

Team Army Medicine:

It is with great honor that The Surgeon General and I announce the Army Medical Department (AMEDD) Military-Civilian Trauma Team Training Task Force from the U.S. Army Medical Command (MEDCOM) G3/7, Fort Sam Houston, TX, and Defense Health Headquarters (DHHQ), Falls Church, VA, in collaboration with the Regional Health Command-Atlantic (RHC-A), Fort Belvoir, VA, as the winner of the Army Medicine Wolf Pack Award for Fiscal Year 2019.

This year's quarterly winners: Malaria Prophylactic Drug-Tafenoquine Integrated Product Team, U.S. Army Medical Research and Materiel Command, Fort Detrick, MD; Low Titer "O" Negative Whole Blood Team, Fort Bragg Blood Donor Center, Womack Army Medical Center, Fort Bragg, NC; AMEDD-Military-Civilian Trauma Team Training Task Force (Now Program), MEDCOM G3/7, DHHQ, Falls Church, VA, in collaboration with RHC-A, Fort Belvoir, VA; and AMEDD Patient Safety Team and the Root Cause Analysis Engagement and Support Team, JBASA-Fort Sam Houston, TX, competed and are exceptional competitors whose teamwork and efforts achieved remarkable results. Congratulations to all of the competitors of 2019!

This Team of 29 Army Active Duty military, Department of the Army Civilians and contractors continue to enhance the Ready Medical Force process in order to improve patient outcomes on military missions by establishing the Army Medical Skills Sustainment Program (AMSSP) under OPORD 18-78. This program has two (2) main components: The AMEDD Military-Civilian Trauma Team Training (AMCT3) and the Strategic Medical Asset Readiness Training (SMART) programs.

The AMCT3 started as a formal task force and converted with both programs (AMCT3 and SMART) excelling at an almost unequalled pace while many things were in motion within the MEDCOM. In January 2019, the two sites held a signing ceremony for the AMCT3 program, one at Cooper University Hospital, Camden, NJ, and another at Oregon Health and Science University, Portland, OR, where many AMSSP Leaders, hospital executives, and local state and federal government employees to include one congressman attended. These ceremonies involved the signing of a letter of commitment between the MEDCOM's AMCT3 and the host facility to ensure the best opportunities for those currently attending and for future growth of the program.

While the AMCT3 was underway so was the first full SMART course held in February 2019 in Cincinnati, OH. Service Members from the Army and Air Force participated in the collaborative partnership agreement between four separate medical centers which provided patient encounters never seen by the participants. Positive feedback from both rotations and the host solidified the program and added value for the expansion of the program for future cohorts.

The critical and creative thinking of such a diverse group of team members was the KEY to the ongoing momentum, excitement and success of the programs. The contributions of this team focused on support evolving in different types of Military-Civilian Partnerships at different locations and at different levels. Their actions are the epitome of a diverse team, with limited resources, and a compressed timeframe to achieve a path for a new level of medical readiness.

Please join me in congratulating the Team for their efforts and achievements in providing a new level to the Ready Medical Force process through teamwork between Military and Civilian entities. The exceptional teamwork and dedication epitomize the highest standards of the Army and Army Medicine. Congratulations!

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