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Tri-Service Dental Research Competition: Dr. Daniel Phillips Takes First

In October, CPT(P) Daniel Phillips, Chief of Periodontics, US Army Dental Health Activity, Fort Benning, Georgia, was selected as the winner of Uniformed Services University's 2019-2020 Postgraduate Dental College (PDC) Tri-service Research Competition.

This competition involved entries from Army, Navy, and Air Force Postgraduate Dental Schools. The three services held internal reviews to nominate the top advanced dental education research projects for the 2019-2020 academic year. Judges representing the USU Medical, Nursing, and Dental Colleges evaluated the research efforts and determined awardees for the current cycle. The Navy and Air Force entries finished in the remaining positions (identified as Tier-2). In recognition of their efforts, all three finalists will be invited to present their research findings during the May 2020 program in Bethesda, Maryland. In addition to finishing first in this year's research competition, CPT(P) Phillips will also become the PDC nominee for the 2020 Board of Regents Patrick D. Sculley, DDS Award.



CPT(P) Phillips is a 2019 graduate of the US Army Advanced Education Program in Periodontics. He received a DMD degree from Temple University School of Dental Medicine in 2014 and a Master of Science in Oral Biology from the Army Postgraduate Dental School, Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences in 2019. CPT(P) Phillips' work was published in the June issue of the Journal of Periodontology. He was the first Army investigator in fifteen years to publish in this journal.

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DENTAL HEALTH COMMAND– EUROPE UPDATE

DHC-E UPHOLDS “LEADERSHIP AND EXCELLENCE” AT NCO SYMPOSIUM

From 20 to 22 November 2019, Dental Health Command Europe (DHC-E) held an NCO Symposium for approximately 45 NCOs located within the Dental Health Activity (DENTAC) Rheinland-Pfalz, DENTAC Bavaria, and DENTAC Italy.

In the pursuance of “Leadership and Excellence”, the symposium taught topics such as conducting counseling, DPMAP utilization, Army writing, as well as topics from Legal/UCMJ, the Inspector General, and Joint Commission.

The symposium also had a lecture from CSM Todd M. Garner, CSM for Regional Health Command Europe (RHCE) on Stewardship of the Profession.

The symposium concluded with a Joint Regimental Dining-In with Public Health Command Europe (PHCE) and U. S. Army Medical Materiel Center Europe (USAMMC-E) held at the Vogelweh Armstrong Club. The guest of honor was Brigadier General Ronald T. Stephens, Commanding General for Regional Health Command Europe.



U.S. ARMY EUROPE SHOWS APPRECIATION TO MILITARY RETIREES



During the month of October, U.S. Army Europe (USAREUR) held various events throughout the European footprint to show appreciation to Military Retirees. DHC-E clinics joined in with various activities, providing exams, cleanings, and fillings.

SHAPE DCC provided dental treatment to 12 military retirees. KMC/Baumholder Dental Clinic’s provided dental treatment to 135 military retirees.



The retirees were thrilled to receive special treatment from the KMC/Baumholder dental team. Wiesbaden Dental Clinic’s provided dental treatment to 37 military retirees. The Wiesbaden team enjoys participating in RAD events because it provides the opportunity for Active Duty Service Members (ADSM) to engage with Veterans from various branches. Vicenza Dental Clinic Retiree Appreciation Day provided dental education and treatment to 70 retirees. More than 120 retirees attended the event and enjoyed meeting the Vicenza dental team.



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SCHÜTZENSCHUR BADGE

Six Soldiers from Dental Health Command Europe participated in the German Bundeswehr Schützenschnur competition held Nov. 14 at Panzer Kaserne in Stuttgart, Germany. The Schützenschnur is a highly sought-after award that requires participants to successfully shoot from all three classes of weapons: Pistol, rifle and heavy weapon. Each participant is graded on their proficiency and awarded (if proficient) one of three classes, gold, silver or bronze.

The DHCE Soldiers who earned the Schützenschnur were; SPC Edward Becker (gold), SPC Kelly Francis (gold), SPC Nathaniel Santiago (gold), SPC Deyonjai Richards (silver), SGT Dion Richardson (silver), and SGT Jessica Lee (bronze).



