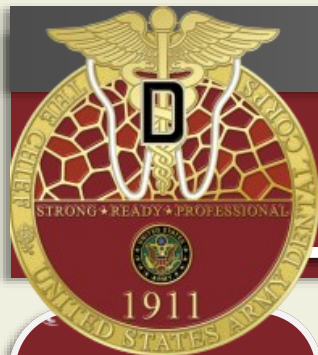


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Key duties include preparing minutes from leadership meetings, working with the president to establish organization agendas, and representing the constituency at the AGD House of Delegates and Scientific Session. Contribute to social media, webpage, and newsletters. The secretary is also responsible for tracking all events and submitting the yearly awards packet to the AGD. (2 year term)

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Army AGD Executive Board at the AGD House of Delegates in Chicago
Photo Courtesy of LTC Mike Hoffman



WHY I CHOSE TO PURSUE AN MHA DEGREE

By: LTC Demarcio Reed, DMD, MHA, MAGD

At the conclusion of my second year in command, I asked myself – what’s next. While interacting with the MTF leadership in my role, I became very inquisitive of the healthcare administration career path. One of the instructors talked about the MHA program at Uniformed Services University while I was attending the MedXcellence Course in Japan. I followed up with her, applied and was accepted into the program. During this process, there were many times I asked myself, “why pursue a masters in health administration when you already have a dental degree?” Over the years, I developed a passion for leadership and management and wanted something different. Since graduating from my ROTC program, I always desired to become a strategic transformational leader in Military Medicine by helping drive the organization’s strategic direction for employees and beneficiaries. The MHA was the path forward to achieve these goals.



The two-year MHA program was joint consisting of Navy, Air Force and Army personnel with instructors and guest speakers providing weekly briefing from federal agencies, OTSG and DHA. Its focus was on mastering leadership and management tools to effectively run the business side of healthcare delivery and manage teams of healthcare professionals. Some of the key courses and topics discussed were healthcare management, human resources, finance, quality, and strategy as well as health policy, law, and ethics. At the conclusion of my didactic year, I presented an integrative capstone project on the “Intervention Used for Provider Education in Reducing Opioid Prescriptions” working with leaders who assisted with developing DoD policies on opioids. During the entire the program, I maintained my clinical skills by treating patients at Walter Reed Dental Clinic one half day per week.

Among the many administrative fellowship opportunities in the National Capitol Region, I choose the Washington DC Veterans Affairs Medical Center in order to understand the operational side of healthcare. During my fellowship, I performed rotations at the White House, Capitol, Department of Veterans Affairs, Holy Cross Hospital, MedStar National Hospital, Baltimore VAMC and attended the annual AMSUS meeting hosted in the National Capitol Region. In completing my fellowship year, I presented my final graduate management project/thesis on “Assessing a Geographic-Based Medicine Teams for Interdisciplinary Rounds Intervention Implemented at a Major Veterans Affairs Medical Center to Improve Quality of Care.”

If you are interested in pursuing a similar career path, determine what your goals are and how this type of program will help fill in the knowledge gaps and skills. Along my journey thus far, I am grateful for this invaluable opportunity to gain healthcare knowledge and experience that impacts decision making and policy development in many of the military’s critical areas of interest. In my current assignment as a commander, I have utilized business and policy development tools to maximize readiness with available resources.

As I prepare to take command of McDonald Army Health Center at Fort Eustis in June 2023, I am able to use the problem solving, strategic thinking, and innovative skills taught within my MHA program to lead an organization in delivering healthcare services. We must stay abreast of—and help our organization adapt to—ever-changing health care laws, regulations, and technology as healthcare leaders. We must also develop robust processes for military medicine as we continue to fully integrate under DHA, always in pursuit of operating as a High Reliability Organization.



“ENTHUSIASTIC INNOVATION AND SYNERGISTIC COLLABORATION”

By: COL Kevin Gillespie

As Army Officers and dentists, we wear several hats. Whether we are optimizing patient care in the clinic or preparing for future conflicts, one of our most important roles is that of leader. However, within military healthcare, we need not go far to associate with leaders of the highest caliber, all of whom we would like to emulate. Unfortunately, an astute observer might, on occasion, also identify certain traits that are less desirable. Regardless of where we are on the “ideal leader” continuum, there are innate attributes that each of us possess that can be employed daily to be successful—but effective leaders have also honed specific qualities that enhance their performance. Fortunately, character traits and abilities can be acquired through education and implementation.

