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Army Medicine Family,

I hope everyone safely enjoyed the Independence Day holiday. Please continue to be safe and look out for each other. You are important to all of us here at Army Medicine.

During July, the Army will observe the 50th Anniversary of the all-volunteer force. This historic event has shaped the Army into what it is today. Army Medicine continues to make a difference as part of the all-volunteer force through the recent CONUS deployment of several thousand Army Medicine Reservists and Guardsman during the COVID-19 pandemic and the contributions of Army Medicine to continued world-wide humanitarian efforts. Army Medicine is proud to serve our Soldiers and our Nation-here and around the world.

This week on 9 July, the U.S. Army Warrant Officer Corps 105th birthday will be observed. Warrant officers provide invaluable skills, leadership, and technical expertise for our Army. For Army Medicine, the 670A, Health Services Maintenance Officers, coach and train biomedical equipment specialists and medical supply specialists. The 670As provides technical expertise to commanders and staff on the medical equipment lifecycle. Thanks to them, medical equipment is ready, especially in the deployed environment, to support the Army.

On 27 July, the U.S. Army Medical Corps will celebrate its 248th anniversary. In 1775, the Army Medical Department was formed when the Continental Congress authorized a Medical Service for the Continental Army. Every week this month, we will introduce you to a talented MC officer to thank him or her for their dedication to our Soldiers and to our Army's readiness.

In honor of the Medical Corps Anniversary, please send a message, clip, or short video (25 seconds or less) of what being a MC Soldier or civilian means to you. The videos will be posted on our social media platforms between 10-29 July. Please share your story and send your message to Public Affairs at: [usarmy.jbsa.medcom.mbx.medcom-public-affairs@health.mil](mailto:usarmy.jbsa.medcom.mbx.medcom-public-affairs@health.mil)

Employee Spotlight:

This week, we meet MAJ Benjamin Stork, who is both a 61N, Flight Surgeon, and a 60D, Occupational Medicine Officer. He completed a residency in aerospace medicine, which "provides the opportunity to be close to the Soldier and the opportunity to fly with your pilots, which is my idea of serving the Soldier," said MAJ Stork.

MAJ Stork attended undergraduate school at New College of Florida in Sarasota and medical school at Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine in Bradenton, Florida.

He recently left the Command and General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth after completing Intermediate-level education. MAJ Stork may ask for an exception (Medical Corps personnel are usually not eligible) and apply for the School of Advanced Military

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Studies at the GCSC. SAMS is often described as the Army's premier leadership school.

MAJ Stork is now at the Defense Health Headquarters, where he is a Medical Corps Executive Fellow and will work with the Corps Chief and Deputy Corps Chief to help develop and drive initiatives on their behalf.

His most memorable duty station was his time with the 101st Combat Aviation Brigade. He started with their general support aviation battalion as the battalion surgeon right after residency. Immediately, the unit went to Puerto Rico to help with the relief effort after Hurricane Maria hit the island. He was there for six weeks with the "Dustoff" unit, flying missions and keeping everyone healthy. He also did food and other inspections and coordinated operations with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

MAJ Stork also deployed to Afghanistan with the 101st Cavalry and had duty in Europe. He is married and has two children ages 6 and 3. For fun, he likes to backpack and spend time outdoors with his family. He is fond of hiking in the Blue Ridge Mountains.

"The Medical Corps is an organization where you can have an impact, including relatively junior people," said MAJ Stork. As an example, he mentioned his master's degree research on sleep apnea in Army aviators, which helped changed the Army aviation policy on obstructive sleep apnea.

"One thing I enjoy about the Medical Corps and the military is the diversity of thought and opinion and backgrounds that can come together to solve big problems," MAJ Stork said.

Thank you, MAJ Stork, for your focus and dedication to our Soldiers. You are an asset to the Army and Army Medicine. Continue to exemplify the high standards of the Army and the Medical Corps.

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