WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

1. The Army Surgeon General, LTG R. Scott Dingle, "TSG SENDS: COVID-19 and Army Medicine" messages from this week are included for your awareness. Please read!
   • TSG SENDS - COVID-19 and Army Medicine 113 (February 4, 2022)
   • TSG SENDS - Congratulations to the 2022 Army Medicine Iron Majors (February 4, 2022)

2. ANNOUNCEMENT--FY21 Wolf Pack Award (February 4, 2022)

3. Disability Evaluation System (DES) Summit Save the Date 22 March 2022

COVID-19 Information:
• Army Medicine COVID-19 Hotline: 1-800-984-8523 or DSN 312-421-3700
• Army: www.army.mil/coronavirus
• APHC: https://phc.amedd.army.mil/topics/campaigns/covid19
• DoD Web Page: www.defense.gov/Explore/Spotlight/Coronavirus
• Health.mil Web Page: https://health.mil/News/In-the-Spotlight/Coronavirus
• TRICARE Web Page: https://tricare.mil/coronavirus

FEBRUARY OBSERVANCES

- National Patient Recognition Month
- American Hearth Month
- National Sleep Awareness Month
- National Cancer Prevention Awareness Month
- Army Nurse Corps Anniversary - Feb 2

STRATEGIC VISION

TSG & CSM Virtual Town Hall - 14 FEB 22 1130-1230 ET
The Surgeon General and Commanding General, U.S. Army Medical Command, LTG R. Scott Dingle, and the Command Sergeant Major, U.S. Army Medical Command and Senior Enlisted Advisor to the Army Surgeon General, CSM Diamond D. Hough, will host their next Virtual Town Hall meeting on Monday, 14 February 2022 from 1130 – 1230 (ET).

TOPIC: TSG and CSM will provide updates on current events (e.g. mandatory vaccines, MHS transformation, MEDCOM reorganization, JBSA building moves, etc.) and then open for Q&A and discussion. Our senior leaders want to hear from you, so all attendees are encouraged to ask their questions during the Town Hall. For those who wish to remain anonymous, please send your questions to the Directorate of Public Affairs (DPA) at usarmy.jbsa.medcom.mbx.medcom-public-affairs@mail.mil.

Join ZoomGov Meeting: https://www.zoomgov.com/j/1608433864?pwd=bStOVFAxdHlreDIPMVdFZG9mbjIWQT09
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UPCOMING OneStaff Human Resources Virtual Town Hall

Onestaff Human Resources Virtual Town Hall - 3 MAR 22 1230-1400 CST
Ms. Stephanie L. Colon, Deputy G-1/4/6 and Mr. Oscar Bocanegra, Director, Civilian Human Resources Directorate will host a virtual Human Resources Town Hall for the OneStaff on 3 March 2021 from 1230-1400 CST via MS Teams. The purpose of the HR Town Hall is to update the workforce on the status of MEDCOM’s pivot to readiness and restructure/reshaping efforts during FY22.

Participants may log into the virtual HR Town Hall online through MS Teams at bit.ly/336S4HX
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ARTICLES


3. LRMC celebrates 121st ANC birthday (February 4) [www.army.mil/article/253719/lrmc_celebrates_121st_anc_birthday](www.army.mil/article/253719/lrmc_celebrates_121st_anc_birthday)

4. DENTAC leadership participate in validation exercise (February 1) [www.dvidshub.net/news/413880/dentac-leadership-participate-validation-exercise](www.dvidshub.net/news/413880/dentac-leadership-participate-validation-exercise)


7. MG Talley visits BJACH, Fort Polk, discusses leadership, readiness (February 1) [www.dvidshub.net/news/413829/mg-talley-visits-bjach-fort-polk-discusses-leadership-readiness](www.dvidshub.net/news/413829/mg-talley-visits-bjach-fort-polk-discusses-leadership-readiness)


9. MEDCoE welcomes first class of new Occupational Therapy Doctorate Program (February 1) [www.army.mil/article/253665/medcoe_welcomes_first_class_of_new_occupational_therapy_doctorate_program](www.army.mil/article/253665/medcoe_welcomes_first_class_of_new_occupational_therapy_doctorate_program)


VIDEOS

2. ANC 121ST BIRTHDAY : TRUSTED TESTED & READY (February 3) [www.dvidshub.net/video/830126/anc-121st-birthday-trusted-tested-ready](www.dvidshub.net/video/830126/anc-121st-birthday-trusted-tested-ready)

