

AMEDD Civilian Corps Chief Msg #38----Happy Birthday USA! (2 July 2013)

Good Day, All!

Just a relatively short message to provide a few reminders and wish each and every one of you a very happy and safe 4th of July!! This is a great holiday, one that reminds us of the value of our freedoms and of the very special people who defend those freedoms, whether they wear a military uniform or a civilian uniform. We are all part of the Team that makes up Army Medicine and an exceptional Team it is, with what I believe is the most honorable and best mission in the Nation. We provide responsive and reliable health services and influences Health to improve readiness, save lives, and advance wellness in support of the Force, Military Families, and all those entrusted to our care. Basically, we take great care of Soldiers and their Families, sometimes in very tough locations and under circumstances that are challenging at best. Thank you so much for what you do every single day to make our AMEDD mission successful.

Now, on to the info.

****IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER****

--8 July 13--Due date for applications for the 4th Quarter FY 13 Wolf Pack Award. Remember, every quarter the award recognizes a combined team of civilians and military (can include contractors but must have the other two) which makes a significant contribution to the Army Medicine mission. Details on the award and application are on the AMEDD Civilian Corps website (<https://ameddciviliancorps.amedd.army.mil> <<https://ameddciviliancorps.amedd.army.mil>>) under the "Celebrate Success" link.

--31 Oct 13--Due date for Army Baylor Program application. Read more by going to our website under the "What's New" link. Updated memo re-enforces that applicants must be permanent employees.

--Summer AMEDD Civilian Corps Defense Connect On line (DCO) sessions--Our office will host a series of DCOs beginning in July to expand communication opportunities for you. If you haven't heard of it before, it is a system that DOD has on line that allows communication with you right at your desk top! The first session will be a train up to help you get started if you're new to DCO. We'll offer 2-3 live sessions and post the recorded sessions on the website. After the first sessions on DCO, we'll start offering training sessions on topics of interest, beginning with completing Individual Development Plans (IDPs) in Army Career Tracker (ACT). Third in the series will be sessions on how to register for the Civilian Education System (CES) courses for those who might have problems with that process. Stay tuned for the schedule - we'll publish the dates soon--and be sure to let us know of topics that will be of interest to you for future sessions!

****KEY LINKS****

--As mentioned in my last message, we have a Twitter account for the Corps: @AMEDD_Civ_Corps (https://twitter.com/AMEDD_Civ_Corps <https://twitter.com/AMEDD_Civ_Corps>). You can also link to it from the Twitter icon on our website home page. Try it and join the fun! BUT WAIT! There's more - I now have a Corps Chief Twitter account to stay in touch with you directly (scary at my age...). My AMEDD Civilian Corps Chief account is @GreggStevensSES (<https://twitter.com/greggstevensses>). We'll add a link from the homepage soon.

--Check out a new icon on our Corps website front page "Proud AMEDD Civilians Speak Out." It's after the menu on the left side and will take you to stories we've received from some of our Corps members. Send us your story - share what makes you proud to be an AMEDD Civilian!

--One of our Civilian Corps Board of Advisors, Ms. LaPorcha Williams, invites you to her blog (<http://laporcha.wordpress.com> <<http://laporcha.wordpress.com>>) containing information on assistance with managing during furlough, along with other great ideas. You can put in your email address to subscribe so every time she posts new information you will receive an email notice with the new posts.

--I've started communicating regularly with the Commanders and CSMs in your organizations about what's going on in our Corps. We have posted the Commander/SGM messages under "About Us/Corps Chief Messages" on our homepage. Here's a direct link:
<https://ameddciviliancorps.amedd.army.mil/CivilianCorps.aspx?ID=468da94b-6c5e-47fa-acdd-95637be807a3>
<<https://ameddciviliancorps.amedd.army.mil/CivilianCorps.aspx?ID=468da94b-6c5e-47fa-acdd-95637be807a3>> . I try to send these messages quarterly. Talk with your leadership. If they haven't received the messages, please let me know so we can be sure they are on the list.