Participation in this German Army sponsored competition was particularly challenging for the American Soldiers as they had to qualify using weapons they were unfamiliar with. SPC Edward Beck said, "The rifle we used was the Heckler & Koch G36 and the pistol was the Heckler & Koch P8." "As far as my thoughts on the weapons, I felt the rifle was a tad heavier than the Army M4A1 but it had a better recoil and the pistol had a nice trigger squeeze and weight to it. It almost felt like the new M17 the Army just received," Becker added.

The history of the Schützenschnur dates back to the Eighty Years' War where Spanish troops were ordered to hang any Dutch person who carried a musket. Therefore, Spanish musketeers began to carry ropes which were often carried over one shoulder. Awarding a cord as a decoration began in the early 18th century in Prussia under Frederick William I of Prussia.

The Army and Air Forces version of the award is a silver colored rope with a round metal badge. The center of the award displays the German eagle surrounded by a wreath of oak leaves. The full article is [HERE](#)



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DENTAL HEALTH COMMAND– EUROPE UPDATE CONTINUED

DENTAC ITALY SOLDIERS LEND A HAND IN VENICE

A group of Soldiers from DENTAC Italy volunteered to assist in the "Save Venice" cleanup and recovery efforts following the historic flooding that struck Venice, Italy recently. The dental Soldiers were part of a larger group from U.S. Army Garrison Italy who participated in the cleanup event. The event was sponsored by the Better Opportunity for Single Soldiers program.

The Soldiers traveled to Venice on Dec. 7 and spent the day moving debris, trash, and furniture to a waiting barge so it could be disposed of properly. DENTAC Italy Soldiers participating in the "Save Venice" event were: SFC David Allan Doan, SPC Adricka Duggins, PFC Jacob Offei, PVT Diana Hernandez, and PVT Agnes Pelayo.

According to SFC David Allan Doan, "When I heard about the flooding in Venice I knew I wanted to do something to help out. Just being able to help clean up the streets so that life can get back to normal again." "A local elderly man ran up to us and spoke Italian to me. I didn't understand what he was asking but I knew he needed our help for something. I grabbed some volunteers and followed him to his home to help remove a ruined mattress that he couldn't have lifted on his own," said Doan.

The damage from the flooding in Venice was substantial. The floodwaters in the city reached an unexpected high of 187 cm (6 feet) above sea level. Countless cultural treasures -- palaces, libraries, and churches -- remained partially submerged for days in the salty, polluted water. Another DENTAC Italy volunteer, PFC Jacob Offei said, "Volunteering over the weekend to help clean the city of Venice had a positive impact on my life." He added, "It was fun picking up the heavy logs and I enjoyed socializing with the people I volunteered with. I am proud to be part of the team that helped in cleanup."



Article and photos:

<https://www.army.mil/article/230825/>





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SPOTLIGHT: DENTAL COMPANY AREA SUPPORT / PROFIS

257th DENTAL COMPANY AREA SUPPORT



Above:

Congratulations to the fine NCOs of 257th MED CO (Dental Area Support) on a well coordinated 68E sustainment training event with the Fort Bragg DENTAC Soldiers.

Right:

Congratulations to SPC Robles and SPC Rodriguez for completing BLC in October!



Left:

The Norwegian Foot March Badge originated in 1915 for the purpose of exposing civilians and new military recruits to what it is like to be in the field. Since then, it has evolved to become a Foreign Service badge earned by completing the foot march to standard. Participants had to complete, in uniform with boots, an 18.6 mile ruck march within 4 hours and 30 minutes while carrying a 25 pound ruck sack.

Congratulations to CPT Hastings who completed the ruck and earned the Norwegian Foot March Badge!





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673rd DENTAL COMPANY AREA SUPPORT

The 673rd Dental Company Area Support (DCAS) supports dental missions for the 47th CSH and 62nd MED BDE. It's mission is to provide area based role 2 and role 3 dental service support consisting of emergency and essential dental care; designed to eliminate potential dental emergencies. The unit consists of 60 enlisted Soldiers and 29 Officers, in order to operate one nine chair dental clinic and 18 single chair dental clinics.

