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Army Medicine Family,

On 27 July, the U.S. Army Medical Department and the U.S. Army Medical Corps will celebrate their 248th birthday. BG Mary Krueger, the Medical Corps Chief, will host a celebration of the Medical Corps Birthday in the cafeteria, at Augusta Medical Center, on 31 July. Thank you to all our Medical Corps Officers and all that you do for the Army and our Soldiers.

The Army Chaplain Corps will also observe its 248th Birthday on 29 July. I want to thank all of the chaplains for the spiritual guidance they have provided to those in need as well as the comfort they have offered to the wounded and dying. The Chaplains are an integral part of our Army.

One of our own chaplains, Chaplain (COL) Karen Meeker, Army Medicine Command Chaplain, recently had the opportunity to jump with the Golden Knights, the Army's aerial demonstration team. She said it is one of her "favorite rides to work."

I want to recognize our veterans and remind everyone that National Hire a Veteran Day is 25 July. We owe our freedoms to our veterans for their dedication and sacrifice. I want to thank everyone who has served our great Nation for their dignity, honor, and patriotism.

Employee Spotlight

In this week's employee spotlight, we meet MAJ Collin G. Hu, a 61H, family medicine physician, who has been a Medical Corps Officer for 10 years. He attended Virginia Tech for undergraduate studies and Edward Via College of Osteopathic Medicine (Virginia Campus) for medical school. From there he went to Fort Liberty (Formerly Fort Bragg) for a family medicine residency.

MAJ Hu said he picked his area of concentration (AOC) for three reasons. The first, is that the specialty is trained to care for the entire family throughout the entire spectrum of life. The second, is that the specialty is uniquely adapted to military medicine. Not only are you trained to help take care of Soldiers both CONUS and OCONUS but you also for care for their families. And finally, "it is a specialty that allows you to develop both a relationship and continuity of care with your patients," said MAJ Hu.

"As a family medicine doctor, you have the opportunity to do many different things," said MAJ Hu. "You are trained to take care of people from the cradle to the grave. You may deliver a baby and become the child's physician; you see people from children to geriatric patients. It's more than being a general practitioner, it's a being a well -rounded, multifaceted physician."

Being a member of the Medical Corps has allowed MAJ Hu to meet and interact with personnel from a multitude of different occupations and backgrounds throughout the joint environment.

"It is a privilege as a Medical Corps officer to interact and treat these personnel away from the clinic, whether it be on the flight line, a deployment, or exercise," he said. "That truly makes being a Medical Corps officer special."

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MAJ Hu just joined the National Capital Consortium Military Sports Medicine Fellows out of Fort Belvoir. He is also a sports medicine fellow at George Mason University. His previous duty station was with the 160th Special Operations Aviation Regiment.

His most memorable duty station was with the 160th. "You will not find a harder working, more dedicated, and professional group of team-minded individuals. It was an honor to be one of their medical providers and be part of a team that does not quit," he said.

MAJ Hu also has deployed multiple times to both Iraq and Afghanistan. "My career has been amazing," he said.

MAJ Hu has an interest in the medical effects of low-level blast exposure. He works with civilian partners developing a new model and simulator to better understand the effects of low-level blast exposure on military personnel.

In his off-duty hours, MAJ Hu enjoys the outdoors, camping, hiking, woodworking when able, and watching Virginia Tech athletics. But his chief off-duty pursuit is spending as much time as possible with his family. He is married, and they have children aged 1 and 3.

"There are many people throughout the military that sacrifice so much for our country but do so with quiet humility and a sense of duty above themselves. It is truly an honor and privilege to help our service members," Said MAJ Hu.

Thank you, MAJ Hu, for your commitment to keeping our Soldiers and their families safe and healthy.

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