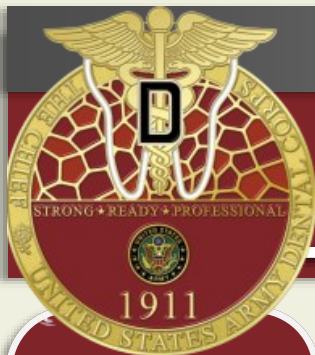


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TOOTH BE TOLD: FORENSIC DENTISTRY IN THE ARMY



Pictured: LTC Jennifer Hawie, Oral Pathology Consultant

By: LTC Jennifer Hawie

Forensic Dentistry is an area of dentistry involved in the management, examination, evaluation, and presentation of dental evidence in criminal or civil legal matters. Within Army Dentistry, competency in performing a postmortem examination is one of the skills identified for the maintenance of combat readiness. As such, this skill has been incorporated as a component of the Individual Critical Task List (ICTL). Compliance for this ICT can be achieved by attending the Forensic Odontology Course in person, by

completing the Forensic Odontology training virtually, or by completing a postmortem examination.

Historically, the Forensic Odontology Course has been taught in person by an Oral and Maxillofacial Pathologist. The two-day course comprises both didactic and hands-on training designed to educate dental providers on the following: history of forensic dentistry, legal implications, postmortem examination methodology, official documentation, and mass casualty scenarios. A certificate is provided to individuals who complete the course. This certificate can then be delivered to credentials coordinators for documentation of ICT compliance and for credentialing privileges in performing postmortem examinations.

While in-person training is the gold standard, it is not feasible for every dental officer to attend in-person training every year. For this reason, a virtual option has been created that can be utilized as an alternative to satisfy the ICT. This training should be proctored by a dental professional who has successfully completed the in-person training, can be completed in one day, and meets the intent of familiarizing the dental professional with postmortem examination methodology and proper completion of legal documents. It is important to note that virtual training does not qualify the individual to be credentialed in postmortem examination. The intent of virtual training is solely to satisfy the ICT requirement. The virtual training materials can be found on the link to the left (Under Dental Education/CE).

The in-person, two-day, Forensic Odontology Course is currently provided by Oral and Maxillofacial Pathologists who are stationed across the country: Ft. Liberty, Ft. Gordon, Walter Reed National Military Medical Center, Ft. Cavazos, Ft. Sam Houston, Ft. Bliss, Tripler Army Medical Center, and Joint Base Lewis-McChord. Each Oral Pathologist has the capability to travel to DENTACs within their area of operation to provide this course in support of ICTs.

Feel free to contact LTC Jennifer B. Hawie at jennifer.b.hawie.mil@health.mil if you would like to schedule an in-person Forensic Odontology Course for your DENTAC.



FAREWELL TO COLONEL DAVID TUCKER, CHIEF OF GRADUATE DENTAL EDUCATION

By: COL Tom Goksel

COL David Tucker served for over 20 years making significant clinical and academic contributions to the Army Medical Department and to the specialty of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery. A native Texan, he grew up in South Texas. After graduating from Texas A&M University in 1998 with a Bachelor's Degree in Biomedical Science, he completed his DDS degree at the University of Texas in San Antonio in 2003. His initial assignment on Active Duty was as an AEGD 1-Year Resident at Fort Sill, Oklahoma where he remained after graduation and served as a General Dentist until 2005. He graduated the Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Residency Program at BAMC in 2009.

From July 2009 through June 2012 COL Tucker was the Chief of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery, and the Officer-in-Charge of the Hospital Dental Clinic at Martin Army Community Hospital in Fort Moore (formerly named Fort Benning), Georgia. An exceptional educator, COL Tucker was the primary mentor in Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery for the Fort Moore 1-Year Advanced Education in General Dentistry Residency Program.

From July 2012 until his retirement COL Tucker remained as an Attending Surgeon at the San Antonio Military Medical Center Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Residency, instructing Army, Air Force and civilian OMS residents in the full scope of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery. During his tenure, COL Tucker successfully graduated over 40 OMS residents with diverse skills and academic knowledge, ready to deploy and meet the Army's surgical mission needs.

July 2020 COL Tucker was selected to serve as the Chief of Graduate Dental Education, responsible for, and overseeing all of Graduate Dental Education in the United States Army, including all Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery, Prosthodontic, Periodontic, Pedodontic, Endodontic, Orthodontic, Comprehensive, and AEGD Residency Programs and associated Fellowships.

COL Tucker's awards include the Legion of Merit, Meritorious Service Medal (1 OLC), Army Commendation Medal (2OLC), Army Achievement Medal (3OLC), and he is a recipient of the Surgeon General's "A" Designator, and the Order of Military Medical Merit.

COL Tucker is married to his beautiful wife Teresa, a retired Army Emergency Physician. They have two daughters aged 18 and 20.

After retirement, COL Tucker will stay in the San Antonio area, working in private practice and enjoying the ranch life at his ranch in Junction, Texas.



COL Tucker pictured with the 29th Dental Corps Chief, COL Stephen Tanner.

