

**AMEDD Civilian Corps Chief Msg #37----A Few Reminders and New Mentor VTC Schedule
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G'day All,

Just a quick note this time with a few reminders and info on the next series of Corps Chief mentoring VTCs (Hope you can attend).

ARMY'S 238th BIRTHDAY: Tomorrow is the Army's 238th birthday. The central theme for this year's celebration is "America's Army: Service to the Nation, Strength for the Future." The subtheme is "Defending our Nation's flag for over two centuries." Our Army celebrates over two centuries of defending freedom, our flag and democracy around the world. The Nation's freedom rests in the hands of our Soldiers, Families and Civilians who defend "The Stars and Stripes." So congratulations to you for being a member of the Army Team and for what you do every day to contribute to the Army's capabilities. Just to be clear, despite my age I have no firsthand knowledge of the first days of our history. My experience began some time later---how much later will remain a mystery!

WOLF PACK AWARD: Don't forget to send in your Wolf Pack Award nominations by 8 July. The Surgeon General and I "virtually" awarded the 3rd Quarter award to a deserving group at Bassett Army Community Hospital in Alaska. We look forward to hearing what your Teams of military and civilians working together are able to achieve. The 4th Quarter winning team will automatically compete for the Annual Award with the other quarterly winners. Nomination information is available on our AMEDD Civilian Corps website under "Celebrate Success":

<https://ameddciviliancorps.amedd.army.mil/CivilianCorps.aspx?ID=0134b56e-121c-442d-862a-4cf5525a1dfb>

<<https://ameddciviliancorps.amedd.army.mil/CivilianCorps.aspx?ID=0134b56e-121c-442d-862a-4cf5525a1dfb>> . Remember, 8 July!!

TWEET, TWEET: Our foray into social media is under way. The Corps now has a twitter site at https://twitter.com/AMEDD_Civ_Corps <https://twitter.com/AMEDD_Civ_Corps> . (You can also find it on the home page of our website, <https://ameddciviliancorps.amedd.army.mil> <<https://ameddciviliancorps.amedd.army.mil>> .) Our number of followers is slowly but steadily increasing. Try it and join the fun! (No, this does NOT mean we have now become twits!)

CORPS CHIEF MENTORING SESSIONS FOR 3RD QUARTER FY2013: The next set of mentor VTCs are scheduled for the last week of June. We've arranged them regionally again to try to accommodate your time zones and you are welcome to join any session that fits your schedule. Talk with your supervisor if you need to find out how reserve a VTC room at your location. Several locations arranged for large group participation when we did this back in March. Your Civilian HR offices can also help. I plan to talk again with you about what's going on across the Corps, Army Medicine, and the Army and then we'll take questions and discuss what's on your minds. Ms. Marty Arevalo is our POC, so please call or email her (210-808-3025/DSN 420-3025 or email Martha.l.arevalo.civ@mail.mil <<mailto:Martha.l.arevalo.civ@mail.mil>>) with your VTC Site ID information by 21 June so she can finalize the connections.

Here's the schedule. Remember it's by TIME ZONE, not by command:

§ Western, Mountain, and Hawaii---1500 CDT, Tuesday, 25 June

§ Europe---0800 CDT, Wednesday, 26 June

§ Central---1300 CDT, Wednesday, 26 June

§ Japan and Korea---1800 CDT, Thursday, 27 June

§ Eastern---1200 Noon CDT, Friday, 28 June

SAFETY, SAFETY, SAFETY: Summer is here with all its pleasures and opportunities. Along with each come a myriad of safety challenges---heat injuries, boating and swimming accidents, barbeque mishaps, etc. You know them and awareness is key to summer safety. Stay tuned in to safety every moment for you and your families. That way we'll retain all the strengths you bring to our Army Medicine Team. Hooah!

Thanx for "listening" again. Hope you have great weekend coming. Take care.

Sincerely,

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