To humbly qualify my remarks, I have spent a career pursuing those desirable skills that would not only help achieve personal goals, but ideally improve those around me. As a board-certified periodontist with more than thirty years of combined reserve and active-duty military experience as well as many years of private practice experience obtained through the Off-duty Employment Program, business experience blended with a military framework has proven to be greatly beneficial and applicable in many ways.

Personally, I have invented and patented novel products, started my own business as well as assisted with many others. Professionally, as the Program Manager of the Organ Support and Automation Technology Combat Casualty Care Research Team (CRT 3) at the US Army Institute of Surgical Research (USAISR), I lead a team of almost sixty personnel. They consist of engineers, medical and dental clinician-scientists, researchers, and technicians aimed at developing novel life-saving interventions that integrate various software, robotics, virtual reality, and Artificial Intelligence algorithms to enhance provider performance and increase medical capabilities at the point-of-injury to improve patient outcomes on the battlefield. I interact daily with academic institutions, industry partners, and military stakeholders to leverage personnel talents and resources to address capability gaps and promote innovation and collaboration. Facilitating the coordination between clinicians and scientists is critical when shaping biomedical research efforts. Additionally, I teach at the periodontal residency program, serving as a faculty member at the US Air Force Post Graduate Dental School, preparing residents to not only treat patients, but to manage practices.

After completing the US Army periodontal residency program early in my career, I was considering the transition from military service to private practice as well as starting my own business. Therefore, pursuing a master’s degree in business administration (MBA) was a logical choice. My MBA program requirements included weekly class attendance in the evenings as well as homework and group projects outside of class with a two-year cohort. Several aspects of business were addressed such as finance and accounting, marketing and advertising, business law and strategy, and of course, leadership and organizational management. These concepts proved to be very useful and complementary to my professional military education. Because I was confident there would always be private practice prospects, I chose to remain on active duty. Retrospectively, I could not be more thankful for that decision. Throughout my military career, the Army provided me with a means to serve our great country as well as a multitude of opportunities to improve my clinical and leadership abilities, live overseas, teach residents, advance my education, do research, experience broadening assignments, serve within a military community of highly motivated and talented dental professionals, and most of all—provide care to the most-deserving patients.... our troops!

I am passionate about promoting a culture where enthusiastic innovation and synergistic collaboration aimed at improving patient care thrives. By managing resources effectively, proactively fostering relationships, and ardently pursuing additional education to develop and improve life-saving interventions will provide a strategic and significant value-added proposition throughout the enterprise. Therefore, seeking an MBA aligns perfectly with those principles and ethos that drive agile modernization. Additionally, it is my belief that obtaining an MBA offers a competitive advantage to distinguish yourself among a field of highly qualified peers when the time for promotion arises. I am extremely grateful to supportive leaders that have encouraged me to pursue additional educational opportunities. From my perspective, getting an MBA or whatever additional education you choose to pursue as early as possible will not only benefit your current work situation, but can positively alter your life’s trajectory by expanding the aperture to future prospects even after a fulfilling military career.



COL Gillespie in the engineering lab at the U.S. Army Institute of Surgical Research

COMMANDING VALUE

By: COL Scott Rankin, DDS, MS, MBA, MHA, MSS

A few thoughts about my MBA/MHA Army-Baylor program experience. Prior to applying for Long Term Health Education and Training (LTHET), I was looking for a challenge and an opportunity to make me a more well-rounded AMEDD Officer. I thought the Army-Baylor program was one approach to accomplish this. Pursuing an MBA/MHA was an excellent leader development opportunity. The Army-Baylor program was a rigorous program that I feel has increasing value as Dental Officers move to compete more and more for branch immaterial positions. The MHA track of the Army-Baylor program provided me a fellowship opportunity at a civilian institution (University of Washington Medical Center). During my fellowship I led numerous process improvement efforts that enabled me to apply what I learned from both MHA and MBA courses. It was an excellent experience that allowed me to explore the challenges and solution sets of a civilian institution. The fellowship experience has improved my ability to frame and address the issues I encounter. I feel pursuing an MBA and MHA has benefited me in command. I have an increased focus on incorporating quantifiable data into my decision making and an increased ability to assess a problem from multiple angles.



COL Rankin competes for a podium position in the “Masskrugstemmen” (Beer-Stein Holding Competition) at the 2022 Garmisch Dental Excellence Symposium’s Bavarian Night. An MBA may not prepare you for this competition, but it has the potential to empower officers to lead hard-working and happy teams, like the one shown here.

