

Civilian Corps Chief Commanders/CSMs Msg #6 (28 October 2013)

Commanders and CSMs,

Wanted to send a quick note with some congratulations and some opportunities.

1. FY 13 Army Medicine Wolf Pack of the Year Winner.

Congratulations to the "Arctic Baby Boomers" Team at Bassett Army Community Hospital, Fort Wainwright, AK, for winning the FY13 Army Medicine Wolf Pack of the Year Award. The Team used evidenced-based processes to increase the number of babies they could deliver in the hospital by 100% vice sending them out on the network. The award presentation ceremony at Bassett is planned for early December.

Wolf Pack Nominations are increasing every quarter (17 for 1st Qtr '14) thanks to your support. It's been great to see the accomplishments of so many deserving Teams recognized. Next deadline is 10 Jan 14 for the 2nd Quarter award. Please encourage your folks' nominations. The form and instructions are on our website at <https://ameddciviliancorps.amedd.army.mil> under "Celebrate Success."

2. AMEDD Civilian Corps Board of Advisors

The first 12 Civilian Corps Board of Advisors members selected last year have done a great job. Their invaluable input has helped shape the direction of the Corps. They all came on at the same time tho, meaning it's time for our first replacements so we can create alternate cycles.

We were thrilled with the responses to the last membership announcement. I ask for your support again as we seek 3 new board members. My commitment to you is that, though there is time involved, it won't be much, maybe five work days spread over a year. It won't mean funding from you; costs are ours, to include TDY. We also won't accept applications without command approval and will ask volunteers to get commander review/approval via email before forwarding. This will give you a chance to decide yes/no on applications from both a workload and individual perspective. Your email of approval will indicate that you see a given individual as right for the mission. Thanx in advance for your support.

3. Civilian Corps Virtual Town Hall/Mentoring Sessions

The AMEDD Civilian Corps has its third set of virtual town hall/mentoring sessions via VTC coming up soon. We've arranged the sessions by time zones to accommodate your times (Open to suggestions on times to better serve your staffs). All are welcome at any session, even if out of zone.

We'll discuss several topics, e.g., Army Profession, Army Medicine 2020 Campaign Plan, Performance Triad, training opportunities, and other current issues. We will take questions. The current plan is:

--Western, Mountain, and Hawaii--- Tues, 12 Nov, 1500 CDT

--Central---Wed, 13 Nov, 1300 CDT

--Japan and Korea---Wed, 13 Nov, 1800 CDT

--Europe--- Thurs, 14 Nov, 0800 CDT

--Eastern--- Friday, 15 Nov, 1230 CDT

Our POC is Ms. Martha Arevalo. Your folks can contact her via email or by calling 210-808-3025.

REMINDER NOTE: The schedule is by TIME ZONE, not by command.

4. Civilian Corps DCO Training - Army Career Tracker (ACT) for Supervisors

We are also planning a 3rd set of DCO sessions in January, targeting Supervisors of civilians, focused on Army Career Tracker for Supervisors. The ACT Program Office will conduct the training to assist supervisors, both military and civilian, in the use of ACT and developing IDPs with their employees. Training will be 30-45 minutes at various time slots to accommodate different time zones and work schedules. We will also record the sessions and place the information on our website in case your folks are not able to join a live session.

I ask for your support in this program. It will benefit you in a number of ways, not only by helping your civilians but by positioning you to receive \$\$ in your budget when a new MEDCOM metric comes on board soon that measures civilian education and training. Current training dates are:

--Mon, 13 January, 1500 CDT

--Tues, 14 January, 0800 CDT

--Wed, 15 January 0700 CDT

--Wed, 15 January, 1800 CDT

--Thurs, 16 January 0900 CDT

We'll also post these schedules on our Civilian Corps website:

<https://ameddciviliancorps.army.mil> under "What's New."

5. And Finally....

If this is the first of these messages you've received, you can access the previous ones at our website under "About Us" if you're interested. You will also find there an archive of the Civilian Corps Chief messages we've sent to your civilian workforce so you can see what we're sharing with them. I think it's also important for them to see that we are communicating and working together, ergo the posting of the CDR/CSM msgs as well.

One last plug about our website - we've added some videos about the Civilian Creed, Oath of Office, and The Wolf Story to help tie together our message that Civilians are integral members of the Army Medicine Team. I invite you share these videos with your staffs. It's important that our whole Team understand during these very challenging times that civilians are indeed valuable members of the AMEDD Team. Future attractions will include my leadership philosophy and one on the essence of our Team.

Guess that's it for now. Thanx again for your time and support.

Sincerely,

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