3. 121st Army Nurse Corps Anniversary (February 2) [www.dvidshub.net/video/830147/121st-army-nurse-corps-anniversary](www.dvidshub.net/video/830147/121st-army-nurse-corps-anniversary)

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Army Medicine Family,

I am proud to congratulate SFC David McAfee (68W) and MAJ Joseph Ahlborn (67F) from Regional Health Command – Central for winning the 2022 Command Sgt. Maj. Jack L. Clark, Jr., U.S. Army Best Medic Competition. The event was held from Jan. 24-28, at Fort Hood, Texas. All of the competitors are not just “best medics” they are among the best Soldiers in the Army. Check out the 2022 Best Medic content here: [https://www.dvidshub.net/feature/armybestmediccompetition](https://www.dvidshub.net/feature/armybestmediccompetition)

February is African American/Black History Month and the theme is “Black Health and Wellness.” CSM Hough and I want to recognize the many trailblazers who have made strides in medicine while combatting the challenges faced by African-Americans. Pioneers like Dr. James McCune Smith, the first African-American to obtain a medical degree, and Dr. Ruth Ella Moore, the first African-American woman to earn a Ph.D. in the natural sciences, helped change the course of healthcare and race relations in the U.S. We honor them and thank them for their contributions to health and medicine.

One way we are working to recognize influential and inspiring African-Americans is by asking our Army Medicine family to recommend someone who is African-American that has been influential in your life on our social media platforms. The person can be a friend, family member, coworker, celebrity or historical figure. Please include a short paragraph on why you are recommending them, your duty station, unit, position, and a photo of the person you want to recognize. Email them to: usarmy.jbsa.medcom.mbx.medcom-public-affairs@mail.mil

Also, CSM Hough and I invite you to save the date for our next town hall, Monday, Feb. 14, via zoom. We look forward to talking to you and answering your questions.

Employee Spotlight

In this week’s employee spotlight, we meet Miguel Esparza from the AMEDD Quality and Safety Center. Miguel is a Health System Analyst and one of two team members. The rest of his team went to the Defense Health Agency as part of a transfer of function last year. Miguel’s work involves risk management, impaired health programs, credentialing and privileging.

He said his workload has changed since the team size decreased. “We have work that is operational in nature,” he said. “I’m even handling ticket requests for the National Guard who also use our systems.”

Miguel came to Army Medicine as a contractor in 2010. After seven years, he became a federal employee. He is a self-taught software developer who previously worked at Boeing on the C-17 program. Miguel, who never served in uniform, got his start in the development world when he worked as a youth pastor for his church. “They needed a web presence, so I started figuring out how to solve that problem,” he said. “If I didn’t know how to do a skill they needed, I learned it.”

Miguel’s Bachelor of Science is in Administration from the Dallas Christian College, where he primarily trained to be a minister. He has used the skills he learned serving in the church to become really good at problem solving.

“I look for solutions and am always listening for processes,” Miguel said. “My job is to make peoples’ jobs easier by
figuring out ways to automate some of their processes so that they can be busy doing other things. And right now, we’re a smaller team doing a lot of work, so we really have to be organized.”

“People have things on their computer that they’ve never used. I love teaching them how to use them. And I miss being able to teach more,” said Miguel, who also said he loves to share tools with others.

Everything is all about the team, Miguel explained. He said the credentialing and privileging of providers is very important to him. He said they take every ticket seriously because they want the providers to be able to do their jobs and not have to be worried about those sorts of things.

Miguel said that outside of work his family keeps him pretty busy. He has been married for nearly 17 years and has one son and two daughters. They love to hike and travel. He said they also spend family time playing soccer and football. They do not travel out of the country, but love to spend time in Dallas and plan to hike the mountains in Colorado.

Thank you Miguel for all you do. It’s integral to our success to have a problem solver on the team.

Army Medicine is Army Strong.