BEST WISHES & SINCERE THANKS TO THE SELFLESS SERVICE OF COLONEL TRAVIS AUSTIN

By: COL Tom Goksel

COL Austin graduated Columbia University in 2003 and completed a 1-Year Advanced General Dentistry Residency at Ft. Campbell, KY. He was assigned to the 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 1st Armor Division, Baumholder (*the rock*), Germany and deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. He was able to attain the Expert Field Medic Badge while staging with his unit in Kuwait and then traveled north to Ar Ramadi as a component of the 1st BCT, 1st Armor Division, in support of the 2006 Battle of Ramadi.

After deployment, he returned to San Antonio, TX to begin training as an Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeon at Brooke Army Medical Center. Upon graduation in 2011 he was assigned the role of Assistant Program Director, Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery, Dwight D. Eisenhower Army Medical Center, GA, and after an additional 2 years, was named Program Director as a Major. He continued in that role through accreditation in 2018, and then served as Chief of Service until his departure in 2020. He was then assigned to the Department of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery, Tripler Army Medical Center, HI, where he served as OIC and Chief of Service until his retirement in 2023.

COL Austin is a graduate of the Army's Command and General Staff College, the AMEDD Officer Basic and Advanced Courses, and the Combat Casualty Care Course. He is board certified by the American Board of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery and is a Fellow of the American Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery.

COL Austin's awards include the Bronze Star Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal, USN Unit Commendation, National Defense Service Medal, Iraq Campaign Medal, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon, and the Combat Action Badge in addition to Expert Field Medic Badge. In 2020, COL Austin was inducted into the Order of Military Medical Merit (O2M3) and was awarded the Army Surgeon General's 'A' Designator.

COL Austin is blessed to have trained residents throughout his career and is proud to have been given the opportunity to contribute to the lives of others. He has been married to Kristine Austin for almost 24 years, and they have 2 children: Madison and Axl. After retirement, COL Austin and his family will reside in central Florida, where they are looking forward to starting their next chapter.



COL Travis Austin pictured with his family.

ARMY PERIODONTICS

By: COL Thomas Johnson

The United States Army Advanced Education Program in Periodontics is a three-year, ADA-accredited residency program producing clinicians excelling in the full scope of periodontics—surgical treatment of periodontal and peri-implant disease, laser periodontal therapy, implant surgery, periodontal plastic surgery, sinus elevation, alveolar ridge augmentation, and more. Residents receive extensive training and experience in optical scanning, digital implant treatment planning, and surgical template printing. The ADA Commission on Dental Accreditation standards require periodontics residents to demonstrate competency in provisionalization of dental implants, and Army residents have the opportunity to restore single posterior implants.

Are you the Dental Corps' best and brightest? Army Perio wants YOU! The application deadline for the 2023 Long-term Health Education and Training Selection Board is 24 July. Please see your local Army periodontist or email COL Thomas Johnson (thomas.m.johnson34.mil@health.mil) for more information.



Congratulations to MAJ(P) Aaron Pfaff (Fort Wainwright), MAJ Sarah Vargas (Fort Liberty), and MAJ Jennah Wagner (Fort Meade) for challenging the American Board of Periodontology in May. MAJ April Bumpers (Fort Jackson), who is board qualified, postponed her oral exam due to the arrival of her beautiful daughter, Teagan. Since 2003, 100% of Army Periodontics graduates have achieved board certification.

2023 ARMY PERIODONTICS GRADUATES



Congratulations to the Class of 2023 on completion of a challenging and transformative three-year journey and compilation of an incredible accomplishment list. Follow-on assignments include:

West Point (LTC Sergio Muñoz)
Fort Riley (MAJ Joseph Retrum)
Fort Liberty (CPT(P) Rachel Duval)
Fort Shafter (CPT Aaron Colamarino)

ARMY PERIODONTICS: HAIL AND FAREWELL

By: COL Thomas Johnson

The Army Periodontics program has prepared to receive the next group of 63Ds-in-training: CPT Denise Cacho, CPT Toria Koutras, CPT Andrew Egger, and CPT Justin Galliani. These four outstanding officers will begin program orientation on 30 June.

In April, Army Periodontics bid farewell to one of the pillars of professionalism in Army Dentistry—COL Douglas D. Lancaster. A 1989 graduate of the United States Naval Academy, COL Lancaster distinguished himself through a brilliant and impactful 30-year career in the Army and Navy, comprised of operational assignments, positions in graduate dental education, key leadership roles, and a successful DENTAC command. COL Lancaster culminated his career as Deputy DENTAC Commander and Program Director of the United States Army Advanced Education Program in Periodontics, Fort Gordon, Georgia. From 2015 to 2017, COL Lancaster served as Consultant to the Surgeon General for Periodontics and Chief of Army Graduate Dental Education in San Antonio, Texas. As consultant, he played a pivotal role working with tri-service partners and the Defense Health Agency to develop requirements for the MHS Genesis electronic health record. As Chief of GDE, COL Lancaster maintained administrative oversight over all Army advanced dental education programs, including eight successful accreditation site visits by the American Dental Association Commission on Dental Accreditation. All programs received the highest rating—full accreditation without reporting requirements.

