

Good morning, All!

Wanted to get out a quick message to do two things. First is to provide you some info and reminders on happenings in the AMEDDD Civilian Corps. Second, and more directly related to the timing of this message, is to wish each and every one of you a safe and happy 4th of July holiday. HAPPY BIRTHDAY USA!! We are truly blessed to be citizens of the greatest country in the world. Our freedoms are treasures, unique in history and in our world. Events of the recent past show us those freedoms are not at all free. Our resilience as individuals and as a nation demonstrates we understand that clearly and that we will not forfeit those freedoms. As members of the Army and Army Medicine Teams, you are all key elements of the defense of our freedoms and I thank you for what you do every day to support Soldiers, Families, and each other. Simply saying that I'm proud to be able to serve with you is a gross understatement. You make me proud every day!

So, Part 2 of the message is complete. Here's Part 1.

GREAT NEWS! Accolades to our recently retired Nancy Quick. In recognition of her many outstanding contributions as a Human Resources professional, on June 23rd Nancy received the Department of the Army's William H. Kushnick Award for Excellence in Civilian Personnel Administration for Calendar Year 2015. This award recognizes the top performing civilian personnel manager in the Army for excellence in their field. Congratulations Nancy and all the best to you in your retirement!!

BOARD OF ADVISOR OPENINGS: Just a reminder. In the last Chief's message, we put out a call for nominations for the AMEDD Civilian Corps Board of Advisors in Category 6, CP53 Medical-Clinical/Non-clinical, and Category 8, CP53 Public Health. You can access and download a complete list of occupational series for each Category under "What's New" on our AMEDD Civilian Corps Website at <https://ameddciviliancorps.amedd.army.mil>. This is a great opportunity for you, if you're interested, to be involved in the strategic management of our Corps. Application information is also available under "What's New" and the deadline for application is 15 July 2016. A final note. If you're interested but don't fall into one of the categories currently open, stay tuned. Our positions rotate regularly and we'll let you know as the openings come up.

WOLF PACK AWARD SUSPENSE: Nominations for the 4th quarter Wolf Pack Award are due 8 July 2016. I know there's a lot of great work going on out there by teams of civilians and military working together that certainly deserves recognition. The Wolf Pack Award can be that recognition. Learn more about the award and how to nominate your Team on our website at <https://ameddciviliancorps.amedd.army.mil> under the "Celebrate Success" tab.

VTC TOWN HALL MEETINGS: 24 AUGUST 2016 will be the next series of Corps Chief town halls, so block your calendars and save the date. You can arrange to participate by contacting the AMEDD Civilian Corps Office using the "Contact Us" link at the top right of our web page (<https://ameddciviliancorps.amedd.army.mil>). Remember that you can send us topics you'd like us to cover by also using the "Contact Us" link. We've scheduled the VTCs at 0800, 1300, and 1800 CDT to accommodate members of our Team worldwide, so pick the best for you (You're welcome any time!).

FINALLY!! No Corps Chief message would be complete without a closing comment on safety, right??!! July 4 is a great holiday as we discussed above, one that reminds us of the value of our freedoms and of the very special people who defend those freedoms, whether they wear a military uniform or a civilian uniform. We are all part of the Team that makes up Army Medicine and an exceptional Team it is, with what I believe is the most honorable and best mission in the Nation. Our people are our greatest asset. Remember, your safety and that of your family are really important! Safety impacts your lives and, because you're a key member of the Army Medicine Team, the success of our AMEDD mission. So pay attention to heat, fire, fireworks, water (swimming and boating!), and driving. You know what to do to use them all correctly, and please remember that they don't mix well with alcohol! Keep safety in your conscious mind all the time and we'll see you back after the holiday!! Have a great and SAFE one!!!

Sincerely,

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