--You can find the FY14 Schedule for Civilian Education System (CES) resident courses at http://www.amsc.army.mil/administrative_ces-schedule.php <http://www.amsc.army.mil/administrative_ces-schedule.php> . Sign up now! It's also a good time to check your IDP, make sure it's up to date plus take care of any CES pre-requisites and the CES dL pre-work. Remember, CES completion is a prerequisite for many career program training opportunities, to include our CP 53 clinical opportunities. We missed some chances last year because folks weren't current on their CES pre-requisites. Don't let that happen to you!

****REMINDERS ABOUT THESE MESSAGES****

--Folks can only receive my emails if they are listed in the new enterprise email system with the proper MEDCOM organization. If you got this message, you're OK. Check with those around you. If they didn't receive this info, please help them out. Here are the instructions:

o Click on this link <https://www.dmdc.osd.mil/milconnect/> <<https://www.dmdc.osd.mil/milconnect/>> . This website will allow profile update.

- o Once logged, in there is a "My Profile" tab; click on it to bring up "Update and View My Profile."
- o Go to the personal information and click on the tab "Civ" to find the information that should associate an individual with MEDCOM.
- o Once the information is correct, Duty Organization, Duty Suborganization, and Duty Installation/Location it should link the individual to the MEDCOM directory.

Our distribution list refreshes periodically, so take these steps to help ensure your coworker's email address gets added.

--Don't forget to share the messages with your military coworkers as well. It's important that they know about what's going on in the AMEDD Civilian Corps.

--These messages are all posted to our Civilian Corps Website at (<https://ameddciviliancorps.amedd.army.mil> <<https://ameddciviliancorps.amedd.army.mil>>) under the "About Us", "Corps Chief", and "Corps Chief Messages" drop down links. We have also made it even easier by adding an indicator on the main website page that gives the date of the latest message.

****BORDEN INSTITUTE COMPENDIUM AND EBOOKS****

--Check out Borden Institute at www.cs.amedd.army.mil/borden <<http://www.cs.amedd.army.mil/borden>> for 4 newly released eBooks and the updated versions of The Borden Compendium including the Textbooks of Military Medicine. These 24 volumes constitute a comprehensive treatise on the art and science of military medicine and are now available for iPad and Kindle! Many titles are also available in ePub, MOBI, CD-ROM and PDF format.

****CAREER PROGRAM 51 (ADMINISTRATIVE) WE NEED YOUR HELP!****.

Some of you or maybe, some of your peers have participated as Subject Matter Experts (SMEs) in identifying and developing the competencies required for positions in our occupational series within CP 51. Now, it is time to conduct the actual assessment so we are asking all CP 51 Professionals and their supervisors to participate. DA is asking that you and your supervisors complete the attached CMS data call with 100% participation. You should receive an email request to participate if you haven't already. Your input to this effort is critical and will provide vital information to help further define competencies and develop strategies to prepare a ready workforce. It is an opportunity for employees and supervisors to influence our future Civilian Human Resource management program.

****CONGRATULATIONS!****

--2012 US Army Medical Department (AMEDD) Mercury Awards for Information Management/Information Technology (IM/IT) Professionals and Team of the Year:

- o IM/IT Civilian of the Year - Ms. Kelly Lynn Turner, US Army Medical Information Technology Center, JBSA Fort Sam Houston, TX

o IM/IT Team of the Year - Information Management Division, Brooke Army Medical Center, JBSA Fort Sam Houston, TX

o IM/IT Special Act Strategic Impact Award Team - Madigan Army Medical Center, Clinical Informatics Team.

Please let us know of other great things happening to our Corps members so we can celebrate them as well. Don't forget to send us photos that we can post on the webpage!

Finally! Guess that's about it for now, folks. Again, a VERY HAPPY 4TH OF JULY to all of you. Remember how important holiday safety is to it truly being happy. It's the time of year where, unfortunately, we experience water, boating, barbeque, and heat accidents and injuries, among others. Please, please, please, be aware of the dangers among all the fun times this summer. A little focus on the former will truly enhance the latter. All the best to every one of you. Enjoy, and I'll "see" you after the holiday. Take care.

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