Five additional 63Ds have completed service on active duty over the last year: MAJ Jennette Bick, MAJ Iris Anastasia Panos, MAJ Anthony Vargas, MAJ James Wilson, and MAJ Daniel Brockway. We thank these outstanding officers for their dedication to duty and their commitment to excellence.



Pictured: COL Douglas D. Lancaster

CLINICAL AND BASIC SCIENCE RESEARCH IN ARMY PERIODONTICS



In April, Army periodontics residents competed in the Southern Academy of Periodontology Billy M. Pennel Research Competition, which is open to residents at Louisiana State University, University of Alabama Birmingham, Augusta University, University of Florida, Nova Southeastern University, Medical University of South Carolina, University of North Carolina, University of Tennessee, University of Louisville, and Virginia Commonwealth University. This year, Army periodontics residents won four of six Pennel awards:

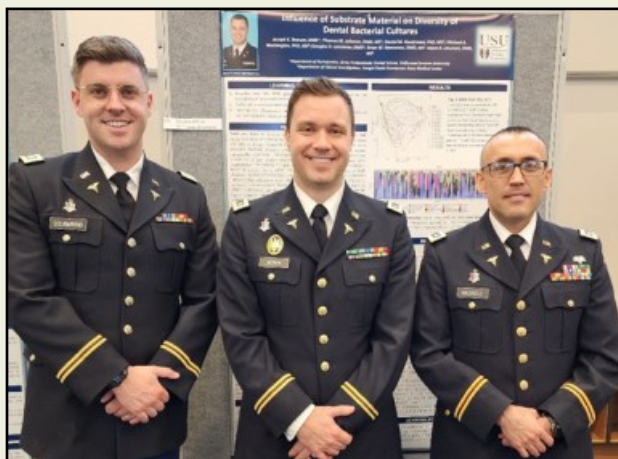
CPT(P) Rachel Duval, first place, clinical sciences category

CPT(P) Carsen McDaniel, second place, clinical sciences category

CPT William Bane, first place, basic sciences category

MAJ Joseph Retrum, third place, basic sciences category

ARMY PERIODONTICS: RESEARCH



By: COL Thomas Johnson

In March, CPT Aaron Colamarino, MAJ Joseph Retrum, and LTC Sergio Muñoz participated in the Augusta University Research Competition, which involves the entire Dental College of Georgia and researchers from the Augusta University Graduate School. LTC Sergio Muñoz won first place in the clinical sciences category. MAJ (P) Aaron Pfaff (Fort Wainwright) won the same award in 2022.

TECHNOLOGY IN GRADUATE DENTAL EDUCATION



At the 2023 Federal Services Dental Educators Workshop (FSDEW), LTC(P) Adam Lincicum presented on technology in Graduate Dental Education. Army educators are uniquely positioned to critically evaluate and selectively incorporate currently available technologies to positively impact dental readiness and wellness. Because of educators like LTC(P) Lincicum, Army programs produce tech-savvy clinicians able to drive solutions in operational and fixed-facility environments.

LTC(P) Adam Lincicum at the 2023 FSDEW in Bethesda, Maryland.

INDIVIDUAL CRITICAL TASKS

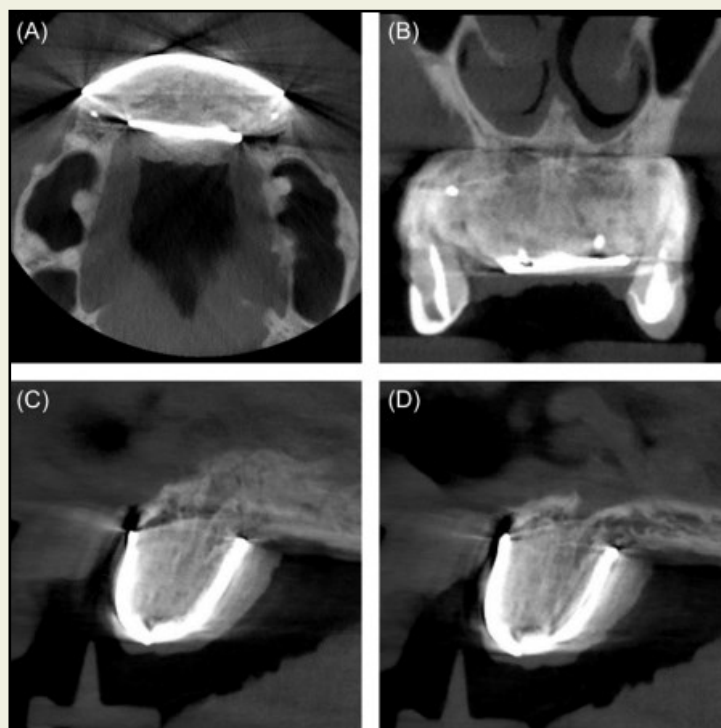


Army periodontists are engaged in reviewing, developing, and updating Individual Critical Tasks to ensure that resources are optimally aligned with operational training requirements. CPT Aaron Colamarino has developed a model that will allow Army dentists to train on management of tooth avulsion.

