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Individual Critical Tasks and The Way Ahead.

Team, please allow us to alleviate some anxiety, and briefly answer a few questions which have been asked in regards to the Individual Critical Task List (ICTLs) way ahead. In order to maintain a high level of relevant skill set readiness for our Soldier providers, MEDCOM OPORD 17-17 utilized working groups and previous task lists to create the ICTLs. With the input of all specialty consultants through the guidance of the CSBPO, the dental ICTLs for each AOC were created, approved, and will be published by the middle of August. These ICTLs will be placed in the Central Army Catalog (CAC) and tracked through DTMS. Corporate Dental System (CDS) is already tracking the majority of the ICTLs, and hopefully by the end of the year, will be able to auto populate DTMS with properly coded procedures. The premise behind these lists is to help prepare the provider for deployment and not hinder or add another layer of bureaucracy. Looking forward to the future operating environments, we must put the right people, in the right place, at the right time to support our war fighters and minimize battlefield movement.

These initial lists are base line working documents and will be updated every three years based on input from the field. The start date for the implementation of the ICTLs will be issued through an OPORD and/or CSBPO directive through HHC within the next few months. Below you will find a link to an excel spread sheet. At the bottom of the spread sheet you will find tabs that corresponds to all dental AOCs and a list of their associated ICTLs. Please become familiar with your AOCs ICTL list, paying especially close attention to the frequency, quantity, and simulator/presentation based training alternatives. Additional information will soon be disseminated regarding to alternate ways to complete certain tasks as well as the approving authorities. Please feel free to contact the Corps Chief office in writing with any questions. The Corps Chief's office will compile and address them in the future information memos or bulletins. Thank you for your support and patience through these challenging times of change.

[ICTL Dental Master List](#)

Spouse Reimbursement for State Licensure and Certification Costs

The Army has announced filing instructions for spouse state licensure and certification cost reimbursement; this does not apply if the spouse is a Health Professions Officer. The cost must have been a result of a permanent change of station. The reimbursable amount is the lesser amount between fees paid and the maximum reimbursable amount of \$500.00. This is a one-time reimbursement in connection with each reassignment. The term "Qualified relicensing costs" means costs, including examination and registration fees, that are imposed by the state of the new duty station to secure a license, or certification to engage in the same profession the Soldier's spouse engaged in while in the state of the original duty station, and are paid or incurred by the Soldier or spouse to secure the license or certification from the state of the new duty station after the date on which the orders directing the reassignment are issued. For detailed information, please see ALARACT 036/2019 which announces the release of the Army Directive 2019-18 (Reimbursement for State Licensure and Certification cost for the spouse of a Soldier arising from a permanent change of station). Contact the AMEDD Special Pay Branch with questions.

[ALARACT 2019 036](#)

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- ◆ [2018 Army Medicine Campaign Plan](#)
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673rd DCAS Participates in Operation Saberwire



Soldiers of the 673rd Dental Company (Area Support), the 508th Military Police Battalion, and the Joint Base Lewis-McChord DENTAC combined their efforts to execute Operation Saberwire from May 13th to 17th. Prior to executing patient treatment 673rd DCAS Soldiers established an area of operations in the field in order to train on dental and operational MTOE equipment. During this time, Soldiers refined their skills setting up tents, operating expeditionary field dental equipment and utilizing power distribution systems while also training Army Warrior Tasks and Battle Drills. Patient treatment began after the breakdown from the field and “jumping” to set up field dental clinics outside of Dental Clinic 3 and inside the wire at the Northwestern Joint Regional Correctional Facility on Joint Base Lewis-McChord.

Saberwire allowed the 673rd DCAS to test their expeditionary capabilities outside of Dental Clinic 3, and their sustainment capabilities within the correctional facility. The Soldiers established fifteen mobile dental operatories with the equipment the unit would utilize on a deployment. These self-powered and sustaining facilities were set up to prepare the Soldiers for real world follow on missions.

“This is the first time we have been able to incorporate our MTOE Assigned Personnel (MAP) to train with the unit. Fifteen dentists from eight locations across the continental United States and Hawaii joined eleven local JBLM dentists for the training. The dentists enjoyed training with the Soldiers organic to 673rd and the exercise increased shared understanding between the dentists and dental technicians.” said LTC Eric Danko, the 673rd Commander.



Newly assigned MAP reported a great experience as well. “This increased my confidence in the ability for us to provide great care in a deployment setting with our issued dental field equipment,” stated CPT Matthew Waite, a dentist at JBLM.

There was additional value beyond training and providing immediate dental care to 150 patients; an estimated 545 hours of manpower were saved, and risk minimized, by treating inmates within the correctional facility and preventing the need for transportation outside the wire.

LTC Danko stated that, “Morale was high and the teamwork was phenomenal; our Soldiers are now better trained for deployment. We greatly appreciate the support of the 508th Military Police Battalion and the JBLM DENTAC.”





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U.S. and the Republic of Korea Army Dental Commands

Conduct Combined Training Exercise

The 618th Dental Company (Area Support) is the only permanently forward-deployed dental unit in the Army. In order to maintain its “Fight Tonight” posture, the 618th DCAS has developed short- and long-range calendars full of repetitive training events. In order to maximize training and ensure unit readiness, we conducted collective and joint training exercises with the 8A, 65th Medical Brigade, 121 Combat Support Hospital, 168th Multifunctional Medical Battalion, 106 Veterinary Company, and the Republic of Korea Army Dental Company (ROKA).