Annual week long field exercises allow the Soldiers to showcase their training. Operations are split between a training area and a field clinic. The training areas are typically composed of a perimeter, TOC, dental clinics, sleep tents, and DFAC. Trainings consist of field sterilization, day and night land navigation, and power distribution. Field clinics have been set up in a variety of locations including outside of a dental clinic and also at the Northwest Joint Regional Correctional Facility (NWJRCF) where inmates are provided dental treatment without assuming the risk of transportation outside the perimeter.

Opportunities to actualize these skillsets are abundant in today's Army. 673rd Soldiers supported the 1984th USAH during Operation Tropic; an IRT mission that provided medical care to the under-served on Hawaii's Big Island. Today, the 673rd provides care in Kosovo, Iraq, Qatar, and Kuwait.

The MTOE environment offers a multitude of opportunities in addition to dentistry. 673rd Soldiers made up the entire I Corps Marksmanship Team and participated in competitions in Hawaii, Alaska, and around Washington. Soldiers obtain their EFMB and Air Assault Badges, pursue Green to Gold, OCS, and have been accepted to the Interservice Physician Assistance Program (IPAP), and West Point.



Clockwise:

SFC Nicholas Williams hones medical skills by providing SGT William Vandenberg care under fire on the paint ball course.

MTOE Assigned Personnel (MAP) include officers who join the unit for semi-annual ranges. CPT Christopher Evans, SGT Jonathan Andrade, SGT Demetria Mcgee and CPT Trevor Miller are pictured.



673rd DCAS Soldiers work to conquer the "Tough One" in preparation for Air Assault School. Pictured: SGT Sujan Shrestha, SPC Niju Rajbhandari, SPC Penny Cardona, SPC Jiayuan Ziang, SPC Teo Yeo, SGT Dan Carnecer, SPC Dennis Obungu, SPC Devin Kanazawa, SPC Tykera Gordon.

SPC Sujan Shrestha practices throwing a grenade before going onto the live range.



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US ARMY DENTAL LAB UPDATES

PROSOMNUS APPLIANCES

To order OSA devices fabricated by ProSomnus, use one of the forms as detailed below.

Use of discontinued forms will result in the case being returned to the submitting provider.

ADL USE ONLY. This form is for all new requests in Labtrac and will accompany impressions, casts, George Gauge bite registrations, and documentation from the sleep medicine physicians. This form is also used when the patient causes damage to an existing ProSomnus prosthesis and a remake is required.

LOCAL USE ONLY. This form is for any item that does not need to go through the ADL. This will be used when ordering additional arches for greater mandibular advancement. There is no charge for additional advancement arches and there is no need to route these cases through the ADL. Any additional items purchased on this form (bite forks, etc.) will be billed to your local DENTAC. The ADL is not responsible for any purchase outside of the ADL.

If you have a case is damaged under the warranty (fracture while placing in the mouth, posts breaking due to manufacturer issue, etc.), you may contact ProSomnus directly as these cases fall under the ProSomnus warranty and should be refabricated at no cost. No need to route through the ADL but if you are uncertain, please contact the ADL.

Should you retain with a screw or cement? Find out what to consider [HERE](#).



CORPORATE DENTAL SYSTEM (CDS)

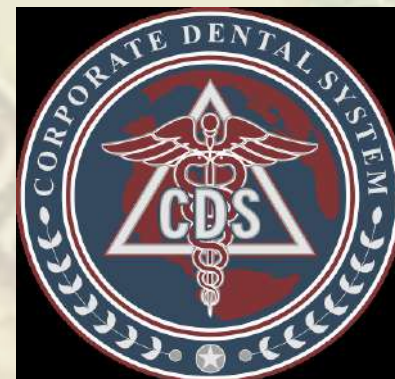
TEM Training Sessions:

The CDS Help Desk is conducting live Tri-Service Encounter Module (TEM) Training Sessions in preparation for TEM deployments. To attend one of these sessions, contact your local leadership to coordinate a date and time for your location.

