

Team Army Medicine,

LTG Dingle and I are pleased to announce the 2nd Quarter, FY 2023 Army Medicine Wolf Pack Award winner, U.S. Army Medical Command (MEDCOM) G-3/5/7 Healthcare Operations COVID Crisis Action Team, Falls Church, VA and Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston Texas.

The Healthcare Operations COVID Crisis Action Team (CAT) is comprised of 108 Army Active Duty military and Department of the Army Civilians. The team worked tirelessly to provide worldwide support to the United States, Department of Defense (DoD), and U.S. Army COVID-19 Response Operations.

The team's exceptional contributions focused on multiple actions resulting in a synchronized and integrated approach leading the nation and the Army's response to the COVID-19 global pandemic. In the weeks and months that followed, the virus would come to spread across the United States and consume the American way of life. Army Medicine Leaders identified the need for rapid, flat, and responsive information distribution across the Army which was imperative in synchronizing efforts and develop shared understanding. This included development of rapid and extensive policy and public health guidance resulting in the establishment of a Common Operating Picture (COP) to provide timely and relevant details on the readiness of the force, infection rates, hospitalization rates, testing availability and capability, and later in the crisis vaccination availability and rates. Through partnership and collaboration between the Headquarters, Department of the Army Operational Planning Team, the Defense Health Agency, the Office of The Surgeon General/MEDCOM OneStaff, the Joint Staff Surgeon's Representatives, members of U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command, U.S. Army Forces Command, U.S. Army North, the Joint Force Land Component Commander, and Medical Readiness Commands executed and synchronized the global response of Army Medicine.

Under the G-3/5/7's direction, the entire defense medical enterprise executed the publishing of countless Fragmentary Orders and Operation Orders, taskings, coordination of logistics, mobilization of active duty and reserves, and daily reports to the Chief of Staff, Army. The participating enterprise organizations included DoD's rapid response, led by MEDCOM, is in large attributed to this multidisciplinary and diverse team of tireless workers. Furthermore, the CAT meetings and back shop hard work the Operations Division performs augmented Health and Human Services, the COVID Task Force, and Operation Warp Speed by synchronizing lab testing capacity, bed status reports, Commander's Critical Information Requirements/executive summaries, vaccine distribution planning, and the efficient flow of information. Nearly a dozen personnel from MEDCOM were assigned to Operation Warp Speed alone. The teams were synchronized and worked tirelessly, including weekends, their commitment to the Nation's tasks were exhausting and admirable.

Additionally, the Healthcare Operations Team created a Lessons Learned program for COVID-19 and established a SharePoint site germane to the COVID Pandemic response resulting in 350 COVID-19 observations; two fully staffed and analyzed

Lessons Learned submitted to the Center for Army Lessons Learned (CALL), 27 submissions to the Joint Lessons Learned Information System, and over 100 documents submitted to Uniformed Services University of Health Sciences for the analysis of the DoD COVID Pandemic Response. The Healthcare Operations team has continued on-going synchronization and coordination with CALL related to COVID Response submissions preparing multiple TSG Lessons Learned summaries for internal and external engagements with military, intergovernmental, and civilian partners.

The extreme dedication to duty of the team resulted in providing continuous, responsive, and flexible support throughout the crisis ensuring the right capabilities were at the right place, at the right time, to conserve the fighting strength of our Nation, protect our first responders and healthcare professionals, and ensure Army Medicine was ready to respond to any need when the Country called.

Please join us in congratulating the Team for their exceptional teamwork and noteworthy outcomes. These efforts and achievements illustrate selfless service and dedication reflecting great credit on each team member and epitomizing the highest standards of the Army and Army Medicine.

Congratulations Team!

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