

Good afternoon, Team, and Happy Holidays to you and yours!! This WILL BE a short message, I promise. There will be another message in the next week or two that will provide the update I promised on the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA)-driven transitions ongoing in Army Medicine. Keep an eye out for it.

First, let me just say, "Thank you!" for all you do every day for our Army and its Soldiers and Families. In this season of gift giving, know that there is no better gift you can give our Nation than your very best every day. You make me proud! Enough said.

A few reminders:

2019 SAMUEL J. HEYMAN SERVICE TO AMERICA MEDALS (aka the Sammies):

Dubbed the Oscars of government service, the Sammies honor our nation's talented and dedicated federal workforce by shining a spotlight on the innovative and selfless individuals and teams who make our civil service the best in the world. You might be interested in submitting someone you know. For further information please visit our website under "What's New" "announcements." S: 18 Jan 2019.

UPCOMING TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

You can find information on upcoming courses/training can under "Breaking News" link on the left quadrant of the AMEDD Civilian Corps website page. Click on each topic for more information and application process. Here are the dates and suspense's:

- Executive skills course: 25 March -5 April S: 7 Jan 2019.
- Junior Leader Course: 29 April-May 19 GS9-11 or equivalent S: 7 Jan 2019.
- Intermediate Leader Development course: Cohort 2019-2021 24-28 June 2019 GS11/12 or equivalent S: 22 Feb 2019.
- Army Congressional Fellowship Program: S: 1 March 2019 to the MEDCOM G37 at usarmy.jbsa.medcom.mbx.civilian-workforce@mail.mil
- Strategic Learning Project #2 15-26 July 2019 S: 15 March 2019.

LATEST CIVILIAN HUMAN RELATIONS DIRECTORATE (CHRD) NEWSLETTER The CHRD Newsletter: Dec 2018 is available under the "What's New" and "Announcements" links on the AMEDD Civilian Corps website: <https://ameddciviliancorps.amedd.army.mil>. Topics include:

- Influenza Vaccination
- Job Offers to Workers Compensation Claimants
- Expeditionary Civilians Workforce (ECW) Program
- New Army Benefits Center-Civilian (ABC-C) Website
- Excused Absence for Voting
- Army e-Learning Program
- Medical Command 2018 Organizational Day

WOLF PACK AWARD NOMINATIONS

Wolf Pack Nominations for 2QFY19 are due NLT 7 Jan 2019 for information and nomination packets visit the AMEDD Civilian Corps Website at <https://ameddciviliancorps.amedd.army.mil>. Click on "Celebrate Success" and "Wolf Pack Award Nominations."

AMEDD MENTOR CADRE

Another way to give back to Army Medicine by becoming a mentor to junior level Army Medicine civilians. You can share your experiences and lessons learned by mentoring and help build our future leaders. We need mentors in grades GS10-13 or equivalent and senior mentors in grades GS14-15 or equivalent. Visit our website at <https://ameddciviliancorps.amedd.army.mil> under "What's New" and "Announcements" for more information

So that's it for now except, of course, for a word about safety. This season brings lots of joy, happiness, and beauty. Remember that much of that beauty is electric and bears watching in terms of electric load and wire safety. Fire in those things is not your friend!! Take care of yourselves and your families so you can enjoy the holidays.

Finally, please share this message with your military teammates and others who may not have received it, especially if they are supervisors of civilians (not necessarily your own). With all the changes going on in the AMEDD and the Army, keeping all our teammates up to date is really important.

All the best of holiday wishes to each of you and your families from those of us in the Corps Office!

Sincerely,
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