Left to Right: COL Scott Rankin (Commander, DHC-E), LTC Anthony Kight (Commander, Bavaria), and MAJ Paul Goforth (Elite Endodontist)

Photo: CPT Jim Cholewa, 12 October 2022



DENTAL HEALTH COMMAND PACIFIC UPDATE

DHC-P Command Team Conducts Battlefield Circulation Across the Pacific AOR

Battlefield circulations across the Pacific AOR allow the Command Team to meet face to face with key leaders to discuss dental readiness and dental support to installation Commanders. This is also an opportunity for the Command Team to recognize Soldiers and staff members for their outstanding work in front of their teammates.

During a battlefield circulation to Presidio of Monterey, the DHC-P Command Team had the opportunity to conduct key leader engagements with the Garrison Commander, Commandant of the Defense Language Institute Foreign Language Center, and CALMED MTF Commander to further synchronize dental support for the area of operations.

DHC-P Command Team conducted battlefield circulation at JBLM from 15-17 November 2022 and had the opportunity to conduct key leader engagements with the 62nd Medical Brigade Commander and Puget Sound Market Director / MAMC MTF Commander in support of dental readiness. The Command Team visited all six DTFs and recognized Soldiers and Civilian staff for their outstanding work.

During the most recent battlefield circulation to DENTAC-AK, the Command Team had the opportunity to visit Fort Wainwright and Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson. The Command Team was able to conduct key leader engagements with the Alaska Market Director, USAF 673MDG Commander, and MEDDAC-AK Command Teams in support of dental readiness. During this visit, the DHC-P Command Team had the opportunity to conduct a site visit and walk-through to evaluate the renovation of Kamish Dental Clinic in Fort Wainwright.



Soldiers Selected for ROTC Green to Gold

SGT Nuo from DENTAC-Hawaii and SGT John P. Ryan from DENTAC-Japan were selected for the SY23 ROTC Green to Gold Scholarship Program. The program provides eligible active-duty enlisted Soldiers an opportunity to complete a baccalaureate or a two-year graduate degree and earn a commission as an Army Officer. Although we will miss these Soldiers, we are proud of their hard work and dedication to advancing their careers.

DENTAL HEALTH COMMAND PACIFIC UPDATE

71st Annual 38th Parallel Healthcare Training Symposium

Several DHC-P staff members attended the 71st Annual 38th Parallel Healthcare Training Symposium hosted by 65th Medical Brigade/MEDDAC-K. This symposium provided an opportunity for Asian-Pacific theater healthcare professionals and USFK members to build and strengthen relationships with host nation and regional partners. In addition to engaging with discussions on preparedness and the vision of a perpetually ready force, staff members participated in various sessions across several different AOC tracks. The training event helped inform DHC-P leadership on key topics impacting the Pacific AOR and allowed staff to network with counterparts. The final event for the 38th Parallel Dental Track was a visit to the JSA with the US Army Dental Corps Chief. The tour provided our junior and senior leaders an understanding of the significance of the location of JSA and why the US military forces exist in the ROK.



Above, Left to Right: COL Tawanna McGee-Thondique (DHA), COL Lee Burnett (CDR, 65th MED BDE), COL Stephen Tanner (29th Chief), COL Azure Utley (CDR, 618th DCAS), CSM Marc Selby (CSM, 65th MED BDE)

Below: Symposium Attendees visit the Joint Security Area, within the De-Militarized Zone. Photographed in front of the North Korean area of the JSA





DENTAL HEALTH COMMAND PACIFIC UPDATE

DENTAC Japan Officer Advances to 2023 CSM Jack L. Clark Jr. U.S. Army Best Medic Competition

In October 2022, CPT Christopher Wunsch (DENTAC-Japan) represented DHC-P during the MRC, P Best Medic Competition. CPT Wunsch finished in the top two and was chosen to represent MRC, P alongside the first-place finisher at the 2023 CSM Jack L. Clark Jr. U.S. Army Best Medic Competition at Fort Polk, LA. During the Best Medic train-up, SFC Benny Cantu (Operations NCO) set the foundation for realistic Army training for Medical Readiness Command, Pacific (MRC, P) and 18th Medical Command Competitors. SFC Cantu coordinated with 2nd Squadron, 14th Cavalry Regiment "Rattlesnake" and Charlie Company, 3rd Battalion, 25th Aviation Regiment "Dustoff" to conduct Air and Land Extraction and Extrication Training. SFC Cantu's efforts created an open line of communication that will yield to future training opportunities for DHC-P Soldiers. CPT Wunsch is set to compete during the last week of January 2023.





