

Happy Holidays All!!

Yep, time for the annual holiday season Corps Chief message. Since this is the time for giving and sharing, I'll ask up front for you to check around and see if those near you have received this bit of correspondence. Check with both your military and civilian Teammates. If they haven't gotten it, please share it with them so they can understand some of what's going on in our Corps and can take advantage of some of the opportunities we have available. I'm starting my New Year resolutions early and will try to keep the message as succinct as possible,...although that doesn't necessarily mean short! At least check out the headlines, OK??? And they're off...!

#### DEMONSTRATE YOUR TEAMWORK!!

Just a reminder that the Army Medical Department Regiment is a single entity that represents all of the players in Army Medicine. Affiliation with the Regiment shows full membership on the Team and is another great way to integrate both military and civilians as full members. Civilians may choose to affiliate with the Regiment. The request is simple. You can find a pre-written format at the following link: <http://ameddregiment.amedd.army.mil/recognition/affiliation/Request%20for%20Regimental%20Affiliation%20Memo%20Sample.doc> Simply attach a list of folks from your activity who want to join, have it signed by a command rep as indicated on the form and send it in. You can send the application to the Regimental Office using this link: [usarmy.jbsa.medcom-ameddcs.list.amedd--regiment@mail.mil](mailto:usarmy.jbsa.medcom-ameddcs.list.amedd--regiment@mail.mil). There is no charge and the Regiment will send out a certificate of membership for you to display. This is a great way to truly demonstrate that we, as civilians, are members of the great Team that is Army Medicine!

#### THINGS TO LOOK FOR:

- An announcement will be out soon for the CJ Reddy Leadership Course scheduled for 3-7 Apr 17. Attendance will be centrally funded and selection will be competitive so get ready if interested.
- MEDCOM's G-1 Civilian Human Resource Division newsletter is up on our AMEDD Civilian Corps website (<https://ameddciviliancorps.amedd.army.mil>) under the "What's New" and "Announcements" links. It has some good info for you.
- Civilian Acculturation Program: ASA M&RA signed memo to implement the program Army wide. OPOD currently in draft and should be out soon so keep an eye out for it.
- You will soon see a product of our most recent Strategic Learning Project, AMEDD LEADERS TAKING CARE OF PEOPLE: A HANDBOOK FOR SUPERVISORS OF CIVILIANS "Nothing but the FAQ's!" It is a handbook that addresses the most frequently asked questions about leading and managing civilian employees. It is in staffing and final edit now and will be out soon. We'll let you know in an upcoming message about availability. A very special "THANX!!" to Kimberly Gonzalez from Ft. Benning and Bernice Flores from Ft. Bragg who authored the work for us!

**BAYLOR HEALTHCARE ADMINISTRATION (HCA) MASTERS DEGREE PROGRAM:** We just recently received the approval letter from the DA Manpower and Reserve Affairs Office giving permission to start again sending civilians to the Army Baylor HCA program. Headquarters MEDCOM is currently evaluating and staffing an announcement to see if it is possible to execute the coordination necessary to start sending

civilians in the summer of 2017. Keep an eye out for an announcement. If it does come out for this summer's class, the application timeframe will likely be VERY short, likely 6 weeks or less, so start thinking now about an application if you are interested. Current GRE scores will certainly be a requirement. Other application information should be available in the announcement. We anticipate that the opportunity will continue in future years as well. Just a heads up. We'll keep you posted as the situation develops.

#### OVERSEAS OPPORTUNITIES

On a recent trip to Korea, I found out that the command over there is looking for some special folks to work in the new facility at Camp Humphreys. I'm not sure if any have been filled yet, but here is the list as I know it. If you are interested you can contact the AMEDD Civilian Corps office using the "Contact Us" link in the top right corner of the Corps website (<https://ameddciviliancorps.amedd.army.mil>) and we'll put you in touch with those who can provide you the details. This is a great opportunity to serve overseas. It would be done on a voluntary reassignment basis, meaning a lateral move to the same grade, but still a great opportunity to serve overseas. What's great about this is that you have return rights back to the CONUS assignment you left. Here are the positions as we know them now:

- Physician, GS-0602/14
- Nurse, GS-0610/11
- LPN, GS 0620/06
- Pharmacist, GS 0660/11
- Lab Tech, GS-0649/07
- Radiology Tech, GS-0647/09
- MSA Tech, GS-0679/05

#### AMEDD CIVILIAN CORPS BOARD OF ADVISORS (BOA) OPPORTUNITY

I discovered in a recent visit to Ft. Bliss that there have been some problems with our Teammates in some Dental Activities receiving these Corps Chief messages. We're working to resolve the issue but aren't quite there yet. So please specifically share this paragraph in particular with folks you know in our DENTACs! As a result of the communication difficulties, we are extending the application suspense to fill the vacancy for a dental representative on the BOA until 13 Jan 17. The position is open to anyone whose JD is dental related. The application and related information are posted on the AMEDD Civilian Corps website (<https://ameddciviliancorps.amedd.army.mil>) under the "What's New" and "Announcements" links. Let us know if you're interested!!

#### WOLF PACK AWARD REMINDER

Seems like every year we misestimate the impact of the holidays on submitting stuff toward the end of the year (You'd think we'd learn!!). Because of the holidays we are extending the submission deadline for the 2nd quarter Wolf Pack Award submission from 5 to 13 Jan 17. I know there are some great Teams out there of military and civilians working together doing incredible things to support our Army Medicine mission. Submission isn't hard and the info is available on the AMEDD Civilian Corps website (<https://ameddciviliancorps.amedd.army.mil>) under the "Celebrate Success" link. Give it a shot!!

OK, that's it (Almost....)! Your holiday present is in fact a "succinct" message!! But you never get away without a few comments on SAFETY!!! This time of year is all about joy, faith, and family. Those are all wonderful things and having safety at the forefront of what you do during the holiday season will keep them that way. Driving under winter conditions is tough enough; driving under the influence of anything is incredibly dangerous. Electricity brings us lights, celebration, and wonder; it also can be a hazard if not used safely. You get the picture. Please enjoy the holidays, take a knee and rejuvenate yourselves, but, no matter what you do, do it all with SAFETY as a primary concern. It's the only way to keep the Team and the Team's family together!

So, to all of you, we in your AMEDD Civilian Corps Office wish you the best of everything for the holidays and multiple blessings in the coming year. You make me proud every day to be a member of this Team! Take care and see you next year.

Sincerely,  
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