CLINICAL ADVANCES IN PERIODONTICS

Common causes of alveolar deficiency, such as periodontitis, root fracture, local infection, and remodeling secondary to tooth loss usually produce defects readily managed using absorbable or nonabsorbable barrier membranes and bone biomaterials. On the contrary, traumatic episodes can very suddenly produce complex, multidimensional alveolar deficiencies that require enhanced space maintenance strategies. Working with LTC Sloan McLoughlin, Deputy Commander, Army Dental Lab, MAJ Joseph Retrum has developed a two-piece, site-specific zirconia device to support ridge augmentation in the facial, palatal, and vertical directions.

Image: Cone-beam computed tomography volume at postoperative month three following application of the custom two-piece zirconia space maintenance device in a patient experiencing trauma to the anterior maxilla. Favorable alveolar ridge volume for implant placement was noted. (A) Axial view. (B) Paracoronal view. (C) Cross-sectional view #8 area. (D) Cross-sectional view #10 area.



FACULTY DEVELOPMENT



The strength of the Army Dental Corps is critically dependent upon the strength of our Graduate Dental Education programs. We need top-notch, inspirational educators. MAJ Jennah Wagner recently became the newest assistant professor in the Department of Periodontics, Army Postgraduate Dental School, Postgraduate Dental College, Uniformed Services University (USU). USU faculty members have access to incredible faculty development opportunities at levels ranging from a certificate in Health Professions Education to a doctoral degree. The simplest way for new faculty members to get started is to complete the DFD Course Series (DFD-1, DFD-2, and DFD-3). For assistance, contact COL Thomas Johnson at thomas.m.johnson34.mil@health.mil or Associate Dean for Faculty Affairs, Dr. Jay Graver, at jay.graver@usuhs.edu.

For more information on USU Health Professions Education programs, see the links below:

Center for Health Professions Education:
<https://chpe.usuhs.edu/>

Postgraduate Dental College: <https://pdc.usuhs.edu/>



ENCOUNTERING A LEGEND AND A HERO



CDR (Ret) Everett Alvarez and COL Thomas Johnson

While attending the 2023 Federal Services Dental Educators Workshop, COL Thomas Johnson was presenting at an award ceremony for Past President of Uniformed Services University, Dr. Richard W. Thomas. Filing into the auditorium, COL Johnson was astounded to see a name on one of the chairs in the reserved section—Hon. Everett Alvarez Jr.

COL Johnson nudged his commander, who was sitting next to him, and said, “I am going to shake that man’s hand.” CDR Everett Alvarez, U.S. Navy, Retired, was one of the longest held prisoners of war in Vietnam. He was the first U.S. pilot shot down, and he was detained for over eight years. What COL Johnson was unaware of is that President Reagan appointed CDR Alvarez to the Uniformed Services University Board of Regents in 1988, and he has been an incredible supporter of the institution ever since. COL Johnson was extremely humbled to meet a hero who has sacrificed so much for his country.

PEER REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS:

Army Periodontists Recorded Eight Peer-Reviewed Publications from 2022 to 2023:

1. Vargas SM, Johnson TM, Pfaff AS, Bumpers AP, Wagner JC, Retrum JK, Colamarino AN, Bunting ME, Wilson JP, McDaniel CR, Herold RW, Stancoven BW, Lincicum AR. Clinical protocol selection for alveolar ridge augmentation at sites exhibiting slight, moderate, and severe horizontal ridge deficiencies. *Clin Adv Periodontics* [Online ahead of print February 9, 2023]. <https://doi.org/10.1002/cap.10239>.
2. Colamarino AN, Johnson TM, Boudreaux DM, Dutner JM, Stancoven BW, Lincicum AR, Akers JA. Influence of *Lactobacillus reuteri*, *Bifidobacterium animalis* subsp. *lactis*, and prebiotic inulin on dysbiotic dental biofilm composition ex vivo. *J Periodontol* 2023. [Online ahead of print January 2023]. <https://doi.org/10.1002/JPER.22-0505>.
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5. Bunting ME, Hawie JB, Lancaster DD, Johnson TM. Firm swelling of the lips and aphthouslike oral ulcers associated with new-onset allergies. *J Am Dent Assoc* 2022;153:274-283. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.adaj.2021.01.015>.
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7. Johnson TM, Vargas SM, Wagner JC, Lincicum AR, Stancoven BW, Lancaster DD. The triangle suture for membrane fixation in guided bone regeneration procedures: a report of two cases. *Clin Adv Periodontics* 2022;12:186-193.
8. Akers JA, Johnson TM, Wagner JC, Vargas SM, Colamarino AN, Jenzer AC, Lincicum AR, Hawie JB, Lancaster DD. Dental implants at sites of focal high and mixed density osseous lesions: clinical practice guidelines. [Online ahead of print 2 February 2022]. <https://doi.org/10.1002/cap.10192>.



DOD CHANGES THE NAME OF NINE ARMY INSTALLATIONS BY 2024

“In January 2023, Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Sustainment, William A. La Plante directed all Department of Defense organizations to begin full implementation of the DOD Naming Commission recommendations. This directive included the renaming of nine Army installations by 01 Jan 2024.” For more information, visit the U.S. Department of Defense Link: (<https://www.defense.gov/News/Releases/Release/Article/3259966/dod-begins-implementation-of-naming-commission-recommendations/>).