DENTAL HEALTH COMMAND PACIFIC UPDATE

DHC-P Best Warrior Competition

Soldiers from across the Pacific AOR competed at the annual DHC-P Best Warrior Competition at Schofield Barracks, HI. The competition seeks to challenge the Region's best Soldiers in a simulated operational environment. During the competition, Soldiers navigate a grueling series of events that push their stress, physical, and emergency medical skills to the limits. The competitors face many challenges throughout the competition, including an obstacle course, forced march, ACFT, TC3, and stress shoots which tested their ability to fight despite difficult conditions. Competitors' medical proficiencies improved throughout the course of the week. We are proud of all our competitors and want to especially congratulate our winners: SGT James Wilfrom III from DENTAC-Alaska and SPC Sebastian Chavez from DENTAC-HI.



DHC-P Officers Selected During FY22 AMEDD ILE Board

DHC-P congratulated six Officers who were selected for ILE: MAJ Kellie Okeefe and MAJ Barbara Wegiel from DENTAC-AK; MAJ Shauna Jones, DCC-JBER Commander; MAJ Laurel Kessler, MAJ Anna Yoo, and MAJ Jee Kim from DENTAC-Hawaii. We are proud of these Dental Corps Officers who are striving to become well-rounded leaders for our AMEDD by balancing patient care, leadership, and professional military education opportunities.

FY23 LTHET Graduate Dental Education

CPT Caitlyn Menicucci (XO, DENTAC-Hawaii) was selected among her peers to attend the Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology (63P) residency program in JUL 24. MAJ Jacob England was also selected for LTHET as an alternate for the Maxillofacial Prosthodontics Fellowship (63F) program.

FY22 9A Proficiency Designator

LTC Kimberley Inouye and COL Dentiono Worrell were among the most recent Officers selected and given the "A" Proficiency Designator. These Officers are truly deserving of this highly coveted designation as AMEDD Officers, and DHC-P is proud of what they have achieved throughout their careers as Dental Corps Officers.



DENTAL HEALTH COMMAND PACIFIC UPDATE

Two DENTAC-JBLM Officers Inducted into Prestigious Fellowship

On 14 October 2022, DENTAC Commander COL Alfred Anderson and MAJ Michael Mooney were inducted into the International College of Dentists. COL Anderson was presented with a medallion and pin from the organization.

DENTAC-JBLM Conducts Land Navigation Training

On 03NOV22, SGT Jeffrey McCroy, SGT Janice Kim, and CPL Jaron Ricks conducted land navigation training. Some of the tasks included determining grid coordinates, using a lensatic compass, converting an azimuth, and navigating from one point to another. This training allowed our NCOs to develop their leadership skills by using the 8-Step Training Model to prepare for training.

DENTAC-JBLM Soldiers Field ICTs with 673rd DCAS

DENTAC-JBLM Soldiers were provided an opportunity to train during the 673rd DCAS Field Training Exercise. DENTAC-JBLM Soldiers trained on field ICTs which cannot be completed in a clinical environment. The Soldiers trained and evaluated on the setup field dental equipment, operating field dental equipment, and conducting dental x-rays in a field environment.





DENTAL HEALTH COMMAND PACIFIC UPDATE

DENTAC-Japan SGT Ryan Coined by Sergeant Major of the Army Grinston

SMA Grinston conducted a visit to the Korean peninsula and a brief visit to Japan. During his visit in Japan, SMA Grinston presented a coin to SGT John Ryan from Torii Station Dental Clinic for his services as the BOSS President and commitment to the community.



DENTAC-Japan Supports 1-1 Special Forces Training

DENTAC-Japan Soldiers continue to improve their readiness and understanding of how to support our Warriors by training alongside other units. SGT Ryan and SPC Moore supported 1-1 SFG during a night live fire range and during their field training exercise.

DENTAC-Japan Completes Annual JGSDF (Japanese Ground Self Defense Force) Program

The JGSDF dental residency bilateral program with DENTAC-Japan concluded on 28OCT22. Dental lectures, literature reviews, digital dentistry hands on session, EST range, and a diagnostic ACFT concluded the successful events. .





