

Hi Team!

I'm off to Fort Carson for the 1st quarter Wolf Pack Award presentation next week and wanted to get a quick update out to you now. (Yes, I said quick....) We're working on another message that will cover talent management for our AMEDD Civilian Corps and that one will take a bit more verbiage. So, we've decided to let you off the hook (at least a little) this time around. Enjoy!!

--GOOD INFO: Take a look at the HQ, MEDCOM Civilian Human Resource Division February newsletter. It contains good info on the new Defense Performance Management and Appraisal Tool Program tools, the new MEDCOM Student Loan Repayment Program, Workforce 2020, and 2017 pay increase details, as well as updates on the hiring freeze. You can find it on the AMEDD Civilian Corps website (<https://ameddciviliancorps.amedd.army.mil>) under the "What's New" link. Give it a look!

--MENTORSHIP PROGRAM: Our Mentorship Pilot Program that started in Jan '16 has now reached its sunset. It was a pretty successful program and gave us some great lessons learned. We're in the process of implementing/integrating the lessons learned, so this is a heads up that the expanded mentorship program will be coming on line in the not-too-distant future. It will be offered to employees in grades through GS 12 as mentees, and GS 10-15 as mentors. If that sounds a bit confusing, don't worry it won't be. Give the program some thought and see if you might like an opportunity to contribute to the Corps as either a mentee or mentor and stay tuned for further info.

--CIVILIAN EDUCATION SYSTEM (CES) FOR GRADES GS 1-9: FYI, the CES Basic Course is now available 100% online. If you are GS 1 thru 9 and interested in advancing your leader capabilities and getting credit for your grade-appropriate CES course this may well be for you. Here is the link to get you started on application and supervisor approval: <https://www.atrrs.army.mil/channels/chrtas/student/logon.aspx?caller=1>. You can also find the link on the AMEDD Civilian Corps website at (<https://ameddciviliancorps.amedd.army.mil>) under the "Training and Development" and "CES" links. A great opportunity! (NOTE: There are helpful tutorials in CHRTAS under the "Support" "Tutorials" links once you log in.)

--AMEDD CIVILIAN CORPS BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION: This year our Corps comes fully of age when we turn 21 on the 26th of March! To celebrate, we're planning to honor the members of "The Greatest Generation," those born in 1945 or before, who still serve with us on our Team. We'll do so at our ceremony here at Fort Sam on the 24th. It was really neat to find out that we have hundreds of The Greatest still actively serving!! If you do a Corps birthday celebration at your organization (and I encourage you to do so!), please take the opportunity to recognize the members of The Greatest Generation who still serve with you. Take pictures and let us know how it went!!

--3RD QUARTER FY17 WOLF PACK AWARDED NOMINATIONS: The window for this quarter's Wolf Pack Award is now open and will be thru 5 April. It's an easy submission and application info is available on the Civilian Corps website (<https://ameddciviliancorps.amedd.army.mil>) under the "Celebrate Success" link. Give it a shot and recognize your Team of civilians and military working together to do great things for Army Medicine!

--INTERMEDIATE LEADER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM: We are now in our second successful iteration of the Intermediate Leader Development Course we share with Army Training and Doctrine Command (TRADOC). This is a great opportunity for those in grades GS 11 & 12 (GS 13 by exception) and equivalent who want to develop the competencies necessary to prepare themselves to assume greater responsibilities and advance in their careers. The third iteration will start in July 2017 and the deadline for applications is 22 April. For more information visit our website (<https://ameddciviliancorps.amedd.army.mil>) and look under the "What's New" and "Announcements" links. Can't tell you what a great chance this is to make you more competitive as you pursue your career goals. Give it a shot. Remember, it's a bit like basketball: "If you never throw it over the hoop, it has ZERO chance of going through!"

--VIRTUAL TOWN HALL COMING: Our next virtual town halls will be Wednesday, 29 March. Below is our best guess at the times for the meetings. (Remember, Daylight Savings Time comes in on 12 March.) The actual times for the three sessions are 0800 Central, 1300 Central, and 1800 Central. Check your local time to see how it matches up and ensure you join the town hall at the specific time you wish. (Information is also available on the AMEDD Civilian Corps website at <https://ameddciviliancorps.amedd.army.mil> under the under "What's New" and "Announcements" links.

You are welcome to send suggested topics of discussion to the Corps Chief mailbox with the subject line Topics VTH to: usarmy.jbsa.medcom-ameddcs.mbx.civilian-corps-chief@mail.mil.

Please send your Site ID and POC for VTC connectivity to the same email address with the subject line Virtual Town Hall 29 March 2017. Anyone is welcome at any session. Below are some estimates for your use:

VIRTUAL TOWN HALL #1: WEDNESDAY, 29 March 2017, 0800 CENTRAL TIME (Local times: 2200 Japan/Korea / 0900 Eastern / 0300 Hawaii / 0500 Alaska / 0600 Pacific / 0700 Mountain / 1500 Europe)

VIRTUAL TOWN HALL #2: WEDNESDAY, 29 March 2017, 1300 CENTRAL TIME (Local Times: 0300 next day Japan/Korea / 1400 Eastern / 0800 Hawaii / 1000 Alaska / 1100 Western / 1200 Mountain / 2000 Europe)

VIRTUAL TOWN HALL #3: WEDNESDAY, 29 March 2017, 1800 CENTRAL TIME (Local times: 0800 next day Japan/Korea / 1900 Eastern / 1300 Hawaii / 1500 Alaska / 1600 Western / 1700 Mountain / 0100 next day Europe)

OK that's it with one exception: SAFETY! SAFETY!! SAFETY!!! (You never get away without that reminder!) Keep it in the front part of your mind; keep yourself, your families, and your teammates safe.

OK, that's really it. Not too long, eh??!! Take care and I'll be back with you soon. All the best,

Sincerely,
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