ORIGINAL NAME	LOCATION	NAME CHANGE
Fort Benning	Georgia	Fort Moore
Fort Bragg	North Carolina	Fort Liberty
Fort Gordon	Georgia	Fort Eisenhower
Fort A.P. Hill	Virginia	Fort Walker
Fort Hood	Texas	Fort Cavazos
Fort Lee	Virginia	Fort Gregg-Adams
Fort Polk	Louisiana	Fort Johnson
Fort Pickett	Virginia	Fort Barfoot
Fort Rucker	Alabama	Fort Novosel

REACHING THE PROFESSIONAL PINNACLE:

American Board of Oral Maxillofacial Surgery Diplomates

By: COL Tom Goksel

The following Army Oral Surgeons received Board Certification from the American Board of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery (ABOMS). This accomplishment is a two-year endeavor that requires passing a written Qualifying Examination, gaining postgraduate experience, and challenging an Oral Certifying Examination. 410 candidates challenged the 2023 Oral Certifying Examination, with 288 candidates attaining board certification, a 70% pass rate. Congratulations to the new Diplomates of the American Board of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery!

MAJ Barima Sakyi Adjei (Fort Cavazos)

CPT(P) Christopher Rylan Cason (Fort Cavazos)

CPT(P) Paul Jiman Chang (JBLM)

MAJ Jai Ik Cho (Fort Sill)

MAJ John Reed Combs (Walter Reed)

MAJ Ryan Douglas Haig (Fort Riley)

MAJ Anna Gilreath Moorhead (Fort Stewart)

MAJ Joseph Daewon Park (Fort Liberty)

MAJ Corey Paul Paulino (Fort Campbell)

MAJ Christopher Joseph Rohe (Fort Campbell)

CPT(P) Aaron John Stoker (Fort Johnson)

CPT(P) Connor William Witty (Fort Gregg-Adams)



DENTAL HEALTH COMMAND PACIFIC UPDATE

DHC-P Represents the Army Dental Corps at the 66th Tri-Service Dental Symposium

The DHC-P Commander along with several leaders from across the Pacific AOR represented at this year's Tri-Service Dental Symposium from 28FEB23-2MAR23. COL Charles Lambert provided a lecture on Lasers in Dentistry, MAJ(P) ChangHee Jin provided a lecture on access to care from a Public Health Dentist's Perspective, and COL Lewis Wayt spoke on Operational Dentistry in the First and Second Island Chains. The conference offered an opportunity for military dentists throughout the region to synchronize a wide variety of dental and operational-related topics. Additionally, valuable relationships were fostered with Japanese Ground Self-Defense Force dentists and local private practitioners. In conjunction with the Tri-Service symposium, the DHC-P Command Team conducted battlefield circulation at Camp Zama and Torii Station. The Command Team had the opportunity to visit all DTFs in Japan and recognized Soldiers and Civilian staff for their outstanding work.



DHC-P Hosts Senior Leader Readiness and Training (SLRT) Symposium

Dental Command Teams from across INDOPACOM gathered at Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, California for a three-day readiness and training symposium from 28-30MAR23. DHC-P Command Teams, incoming commanders and senior enlisted, and HQ staff had the opportunity to hear from several senior leaders regarding topics impacting MEDCOM, Medical Readiness Command, Pacific (MRC, P), and the Defense Health Agency. Attendees left with a clear understanding of the MRC, P mission, vision, and training priorities. Attendees also participated in team building events and leader professional development as part of the training.



DHC-P Soldiers Compete in MRC, P Best Leader Competition

On 06-10MAR23, Six Soldiers representing DHC-P (Team 8) from DENTACs Alaska, Japan, and Hawaii competed in the MRC, P Best Leader Competition on Oahu, Hawaii. They endured Physical Fitness Assessments, Stress Shoots, AWTBD Lanes, Obstacle Courses, Water Survival, Land Navigation, Mystery Event (Jungle), Combatives 6v6 Fights, and a 12-Mile Ruck. DENTAC-HI Soldiers were responsible for running the stress shoot and physical fitness assessments during the competition. (DENTAC-Hawaii: SPC Chloe Conlon, SPC Sebastian N. Chavez; DENTAC-Alaska: CPT Will R. Adamson, SSG Drysthian Williamsmatos, SGT James Wilfrom III; DENTAC-Japan: SPC Shanika Moore).





DENTAL HEALTH COMMAND PACIFIC UPDATE

Civilian Staff and Officer Receive Army Dental Corps Award of Excellence

We would like to congratulate DHC-P nominees who were selected for the 2023 Dental Corps Awards of Excellence.

DC Chief's Federal Civilian Award of Excellence-Category I: Ms. Hui Won Om (DENTAC-Korea).

DC Chief's Federal Civilian Award of Excellence-Category II: Dr. William M. Martin (DENTAC-JBLM).

DC Chief's Award for Excellence in Dental Education: LTC Marc M. Serra (DENTAC-JBLM).