Online training is available, and information regarding this training may be found on the CDS homepage under the Tri-Service Encounter Module (TEM) section.

The following online training dates and times are available.

- 12, 16, 17, 19, 23, 30 December 2019 @ 0900 & 1300 CT
- 11, 18 December 2019 @ 0900 & 1800 CT
- 13, 20, 24, 27 December 2019 @ 0900 CT
- 2 January 2020 @ 0900 & 1300 CT
- 3 January 2020 @ 0900 CT





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618TH DENTAL COMPANY AREA SUPPORT

MILITARY RETIREE APPRECIATION DAY— CAMP HUMPHREYS, KOREA

The 618th DCAS / Dental Health Activity Korea proudly supported Camp Humphrey's Annual Military Retiree Appreciation Day on Saturday, Oct 19th, 2019 and expressed appreciation to the retirees living in Area III of the Korean peninsula.

Eleven Dental Officers, five NCOs, and nine Soldiers volunteered for the Military Appreciation Day event at Carius Dental Clinic. Fifty-five military retirees received dental exams and cleanings. 618th Dental Company Area Support also established an oral hygiene awareness table at the Morning Calm Conference Center, where the Military Retirees Appreciation Ceremony was held and information regarding oral cancer screenings and Tricare dental offices were given out to the retirees.

Overall, Military Retiree Appreciation Day was successful and the feedback from both volunteers and military retirees was positive. PFC Subodum, one of the volunteers for the event said, "I am very happy and proud to be part of the team that supports our retired veterans." Many retirees showed appreciation to the volunteers of the event for their hard work and enthusiasm and expressed that they wish there are more opportunities like this. It was my pleasure as the executive officer of DENTAC-K to be able to be a part of Military Retiree Appreciation Day event and to work with highly motivated Volunteers.

Special thanks to all the highly motivated volunteers!



From Left to Right:

Front: SPC Natja Merced, SPC Gladlyn Mariur, LTC Agnieszka Kucharska, CPT Nathaniel Hoang, CPT Han Kim, SPC Malcolm Alexander, PFC Keyvon Walker, PFC Jeremiah Bennett, SPC Jesse Guzman; SPC Nicholas Kiporono.

Middle: CPT Sookyon Lee, CPT David Scoville, CPT Brigham Yang, CPT Eric Hu, CPT Charlie Kim, CPT Sichang Sung .

Last: CPT Perter Yoon, Perter and CPT Julia Lim

Volunteers Not Pictured: SSG Leticia Seijas, SGT Emmanuel Becerra, SGT Leonard Waller, SGT Oliver Ngumbi, SGT Yang Bautista, SPC Gye Park, and PFC Pimpon Subodum



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AMSUS

From 2-6 December members of the U.S. Army Dental Corps attended the 128th AMSUS Annual Meeting at National Harbor, Maryland. AMSUS, the Society of Federal Health Professionals, is a non-profit member-based educational and professional development association comprised of members of the Department of Defense, Public Health Service Corps, Veterans Affairs, Health and Human Services, Department of Homeland Security federal health professionals and their families. AMSUS's vision is to serve as the voice and advocate for this member base and is focused on values of service, passion, collaboration, advocacy, innovation, and responsiveness. This year's annual meeting theme was Transforming Healthcare through Partnership and Innovation.

Attendees from the U.S. Army Dental Corps included BG Shan Bagby, COL George Hucal, COL Tawanna McGhee-Thondique, LTC (P) Paul Colthirst, MAJ Ross Cook, MAJ Brandon Jones, MAJ Demarcio Reed, CPT Adam Bennett, and CPT Caroline Mikaloff.

