](#)

[Viva Learning Free Online Dental CE](#)

[Hu-Friedy Continuing Education Classes](#)

Search for other ADA CERP providers at: <https://www.ada.org/en/ccepr/find-ce-courses#sort=relevancy>



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DENTSPLY-SIRONA Sustainment Training

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).