

AMEDD Civilian Corps Chief Msg #36---Some Furlough Information (5 June 2013-Without Attachment)

Howdy All,

Just a short note this time, I promise. Like most of you, I recently received my furlough notice, Monday of this week to be exact. Yes, I know it's really hard; but we will survive this and, as I said in a previous message, will come out of it stronger in the long run. Those of us on "active duty" in the AMEDD Civilian Corps understand and have, no doubt, thought through the implications of the furlough. We will support one another and we will succeed.

That isn't always so easy for our families, however. Mr. Ray Horoho, spouse of The Surgeon General LTG Horoho, understands your family's contributions to our nation and recognizes some of the associated challenges. He put his thoughts together in the attached letter and asked me to forward it to you. Please share it with your family members. Just as you are key to the Army Medicine Team, they are key to your own personal Team and, therefore, to your contributions to the AMEDD mission. Thanx in advance for doing that.

A couple other bullets before I go:

. The June edition of the MEDCOM Civilian Human Resources Division (CHRD) newsletter has good information regarding the furlough and associated topics. You can access it through CHRD's AKO site at <https://www.us.army.mil/suite/doc/40355596> <<https://www.us.army.mil/suite/doc/40355596>> .

. At the 26 March AMEDD Civilian Corps Birthday Celebration TSG did a question and answer period with the attendees about multiple topics, to include comments on sequestration. Thought you might be interested. The transcript of her remarks are posted on our website under What's New: <https://ameddciviliancorps.amedd.army.mil/CivilianCorps.aspx?ID=be93978f-6015-4937-aa93-e132b291177f> <<https://ameddciviliancorps.amedd.army.mil/CivilianCorps.aspx?ID=be93978f-6015-4937-aa93-e132b291177f>>. Take a look.

. We have started our foray into the world of social media. The AMEDD Civilian Corps now has a Twitter account. Our "handle" is @amedd_civ_corps. The intent is to focus on health and wellness but you will see from the tweets so far that we mention other general topics aswell. We currently follow 24 other tweeters (including CSA, Army Medicine, TSG, CSM Brock, Army Wellness Center, USAGov, President's Council on Fitness, and Army Athlete). So far we have 9 followers (yes, we're really new!), some activities/orgs that we follow and some individuals. I plan to start on the site this week---even at my age! Come join us if you dare.

Finally (yes, I said short!), just a reminder about keeping yourselves and your families safe during this summer period. Summer brings with it all sorts of opportunities for fun and relaxation but there are often associated risks like

heat injuries, swimming and boating mishaps, and so on. Please be careful and keep your mind in the "safety game". It is absolutely essential so that you and your family remain Team members as we pursue the missions of Army Medicine. Thanx for all that you do and I'll be back again soon. Take care.

Sincerely,

gregg

Gregg Stevens, SES
Deputy to the Commanding General
AMEDD Center and School
Chief, AMEDD Civilian Corps
3060 Stanley Road, Ste 301
Fort Sam Houston, TX 78234