

AMEDD Civilian Corps Chief Msg # 47----Two Important Topics (5 February 2014)

Howdy All,

Just a quick message with two important topics. The first is for all. Topic number two is specifically for those in job series GS-0679, Medical Support Assistant (MSA) and is really important. If you are a 679, please take a minute to read this through. Thanx!

1. CIVILIAN VIRTUAL TOWN HALL/MENTOR SESSIONS: It's time again for our AMEDD Civilian Corps Virtual Town Hall Meetings and Mentor Sessions. We've had both success and fun with them in the past and will continue with them in February. So, come join us for a virtual session with the Civilian Corps Chief to talk about what's going on in Army Medicine and the Civilian Corps! As before, we'll discuss current events and other topics. Let us know if you have a specific subject you'd like to include.

We've arranged three VTC sessions to accommodate different time zones. All are welcome at any session. Remember to contact our POC below as soon as possible to pre-arrange a VTC at your location.

Here's the current plan:

VIRTUAL TOWN HALL #1: WEDNESDAY, 12 FEBRUARY, 1300 CENTRAL TIME (According to our calculations from the world time zone clock, this equates to the following local times: 0400 next day Japan/Korea / 1400 Eastern / 0900 Hawaii / 1000 Alaska / 1100 Western / 1200 Mountain / 2000 Europe)

VIRTUAL TOWN HALL #2: WEDNESDAY, 19 FEBRUARY, 1800 CENTRAL TIME (Local times: 0900 next day Japan/Korea / 1900 Eastern / 1400 Hawaii / 1500 Alaska / 1600 Western / 1700 Mountain / 0100 next day Europe)

VIRTUAL TOWN HALL #3: FRIDAY, 21 FEBRUARY, 0800 CENTRAL TIME (Local times: 2300 Japan/Korea / 0900 Eastern / 0400 Hawaii / 0500 Alaska / 0600 Western / 0700 Mountain / 1500 Europe)

Our POC is Ms. Martha Arevalo at the Civilian Corps office. You can contact her via email at Martha.1.arevalo.civ@mail.mil or by calling 210-808-3025 to provide the VTC site ID for your location. We need at least 2 days advance notice to finalize the arrangements, so please contact her no later than 10 Feb 14 if you want to participate in the first session. You can also send her other questions or topics you'd like to discuss.

2. GS-0679, MEDICAL SUPPORT ASSISTANT: This topic is specifically for those of you in job series GS-0679. Department of the Army (DA) is conducting a "Competency Pilot" for YOUR job series. The Medical Support Assistant Competency Pilot is an effort to get a better understanding of job specific competencies and their level of importance. To do this, DA NEEDS your opinion. The Questionnaire will only take 20 minutes to complete (<http://www.truechoiceapp.com/?loc=ArmyCMS0679Director>). This is a little

different than other surveys in that you must complete it in one session. This is so important because identifying competencies needed in your positions will help the Career Program 53 Proponent Office identify competency gaps within the workforce. Once the gaps are identified, they will identify ways to close the gaps (to include identifying training opportunities and funding!!). Once we have an accurate set of competencies, we will be able to ensure all Medical Support Assistants have standardized competencies across the AMEDD as well as the training needed to accomplish their work.

So this is an opportunity to impact the future for yourselves and others. I can't tell you how important it is to all those in your job series and it's a great opportunity for you to make a personal contribution through your knowledge and experience plus make an impact on the future of your job. This is a short turn around opportunity so we need the surveys completed not later than close of business 11 Feb 14. I ask you to please find 20 minutes to take this survey and get after it quickly. Thanx in advance for your support.

Sincerely,

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