Useful links:
https://www.armyemergencyrelief.org/covid19
www.militaryonesource.mil/coronavirus
www.coronavirus.gov
www.cdc.gov/coronavirus
www.usa.gov/coronavirus
Chaplain Resilience Video:
www.facebook.com/ArmyChaplainCorps/videos/2679539028980334

On behalf of G-3/5/7 (Patient Administration), it is a distinct honor to host a Disability Evaluation System (DES) Summit on March 22, 2022. The Theme of the Summit is “Back to the Basics: Ensuring Soldiers and Family Members are our First Priority.” The event will take place at the Defense Health Headquarters in Falls Church, VA and will have a limited seating capacity for in-person attendees. To maintain compliance of COVID-19 safety protocols, the Summit will primarily be hosted virtually through the Microsoft Teams platform. Please RSVP no later than 01 March 2022 at https://www.eventbrite.com/e/disability-evaluation-system-summit-tickets-257143391807 (recommend copy/paste link into Chrome browser). If you have any questions, please contact the DES SL team at usarmy.pentagon.hqda-otsg.list.ides-service-line@mail.mil
Army Medicine Team,

Please help me in congratulating the following Army Medical Department (AMEDD) leaders in their selection as the 2022 Army Medicine Iron Majors!

These 68 AMEDD Officers and Civilians were selected to attend this highly competitive, annual Army Medicine Iron Major Week course.

The purpose of the Army Medicine Iron Major Week Course is to identify outstanding Army Medicine junior field grade leaders from the Army who have consistently modeled the core Army Values and Warrior Ethos in the execution of their duties, and who demonstrated the skills, attributes and potential required to become AMEDD future leaders. Each leader was nominated by their supervisor and/or consultants, endorsed by their commander, and selected by a senior board from their respective Corps.

These outstanding junior field grade officers and leaders will gain valuable insights into the exciting changes taking place within the Army and Army Medicine through their interaction with Army senior leaders.

CONGRATULATIONS!

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Team Army Medicine,

It is with great pleasure that LTG Dingle and I announce the U.S. Army Public Health Center (APHC) COVID-19 Task Force Team, Aberdeen Proving Ground, Maryland as the winner of the Army Medicine Annual Wolf Pack Award for Fiscal Year 2021.

Competition was extremely close between all of this year’s quarterly winners: 1QFY21, Additive Manufacturing Working Group (AMWG) Team, Medical Research and Development Command; 2QFY21, US Army Public Health Center (APHC) COVID-19 Task Force Team from Aberdeen Proving Ground, Maryland; 3QFY21, the COVID-19 Pooled Surveillance Implementation Team, U.S. Army Public Health Center (APHC), Directorate of Laboratory Sciences (LS), located within the Army Public Health Laboratory Enterprise (APHLE), Aberdeen Proving Ground, Maryland; and 4QFY21, the Strategic Trauma Readiness Center (StaRC) Team, Directorate of Operations, Trauma Services, Brooke Army Medical Center, Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston, Texas. All four teams demonstrated exceptional teamwork to achieve extraordinary results. Congratulations to all who competed for a job very well done!

As mentioned in an announcement earlier this year, the APHC COVID-19 Task Force Team was the winner of the 2QFY21 Wolf Pack Award. The team of 39 Army Active Duty Service Members and Department of the Army Civilians developed and implemented essential public health practices including quarantine and isolation, contact tracing, disease surveillance and reporting, epidemiologic modeling and visualization, personal protective measures, and reintegration of personnel to the workplace. This team synchronized a wide spread public health information campaign where information was provided to all Soldiers, Families, and upper echelons of Command to include the Chief of Staff of the Army.

The team produced 19 webpages where the content received 300,000 views. Their team developed 105 information products resulting in 50,000 downloads. They developed a COVID-19 knowledge management system to catalog content produced across multiple scientific communities. This searchable catalog provided information to the community and supported the development of the MEDCOM vaccine communication campaign.

The Task Force Team responded to 1,400 requests for information and received assistance from more than 180 organizations worldwide to fulfill those requests. Furthermore, the team contributed to establishing the Army Public Health Laboratory Enterprise COVID-19 surveillance concept and capability, which now analyzes more than 2,000 samples per week. APHC COVID-19 Task Force Team developed the Army COVID-19 Model for Epidemics (ACME) to quantify hospital resource needs based on the pandemic’s evolution, monitoring and analyzing essential metrics through multiple common operating picture dashboards.

In total, the APHC COVID-19 Task Force is a model for public health operations. The management, communication, coordination, and response analysis processes are best practices that will be continually replicated at APHC. Their methodology applies to operations far beyond public health emergencies and infectious disease pandemic environments, and prepares the AMEDD for future operations.

Please join us in congratulating the U.S. Army Public Health Center (APHC) COVID-19 Task Force Team! The exceptional teamwork and dedication displayed by this dynamic team epitomizes the highest standards of the Army and Army Medicine.

Congratulations team!

v/r,

Rich

Richard R. Beauchemin
Chief, AMEDD Civilian Corps