DENTAL HEALTH COMMAND PACIFIC UPDATE

DENTAC-AK Red Cross Dental Assistant Training Program Graduation

COL Nathan Surrey (Garrison Commander) was in attendance for the first Red Cross graduation since the COVID pandemic. CPT Emer Bajuelos was instrumental in preparing and executing the program which included over 720 hours of instruction and chairside training. There were 30 applicants and only nine were selected to participate in the program. These applicants endured 40 hours of chairside assisting to complete the program and support the DENTAC mission. An article was published in a local newspaper and on Army.mil. An abridged version is available below.

By Eve Baker, Army.mil

On Saturday, eight new graduates accepted their certificates from the American Red Cross Dental Assistant Training Program during a graduation ceremony held at the North Haven Community Center on Fort Wainwright.

“The American Red Cross has a long-standing history of supporting our military communities through a variety of programs and services. The Dental Assistant Training Program spring 2022 cohort has been the largest and most successful class to date. We are excited for the program's success and look forward to beginning a new cohort at the turn of the year,” said Melody Hanson, Alaska regional program manager in the Service to the Armed Forces branch of the Red Cross.

When asked why she applied for the program, graduate Jackie Silva said, “I have always been interested in the dental field but life took a different path, and I became a stay-at-home mom for many years. My kids are now school aged, and when I saw this opportunity I realized it wasn't too late for me to get started in my career of choice.”

The primary coordinator for the program was Capt. Emer Bajuelos, a general dentist at the clinic who was grateful for the students' participation, despite the extra work it brought her.

“Running the program was a lot of work, but it was kind of like an investment. They helped us a lot. In Alaska, we struggle to find people and are very short-staffed. The students were very motivated and helpful around the clinic and with extracurricular activities, like an organization day and our participation in the Golden Days Parade,” Bajuelos said. “They became part of the team and really helped morale.”

Graduates received a certificate of completion and congratulatory letter from Alaska Governor Mike Dunleavy, and the top three received a Red Cross scholarship to test for radiology safety certification, making them eligible for a higher level of employment.

The spring 2022 graduating class consisted of six spouses of active duty service members, one Gold Star surviving spouse, and one active-duty spouse who is also a veteran. Though the program does not guarantee job placement, this year's class has been successful in that respect. Four have accepted local job offers, three have upcoming local interviews, and one is in the application process for a job at her spouse's next duty location.

Silva and Portwood are two of the participants who have already secured employment. Silva is now working at Four Corners Dental Group, and Portwood is working at Fairbanks Dental Center.

“I was able to finish my clinical hours early and started applying independently. I was able to land a job fairly quickly and will say I love it so far!” Portwood said.

The graduating students from the spring 2022 class are as follows: Brianna Cady, Heather Goodridge-Woods, Madalynn Grace Portwood, Sonya Granados-Aguirre, Keyshla Marie Matos Velázquez, Jacquelyn Silva, Celysha N. Theodore, and Maureen Wacholtz.

Full Text Available At: <https://www.army.mil/article/260776>





DENTAL HEALTH COMMAND PACIFIC UPDATE

DENTAC-Hawaii Advanced Education in General Dentistry 24 Months (AEGD-2) Passed Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA) Inspection

COL Lambert (Program Director) and MAJ Wilson (Assistant Program Director) successfully passed the inspection conducted by CODA of the American Dental Association. The two-year training program provides professional education at the post doctorate level. It encompasses supervised training and clinical experience in all major specialty areas of dental practice.

DENTAC-Hawaii Dental Officer Selected for Advanced Education in Endodontic Residency Program

CPT Michael Franciscus, 3rd Brigade Dental Officer was selected to attend the Endodontics Residency Program. Upon successful completion of training, residents will be awarded certificates of completion and the skill identifier 63E9C by the Office of The Surgeon General of the US Army. The program is fully accredited by the Council on Accreditation of the American Dental Association and its graduates are recognized as qualified to take the examination of the American Board of Endodontics.

DENTAC-K/618th MED CO Conducts Joint Exercises with ROK Allies

DENTAC-K resourced and planned for PMF-22 (Operation Bite Tonight), a theater-wide joint exercise which enabled the unit to improve operational skills and strengthen alliances with Korean Allies. ROK Dental Corps Officers and NCOs accepted an invitation for a site visit during the 618th MED CO/DENTAC-K mass dental rodeo during Operation Bite Tonight. This opportunity allowed DENTAC-K leaders to share best practices and strengthen ongoing relationships with the ROK dental leadership.