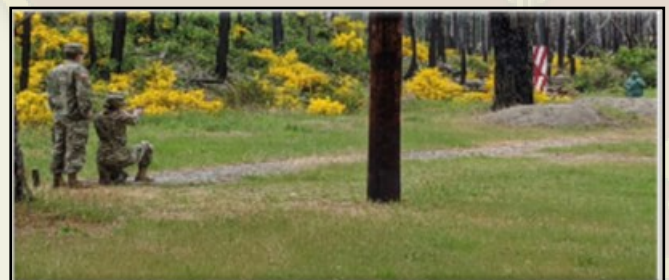
LTC Marc M. Serra was selected for the DC Chief's Award for Excellence in Dental Education - an annual award which provides personal recognition by the Chief, U.S. Army Dental Corps, for one Dental Corps officer who made significant and exemplary contributions to the Army Dental Corps, while serving in a formal Army Dental Corps Graduate Dental Education Program (Dental Specialty Residency or AEGD-1Yr).



Pictured: LTC Marc M. Serra

DENTACs Conduct Weapons Qualification Through Installation Partnerships

DENTACs remain committed to ensuring all Soldiers are up to date with their weapons qualification by coordinating ranges with units across the Pacific AOR. In FEB23, Officers from DENTAC-AK attended training at the EST and qualified at the M4 range supported by 28th MP DET and 549th Military Working Dog Detachment. DENTAC-AK Soldiers also attended the 1-25 Aviation Regiment and 1/11 Airborne Division M4 zero and qualification range in FEB23 where they were able to experience a weapons range in the Artic Alaska weather. 618th MC (DAS)/DENTAC-K conducted an M4 and M17 qualification range, where several Soldiers had the opportunity to improve their weapons skills and qualification. Soldiers from DENTAC-JBLM participated in both M4 and M17 qualification ranges through coordination with Madigan Army Medical Center while Soldiers from DENTAC-HI participated in various M4 zero and qualification ranges run by Desmond Doss Health Clinic and Tripler Army Medical Center.



DENTAL HEALTH COMMAND PACIFIC UPDATE

DENTAC-JBLM Battlefield Circulation

DENTAC-JBLM Commander COL Anderson and First Sergeant SFC Weaver conducted their quarterly rotation visit to Presidio of Monterey, CA. COL Anderson and SFC Weaver were also able to have a meet and greet with newcomers PV2 Torres and PV2 Flythe.



DENTAC-JBLM Conducts Best Warrior Competition

CPL Jaron Ricks and PV2 Deandre Houck Washington were the 2nd Quarter winners of DENTAC-JBLM's Best Warrior Competition. The grueling competition consisted of day and night land navigation, ACFT, weapons zero and qualification, a 6-mile road march, written examination, and an oral board. The rigorous competition was intended to challenge both the physical and mental toughness of each candidate.

DENTAC-JBLM Conduct Dental Forensics Training

MAJ Parth Mewar conducted Dental Forensics ICT training to the Dental Corps Officers assigned to DENTAC-JBLM and 673rd DCAS. As Individual Critical Task training continues to mature, "Perform Postmortem Dental Examination/Forensic Identification" (081-000-2729) is one of the difficult to achieve 63A tasks. The Officers conducted hands-on training and successfully completed the case scenarios for an ante-mortem and post-mortem identification.

DENTAC-JBLM Presidio of Monterey (POM) DC Soldiers Conduct Training at Camp Roberts

POM DC Soldiers conducted AWTBD training with CAL MED and US Army Signal Activity (USASA) at Camp Roberts. The three units organized and executed a two-day FTX for 18 Soldiers assigned to POM (dental and medical). The training included assembly/disassembly and functions check, M4/M17 qualification range, land navigation, medical skills training, and a tour of the enclave with a classified brief of operations. This training event was the first of its kind with the three units and set the conditions for future and follow-on training opportunities.





DENTAL HEALTH COMMAND PACIFIC UPDATE



DENTAC-Japan Receives Enhanced Digital Dentistry Knowledge

LTC Michael Kroll conducted hands-on digital training for DENTAC-Japan Dental Officers. LTC Kroll focused on computer-aided design and manufacturing equipment, such as 3D scanners and milling machines. In addition, the clinic uses 3D printers to create models, night guards, and athletic mouth guards. LTC Kroll is assigned as a MAP officer to DENTAC-JBLM and is considered the subject matter expert on digital dentistry within the Pacific region.



DENTAC-Japan Soldiers Compete at the 49th Naha Haarii (Dragon Boat Race)

CPT Yang served as a member of the Army Ladies Dragon Boat Team while SSG Hampton and SGT Ryan served as members of the Army Black Knights Dragon Boat Team at the Naha Haarii Dragon Boat Race in Okinawa. CPT Yang and the Army Ladies' Dragon Boat Team won the

championship trophy while the Army Black Knights came in 2nd place during the 49th Naha Hari Festival Dragon Boat Races. Each team was comprised of U.S. Army personnel along with bilateral partners from the Japanese Self-Defense Forces.



