

Civilian Corps Chief Commanders/CSMs Msg #4 (15 March 2013)

Commanders and CSMs,

Time again for a short AMEDD Civilian Corps update, so thanx for allowing me to invade your day. I'm sending this message based on the latest CDR/CSM list from MEDCOM. If you get it by mistake, my apologies; if you see we've missed someone, please forward. Thanx in advance.

Here's the latest on what's happening. If you have any questions please send up a flare. Also, if you have questions about other issues related to the Civilian Corps, please let me know. As I present the info, much of it you can find again on the AMEDD Civilian Corps website (<https://ameddciviliancorps.amedd.army.mil> <<https://ameddciviliancorps.amedd.army.mil>>). I encourage you to give it a look. Thanx!

WOLF PACK AWARD: Congratulations to HQ, NRMC for winning the 2nd quarter FY 13 Wolf Pack Award. They did a great job with the coding process and recovered millions of dollars that would have gone uncollected. This award is a great way for you to recognize the great teams of military and civilians together who so something great in helping you accomplish your mission. The next submission deadline is 5 April. Information is available on the website under "Celebrate Success."

AMEDD REGIMENTAL AFFILITAIION AND CIVILIAN CORPS BIRTHDAY: March 26th will be the 17th anniversary of the AMEDD Civilian Corps. LTG Horoho and the Regimental Colonel, MG (Ret) Hawley-Boland will join us at 1000-1100 CDT for the ceremonies. You and your folks can also join us by VTC. Have your POC call the AMEDD Civilian Corps Office at 210-808-3025 or email us by going to the Corps website and using the "Contact Us" button. Thanx to those of you who have already worked on MEDCOM OPORD 13-36 w/FRAGO 1 and set up a celebration. We've heard some really creative ideas for this event. This is an historic event and a great opportunity to recognize your civilians and integrate them more solidly into the Army Medicine Team. Hope to see you there.

CORPS CHIEF MENTORING SESSIONS: The AMEDD Civilian Corps Office still plans to reach out to Corps members even tho travel is limited. Our first outreach will be a town hall/mentoring session via VTC. Sessions BY TIME ZONE to accommodate your times. The first cut (will modify with experience) at times is:

--Western, Mountain, and Hawaii---1500 CDT, Wednesday, 27 March

--Europe---0800 CDT, Thursday, 28 March

--Central---1300 CDT, Thursday 28 March

--Eastern---0900 CDT, Monday, 1 April

--Japan and Korea---1800 CDT, Wednesday, 3 April

Our point of contact is Ms. Martha Arevalo. Your folks can contact her via email or by calling 210-808-3025. NOTE: The schedule is by TIME ZONE, not by command. We're working a couple of topics but will be open to questions.

CIVILIAN EDUCATION SYSTEM (CES): Even in these tough fiscal times, initial DA assessment identified civilian leadership training as mission critical. So, CES training is continuing. Please encourage your civilians to continue pursuit of their developmental education. CES courses have distance learning (dL) and, except the Foundation Course, centrally funded resident components. A reminder. Regardless of status as prior military or not, employees who came to work for the Army after 30 Sep 06 must complete the dL Foundation Course. With exception of the Foundation Course, civilians can get equivalency for military leadership education and training. Information about CES courses is available on the AMEDD Civilian Corps website under the "Training and Development" link, bottom left.

CAREER PROGRAM 53 (CLINICAL) FUNDING: Army sees other types of development for civilians as mission critical as well. We still expect to have CP 53 training opportunities in FY13. Since TDY is restricted, as an alternative, we are looking at technology based e-Learning, online training, and local courses that require no TDY. There are a couple of requirements. The training must be related to the job and the institution used for training must be accredited. Training at local community colleges and universities is eligible but cannot be part of a degree producing program because degree programs require special DA approval. Please encourage your folks in CP 53 to think about this option. For questions have your employees contact our POC, Mr. Pete Altman, at (210)-221-2486 or by email at pete.a.altman.civ@mail.mil <<mailto:pete.a.altman.civ@mail.mil>> .

BAYLOR, BAYLOR, BAYLOR: Just a reminder about another great educational opportunity for employees you see good candidates. Civilians are eligible to attend the U.S. Army-Baylor University Program in Healthcare Administration taught here at the AMEDD Center and School. Information is available on the Civilian Corps website under the "What's New" link. The submission deadline is 31 Oct 13.

One final thought. As I look at the Army Civilian Corps Creed (right side, home page of the AMEDD Civilian Corps website) I am reminded of just how integrated we are on the Army Medicine Team----military, civilian, hybrid (former military, now civilian), and contractors. We are members of the same Team, dedicated to one another, and focused on the same mission. With minor exceptions, we take the same oath and serve by the same value system. Thank you for what you do as senior leaders to shape, motivate, guide, and reward this team of committed professionals.

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