HAWAII DENTAC SOLDIERS COMPLETE NORWEGIAN FOOT MARCH

By: CPT(P) Robert Van Wagenen and MAJ Jessica Bondy-Carey

On December 21, 2022, three Hawaii AEGD-2 residents and a DENTAC 68-E voluntarily undertook the challenge of the Norwegian Foot March (NFM). Held annually at many installations, the NFM is an exhausting test of endurance which, if completed, yields a foreign badge.

The NFM was first held in 1915 as a test of marching endurance for soldiers in the Norwegian Military. The strategic goal was to ensure large units of troops could cover a great distance swiftly and maintain combat effectiveness after the march.

Clad in OCP uniforms, the four DENTAC Soldiers joined hundreds of other Army, Air Force, Navy, and Marine participants at Nu'upia Ponds Trail on Marine Corps Base Hawaii. At 0200, amid plummeting December temperatures as low as 65 degrees Fahrenheit, they stepped off to complete the 18.6-mile march, bearing rucksacks weighing, at minimum, 25 lbs. Thanks in part to prophylactic cocktails of Imodium, caffeine, acetaminophen, and various NSAIDS, all four DENTAC candidates maintained the grueling pace of sub-15-minute miles and completed the march with time to spare. After completing the ruck march, however, the day was just beginning as the rules stipulate participants complete a full duty day afterwards. The four Schofield Barracks DENTAC personnel fulfilled the requirements, earning the Norwegian Foot March Badge. The three AEGD residents are looking forward to displaying the badge on their service uniforms at their graduation in June.

Participation in events like the NFM broaden clinical personnel experience, giving insight into the lives of the Soldiers we serve and demonstrating the "Soldier first" philosophy often emphasized within the organization.



Pictured from left to right after completion of the march: MAJ Jessica Bondy-Carey, chief resident of the Hawaii AEGD-2 senior class; MAJ Nicholas Ruana, who participated in the ruck march just days after preparing for and passing the AGD fellowship exam; CPT(P) Robert Van Wagenen, who also recently completed the 12.4 mile Marche Internationale de Diekirch; and SPC Chloe Conlon, a talented and enthusiastic 68-E from Schofield Barracks Dental Clinic.



Left: CPT(P) Robert Van Wagenen and COL Dentonio Worrell

Right: MAJ Jessica Bondy-Carey

Pictured during a qualifying round on September 11, 2022. This was a 9.11 KM rucksack race with a 25lbs rucksack at a pace of 14:30 min/mile. It was hosted by the Marine Corps Base Hawaii on Belmours Airforce Station.





CPT(P) Van Wagenen, MAJ Bondy-Carey, and MAJ Nick Ruana before (*Left*) and after (*Below*) the Ruck Race



SPC Chloe Conlon (*Above*) and MAJ Nick Ruana (*Right*) pictured during a qualifying round on September 11, 2022. This was a 9.11 KM rucksack race with a 25lbs rucksack at a pace of 14:30 min/mile. It was hosted by the Marine Corps Base Hawaii on Bellows Airforce Station.





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Discuss these opportunities with your Command and Professional Development Officer.

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Phase 1 is now 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.

Dental Management Development Course (DMDC)

This is a one week, in-person course that focuses in on the leadership and management of Army Dental clinics and personnel, taught by dental, for dental. This is an excellent course for current or future OICs or NCOICs or clinic leaders wishing to refine their skillset in managing an Army Dental Clinic. The course is held at the Medical Center of Excellence, JBSA.

For further information, contact course manager:

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DMDC CLASS #	REPORT DATE	START DATE	END DATE
235	08/06/2023	08/07/2023	08/11/2023
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233	04/02/2023	04/03/2023	04/07/2023
232	02/12/2023	02/13/2023	02/17/2023

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 Excellent website: <https://medcoe.army.mil/efmb>. Testing for EFMB is conducted annually at multiple sites across the Army.

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HEALTH PROFESSIONS LOAN REPAYMENT PROGRAM

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FISCAL YEAR 2023 ACTIVE-DUTY HEALTH PROFESSIONS LOAN REPAYMENT PROGRAM (ADHPLRP)
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The Surgeon General (TSG) has approved the ADHPLRP as a retention initiative to maintain adequate numbers of selected qualified Army Medical Department (AMEDD) commissioned officers on active duty and within the active component. Funding available for FY23, up to \$40,000 (pre-tax) per year in loan repayment funding for qualified educational loans is available for each selected eligible applicant, for a contract period of up to three years.

<https://www.hrc.army.mil/Milper/22-479>



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