DENTAC-Japan Showcases Dental Capabilities

In FEB23, MEDDAC-J hosted a bilateral engagement with professors from Japan's National Defense Medical College (JNDMC). As part of their engagement, the JNDMC were provided a tour of the Camp Zama Dental Clinic. The professors were especially intrigued by DENTAC-J's Airborne Infection Isolation Room and Digital Dentistry capabilities.

DENTAC-Japan Farewells MAJ Thomas Shealy

A Farewell Ceremony was held in honor of MAJ Thomas R. Shealy, OIC, Camp Zama Dental Clinic. MAJ Shealy has been a stalwart leader for DENTAC-Japan. His hard work as OIC, with Infection Control and HAZCOM, while mentoring and leading from the front have culminated in receiving a much-deserved PCS award. MAJ Shealy will PCS to attend a 4-year OMS residency beginning in the summer of 2023.





DENTAL HEALTH COMMAND PACIFIC UPDATE

DENTAC-Alaska Conducts Winter Familiarization & Dental Field Equipment Training

On 9MAR23, Fort Wainwright Soldiers and GS Civilians experienced ice fishing during a winter familiarization. In the afternoon, lunch was provided for everyone where the USO supported this event by donating hot dogs, drinks, and snacks. SGT Azurna grilled ribs, shrimp, and veggies. This was an awesome event that raised the morale of everyone that attended. Additionally, 25th BSB, 1st BCT, 11th ABN DIV conducted Dental Field Training Exercise (ICTs) with DENTAC-AK (Fort Wainwright) Soldiers during the morning on same day.



DENTAC- Alaska, JBER-DCC Bids Farewell to CPT James (Spencer) Slattery

CPT Slattery served three years at JBER-DCC as a 63A and was instrumental to the dental readiness and wellness mission. The Command Team congratulated his efforts and presented him with a well-earned ETS award. CPT Slattery will be departing the Service and plans to practice dentistry in Pennsylvania in the near future.

DENTAC- Alaska, JBER-DCC Commander Graduates Cold Weather Orientation Course (CWOC)

On 7-12MAR23, MAJ Shauna Jones participated in the 11th Airborne Division's Cold Weather Orientation Course (CWOC), held at the Northern Warfare Training Center. MAJ Jones learned specific cold weather mitigation tactics to facilitate tactical operations in cold environments. After a successful completion, MAJ Jones is now be able to provide instruction to JBER-DCC Soldiers on training tasks from the Cold Weather Indoctrination Course.



DENTAC- Alaska, JBER-DCC Increase Readiness Through AWTBD Training

Officers and Enlisted personnel from JBER-DCC participated in a training event culminating with a hike to a scenic local waterfall. Several Army Warrior Tasks and Battle Drills falling within the "Move" section were completed, with emphasis on lensatic compass use and terrain identification.



DENTAC- Alaska NCO Graduates Senior Leader Course

SSG Debra Vaiau graduated from Senior Leader Course at Joint Base San Antonio, Texas on 26APR23. The Noncommissioned Officer Professional Development System (NCOPD) is the keystone for NCO development which establishes an organizational framework to develop the next generation of competent and committed NCOs.

DENTAL HEALTH COMMAND PACIFIC UPDATE

DENTAC- Alaska, JBER-DCC NCOs Obtain Bachelor's Degrees

SSG Leonard Waller graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Sports Health Sciences and SGT Curnealius Goldman completed a Bachelor of Arts in Healthcare Administration. Both graduates worked diligently to complete their degrees while on Active Duty, which is an immense accomplishment, and demonstrates their steadfast commitment to education.

DENTAC- Alaska, JBER-DCC ICTL Provider Training

MAJ Shauna Jones, Commander JBER-DCC, spearheaded a month-long ICT mission to facilitate proficiency in ICTs that are not commonly conducted during their current assignment at the Fort Richardson Dental Clinic in Alaska. This training allowed providers to share their own experiences while demonstrating proficiency and assisting each other. Four assigned providers accomplished over 26 tasks in addition to supporting the 2/11DIV, 2BDE, 725 BSB Brigade Dentist in accomplishing his remaining ICTs.



DENTAC- Alaska, JBER-DCC Soldiers Conduct Field ICT with Brigade 68E

JBER-DCC Soldiers trained with SPC Torres, who is assigned to the 2nd Brigade/11th Airborne Division. SPC Torres conducted training on "Utilize the Dental Field X-ray Unit". JBER-DCC Soldiers conducted hands on training and were evaluated IAW SOP for utilizing field x-ray unit.



DENTAC-Alaska, JBER-DCC Conduct "Medicate on the Move" at Eagleleglen Fitness Park

The Enlisted Soldiers and Officers from JBER-DCC completed an outdoor morale and readiness exercise with re-training opportunities on AWTBDs "Medicate" and "Communicate". The team mounted cross-country skis and skied to a location where a battlefield injury was simulated. The team practiced Tactical Casualty Combat Care and requesting medical evacuation through 9-line request. Everyone had a wonderful time building confidence in both their medical knowledge and in their assigned Arctic Gear!





