

Howdy All Y'all,

As you know from past messages that's a plural greeting here in Texas! It's time for a few more reminders before I take a couple of days of leave. There are several topics below but please pay particular attention to the first two. Here we go.

FEDERAL EMPLOYEE VIEWPOINT SURVEY (FEVS): Many of you may have already received an invitation to take the FEVS survey. The Office of Personnel Management conducts this survey annually across the Federal government. A couple of points to consider:

- I VERY STRONGLY encourage you to take a few minutes and complete this survey. It is your opportunity to make input, in our case, to the Army on how you see things going and to help identify areas where we can make improvement. Army is really working hard on the issues identified in previous years and is really emphasizing the survey this year. Help our Army Team and help yourself by taking advantage of this opportunity to speak out.
- You may get a notice of an invalid certificate when you try to take the survey. That is a known glitch in the system so it is OK to proceed to and complete the survey. Don't let this systems issue get in your way!

TALENT MANAGEMENT (TM) ASPIRATIONS SURVEY: As you know from a couple messages back (# 82), we are on the verge of starting our civilian TM program. The aspirations survey is ready to pilot and the folks in Pacific Region have been kind enough to offer to do our pilot study. For those in other commands, you can expect to have the final product available for your use in June. For those in the Pacific Region:

- You will receive the survey notice in the next couple of weeks to execute our pilot study
- PLEASE help us out by completing the survey; it's short (7 questions) and easy to do
- The survey itself will be in Army Career Tracker; the notification message will have instructions on how to get to the survey
- Oh by the way, once you complete the survey in the pilot program, you will not need to do it again when the final version comes out!
- REMEMBER this survey is your ticket into the TM program so BE SURE TO COMPLETE!!

DEPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES: We get questions about this type of opportunity on a regular basis. Well, here's a couple to think about! The Ministry of Defense Advisors (MoDA) program has released 2 European Command (EUCOM) Medical Advisor requirements as opportunities for interested individuals. There are positions in Ukraine and the country of Georgia. Unlike the previous Afghan deployments we told you about a couple of years ago, these are accompanied tours. If you are interested in this type of broadening experience, you can see the requirements by looking under the "What's New" link at the top of our AMEDD Civilian Corps website (<https://ameddciviliancorps.amedd.army.mil>). You can find out about other (including non-medical) opportunities in MoDA that are on continuous hire by going to the following link:

<https://www.cpms.osd.mil/expeditionary/pdf/MoDAAFGFY16Post.pdf>

Some of the job series included are: GS-0081, 0130, 0131, 0132, 0201, 0301, 0340, 0343, 0346, 0391, 0501, 0510, 0511, 0560, 0601, 0670, 0685, 0800, 0801, 0854, 0905, 1035, 1101, 1102, 1601, 1701, 1712, 1750, 1800, 1801, 2001, 2003, 2010, 2210

SUSPENSE DATE REMINDERS: Here are a couple of upcoming suspense dates on opportunities for you.

- INTERMEDIATE LEADER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM—The suspense to submit applications for this great and growing program is 19 May 17. The program is conducted in conjunction with Training and Doctrine Command (TRAADOC), Army Cyber Command (ARCYBER), and Intelligence and Security Command (INSCOM), and is built to provide leader training and broadening opportunities to up and coming leaders. It focuses on GS 11-12 (13 by exception). Program and application information is available on our AMEDD Civilian Corps website under the “What’s New” and “Announcements” links at the top of the page. Super opportunity, so get your applications in!
- WOLF PACK AWARD—The suspense date for the 4th Quarter Wolf Pack Award submissions is 7 July. This award is an opportunity to recognize teams of civilians and military working together to do something great for the AMEDD mission. Application information is available on the Corps website under the “Celebrate Success” link at the top.
- AMEDD CIVILIAN CORPS BOARD OF ADVISORS APPLICATOINS—We are taking applications now for new members of the Corps Board of Advisors in Categories 3 and 4, Clinical Professional and Clinical Technical respectively. The positions are open to employees of any grade. You can find information on the positions and on application on the Corps website under “What’s New.” The suspense for submission of applications is 22 May 17. Good opportunity to serve the Corps.

NOTE TO SUPERVISORS OF CIVILIANS: In the upper right quadrant of the AMEDD Civilian Corps website there is a new and growing “Supervisor’s Corner” link. This link will have info on ways for supervisors to lead, support, and recognize their employees. The information will grow but some basics are available now. Give it a gander!

That’s it,...except, of course, for safety. We are approaching the time of year when kids are out of school, heat injuries, and outdoor activities seem to be prevalent. Please give a moment at the start of the day to consider the safety aspects of what you and your family will do that day. Conscious thinking about safety may save your life or that of one you love. Keep all the members of our great team safe!!

So, adios until next time. Be good to those around you and remember that positive decision making is critical to our success. It leads us to good decisions even in stinky circumstances. And, oh by the way, how about making a positive decision to share this and all these messages (yes, even the past ones are available—you guessed it, on the Corps website!) with your military counterparts, especially those who supervise civilians. They need to know what’s up with you and about your opportunities as well.

Sincerely,
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