Lecture sessions included topics on prolonged field care, the future of operational medicine, MHS Genesis's role in transforming the Military Health System, the Surgeons General's Report of oral health in America and underappreciated early detectors of oral disease. Accompanying the conference sessions were over 200 poster presentations. Members of the Fort Bragg Dental Health Activity and AEGD 2-Year programs represented the Army Dental Corps at the poster session. MAJ Ross Cook presented a poster entitled, "Use of a Pressure Cooker to Achieve Sterilization for an Expeditionary Environment," CPT Bennett presented "Assessing Changes in Opioid Prescribing Habits of U.S. Army Dental Corps Providers Following Completion of Opioid Prescriber Safety Training," and CPT Caroline Mikaloff with her presentation entitled, "A Comparison of Physical Properties of Glass Ionomer, Resin-Modified Glass Ionomer, Conventional nanocomposite, and Bioactive Restorative Material."

Congratulations to COL McGhee-Thondique for being the recipient of this year's AMSUS Dentist Award! This award recognizes the accomplishments of a federal dentist who has made outstanding contributions as a clinician, researcher, educator, or healthcare executive. You can read the article [HERE](#).



Left to right: COL George Hucal, CPT Adam Bennett, MAJ Brandon Jones, CPT Caroline Mikaloff, BG Shan Bagby, MAJ Ross Cook, LTC(P) Paul Colthirst



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American College of Surgeons Initiated LTC Marc M. Serra!

LTC Marc M. Serra was among 1,993 Initiates from around the world who became Fellows of the American College of Surgeons (FACS) during the Convocation ceremony at the College's Clinical Congress 2019 in San Francisco, Calif., last month. This year's class of Initiates was among one of the largest ever admitted into the College.

LTC Marc M. Serra received a doctorate in dental surgery in 2006 from Columbia University School of Dental and Oral Surgery, completed his maxillofacial surgery training at Madigan Army Medical Center, and his Fellowship in Cosmetic and Reconstructive Surgery at Baptist Memorial in Columbus, Mississippi.

LTC Serra attained board certification from the American Board of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons in 2015. LTC. Serra has a strong professional interest in Maxillofacial Cosmetic Surgery and holds membership in other professional societies, including the American Academy of Cosmetic Surgery, The American Dental Society of Anesthesiology, and the American College of Dentists.



By meeting the College's stringent membership requirements, Fellows of the College have earned the distinguished right to use the designation of "FACS" (Fellow, American College of Surgeons) after their names. An applicant for Fellowship must be a graduate of an approved medical or dental school; must have completed advanced training in one of the 14 surgical specialties recognized by the College; must possess certification by an American Surgical Specialty board or appropriate certification by the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada; and must have been in practice for at least one year at the time of his or her application. Before admission into Fellowship, the surgeon must further demonstrate ethical fitness and professional proficiency, and his or her acceptance as a Fellow of the College must be approved by three-fourths of its Board of Regents.

The Convocation ceremony was the highlight of the five-day Congress at which initiation into ACS Fellowship took place. The Congress also featured reports on research-in-progress, postgraduate courses, panel discussions, symposia, and scientific and industrial exhibits. Total estimated attendance at the Congress was 12,372. Allied health professionals and members of the scientific and consumer media also attended the meeting.

The American College of Surgeons is a scientific and educational organization of surgeons that was founded in 1913 to raise the standards of surgical practice and to improve the quality of care for the surgical patient. The College is dedicated to the ethical and competent practice of surgery. Its achievements have established it as an important advocate for all surgical patients. The College has more than 82,000 members and is the largest organization of surgeons in the world. LTC Marc M. Serra is one of only 500 Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons who hold this designation internationally; and is only one of two Active Duty Army Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons to attain this designation.



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GRADUATE DENTAL EDUCATION (GDE) IS PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE THE RESULTS OF THE FY 2020 LONG TERM HEALTH EDUCATION AND TRAINING (LTHET) SELECTION PANEL

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LTC Karen E. Gonzalez-Torres

NOMINATIONS FOR SELECTION TO ATTEND THE 2020 U.S. ARMY MEDICAL DEPARTMENT (AMEDD) JUNIOR LEADERSHIP COURSE (JLC)

[ALARACT 078/2019](#): The JLC is a leadership course that starts with a nomination and selection process to identify outstanding junior leaders, who have consistently demonstrated the core Army values and warrior ethos in the execution of their duties and who demonstrate skills, attributes, and potential required to become future leaders in the AMEDD. Nominations are used to identify course participants.