DENTAL HEALTH COMMAND PACIFIC UPDATE

DENTAC-HI Conducts Change of Command

After over a year and a half in command, COL Kelly J. Johnson passed the Colors of DENTAC-HI to COL Dentonio Worrell at a change of command ceremony on 12MAY23. The change of command at Palm Circle on Fort Shafter marked the beginning of a new journey for COL Worrell and his family as COL Johnson and his family prepare for retirement.



DENTAC-HI Officer and Noncommissioned Officer Retire After 20 Years of Service

COL Travis Austin and SFC Andrew Barthol, accepted their retirement certificate from COL Kelly Johnson, Commander, DENTAC-HI. After 20 years of service, COL Austin and SFC Barthol retired from the U.S. Army Dental Corps and look forward to spending time with their families. As part of the ceremony, both Soldiers received the Meritorious Service Medal, one of the many awards and citations they have received during their military career.

DENTAC-Hawaii Hosts Dental Corps Birthday Ball

On 10MAR23, DENTAC-HI hosted the Dental Corps Birthday Ball where Service Members from across the Region, Island, and across multiple organizations joined to celebrate the DC. Highlights included the National Anthem by Ms. Samantha Brown (AEGD Education Tech), Hawaiian Chant performed by Ms. Brandi Waiamau (Schofield Barracks Dental Clinic), a brief history of the Dental Corps, and Polynesian Hula entertainment.



DENTAC-Hawaii Conducts NCO Induction Ceremony

DENTAC-HI conducted an NCO induction ceremony in collaboration with 18th MEDCOM on 1FEB23. The following NCOs were inducted:

SGT Roman Bundoc
SGT Josie Bohman
SGT Lemapu Savusa
CPL Melissa Cosby

The four NCOs have worked extremely hard and are truly deserving of this honor.

DENTAL HEALTH COMMAND PACIFIC UPDATE

DENTAC-Korea/618th MC (DAS) Represents during 20th Seoul International Dental Exhibition and Scientific Congress (SIDEX 2023) held at COEX, Seoul

DENTAC-Korea/618th MC (DAS) Command Team had the privilege of representing Army Dentistry at the opening ceremony of the 20th Seoul International Dental Exhibition and Scientific Congress (SIDEX 2023) held at COEX, Seoul. SIDEX is the world's eighth largest dental exhibition and scientific congress. The lecture series included international professionals. Seoul Dental Association / SIDEX Organizing Committee is an ADA CERP recognized provider and many Army Dental Officers took advantage of the opportunity to network and earn continuing education credit. <http://www.gunchinews.com/news/articleView.html?idxno=64942>.



DENTAC-Korea/618th MC (DAS) Command Team Conducts Key Site Visits to Strengthen the ROK/US Alliance

DENTAC-K/618th MED CO Command Team conducted several key site visits over the last two quarters. Among the visits, the Command Group met with the President of the Seoul Dental Association in Seoul, Dr. Kang, Hyon Goo, the President of the Korean Dental Association in Seoul, Dr. Park, Tae-Keun, and various faculty and staff from the Yonsei University College of Dentistry in Seoul.

Visits also included the Dankook University Dental Hospital in Cheonan and Seoul National University School of Dentistry.



The Command Team reinvigorated the alliance with Seoul National University School of Dentistry (SNUSD) and Seoul National Dental Hospital as they prepare to celebrate their 100th anniversary in 2024. The Commander, Deputy Commander, Operations NCO, and Executive Secretary enjoyed a tour of the facilities and shared discussions with the faculty. An invitation to the 38th Parallel Dental Track was extended to the SNUSD faculty.



DENTAL HEALTH COMMAND PACIFIC UPDATE

DENTAC-Korea/618th MC (DAS) Setup Field Dental Clinics Across the KTO



In Area III, the ROK Dental Corps NCOs assisted in the site occupation and was provided the opportunity to train on the unit's field dental equipment. In addition, the ROK AFMC Commander, BG Beomman Ha, and the Chief of the ROK Army Dental Corps, COL Kwon Dong Joo, conducted a site visit at the field dental clinic site in Carius DTF Area of Operations.

DENTAC-Korea/618th MC (DAS) Organizational Day

DENTAC-K recently held its annual Organizational Day at Everland Resort Korea. It was a fun-filled day of thrilling rides and wildlife attractions for the entire family.

To begin the day, leaders congratulated the Best Warrior of the Quarter winners SPC Tainatongo and CPL Fruen, Soldier of the Quarter and NCO of the Quarter. The team also said farewell to executive secretary, Ms. Han and Executive Officer, 1LT Carl Castillo as they move on to new positions for the Army.



DENTAC-Korea/618th MC (DAS) Conducts Taekwondo Training

Soldiers conducted Taekwondo training over a six-week period during the months of April and May, culminating in Soldiers being tested and earning their yellow belts. This was a fun and rewarding way to maintain physical readiness and boost morale during unit PRT.



CONTINUING EDUCATION

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Captain Career Course (CCC)

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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(803) 465-2747 (Personal Cell)
christopher.m.coleman18.mil@army.mil

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.

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 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)



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Interagency Institute for Federal Healthcare Executives

Joint Senior Medical Leader Course

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<https://medlinet.amedd.army.mil/>

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.

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