The focus of the joint training opportunity with the ROKA Dental Company,

who is commanded by COL Jinson Hong, was to demonstrate each unit’s capabilities, improve interoperability and promote leader development. The U.S. and Republic of Korea Forces have been fighting, training, and living shoulder-to-shoulder for more than six decades, in unwavering defense of the Korean Peninsula. This week’s training activities and leader engagements serve to further strengthen the alliance, enhance dental service support, and force health protection services across the peninsula.



The training activities included a 6-mile ruck march, CBRNE training, CBRNE live fire, MOPP gear exchange, the establishment of a 6-chair Area Support Dental Clinic, two Forward Support Dental Clinics, multiple emergency dental teams exercises, radio classes, Triage, MASCAL Training, and exercised unit movement under fire. CDR, COL Tawanna M. McGhee-Thondique lectured on the role of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons in Combat and CPT Michael Kim provided the unit’s capability brief to our ROK Command Teams.

The ROKA Soldiers were fully engaged in every aspect of the training. They also provided their wartime concept of operations. During peacetime, the ROKA Dental Corps Soldiers operate from a state-of-the-art dental bus. The U.S. Soldiers were very interested in learning about the ROKA unit’s formation and capabilities. This exercise was a dynamic learning opportunity for both forces. COL Hong and COL McGhee have already begun planning the next iteration of training because of the apparent value demonstrated during Operation Viper Strike IV.





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Dental Health Command - Atlantic Update

This month we are proud to highlight some of the recent missions, achievements, special events of the DHC-Atlantic Soldiers and civilians

RHC-A DENTAC supports 6 of the U.S. Army's 9 Mobilization Force Generation Installation (MFGI) Sites

DENTACs from Fort Campbell, Fort Gordon, and West Point all supported MFGI missions in June.

Fort Campbell: Mobilization Force Generation Installation (MFGI) mission at Fort McCoy

CPT Park (OIC) and SGT Spencer (NCOIC) from DENTAC Ft. Campbell provided essential training to the 7212 Medical Support Unit (MSU) for the duration of the MFGI Dental SRP. The dental Soldiers from the MSU applied their tactical knowledge and technical skills in enabling smooth flow of Soldiers from In-Processing, to X-rays, Patient care, and up to the check-out. The 68E Reserve Soldiers in-processed a total of 94 soldiers from the 348th EN Company. The mission resulted in 100% deployable status and 0 refrads.



Soldiers of the 7212 MSU share smiles after attaining successful SRP rate of



CPT Neelagiri and SGT Garcia perform minimal operative procedures at MFGI



The 7212 MSU Soldiers take PA images on deploying Soldiers.



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DHC-A Update Cont.

Fort Gordon: MFGI mission at Camp Shelby, MS

Fort Gordon DENTAC conducted a SRP at Camp Shelby, MS from 1-12 June 19: The SRP training was for the Army Reserve assets in preparation for potential mobilizations. Fort Gordon leadership on the ground to support the mission were COL Scott Rankin (CDR), Mr. Greg Courtright (XO), SFC Douglas Smith (SEL), Mr. Grady King, and SPC Jounell Bennett. The DENTAC team calibrated the providers of two MSUs and two surge MSUs focusing on DRC2 and 3 criteria. During this time period a little over 650 PAXs were provided dental exams.



MAJ O'Bryhim is answering questions pertaining to CDS.



Right seat left seat conducted with 7232 MSU with SPC Bennett and SFC Smith.

Fort Knox DENTAC Weight Loss Competition

Fort Knox DENTAC developed & implemented a weight loss competition beginning on January 1st in order to boost morale and encourage readiness and wellness amongst their staff. Fort Knox DENTAC lost a total of over 120 lbs. over the 5 month period the Grand Prize winner lost over 10% of her total body weight over the course of the competition. Hosted multiple nutritionists from the Army Wellness Center encouraged the benefits of healthy eating, exercise, and provided resources available to both soldiers and civilians. Weigh-ins were conducted weekly and winners were awarded monthly. Culminating in Grand-Prize winners being awarded on 12 June 2019.



SFC Duron and COL Quiroa announce the top 3 winners of the weight loss challenge, L-R; COL Quiroa, Ms. Depersis, Ms. Giles, Ms. Herzog, SFC Duron.



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DHC-A Update Cont.

Fort Jackson DENTAC LGBT Pride Month



Fort Jackson DENTAC celebrated LGBT Pride month joined by Moncrief Army Health Clinic (MAHC) for a LGBT pride colorful PT session.

Fort Stewart DENTAC Conducts Land Navigation Training

Fort Stewart conducted Land Navigation training at Tuttle Army Dental Clinic, Hunter Army Airfield located in Savannah GA and at the Fort Stewart Land Navigation range. This training event consisted of extensive Land Navigation, Map Reading familiarization, and concluded with an onsite activity. Soldiers familiarized themselves with a Lensatic compass, military map, and methods used to establish and convert an azimuth to an actual heading on the ground. Soldiers determined their walking/ rough terrain pace count (100 meters), learned the boxing method, and how to read and interpret their maps in order to move quickly and effectively on and off the battlefield.



SPC Mathis grasped all the basic knowledge on how to properly use terrain association, shoot back azimuth, pace count, and properly navigate from one point to another.



SPC Grant confirming her pace count in preparation for Land Navigation.



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DHC-A Update Cont.

Fort Benning DENTAC Medical Simulation Training 6 June

6 June 2019 - Soldiers received hands on Combat Casualty Care training at the Fort Benning Medical Simulation Training Center (MSTC). MSTC SME's provided critical training to the Soldiers of the FT Benning DENTAC. DENTAC Soldiers also had the opportunity to demonstrate their expertise by sharing their knowledge with fellow Soldiers. The event was a great learning opportunity and built unit cohesion.



Promotions from the Field

During Operation Viper Strike IV, Camp Casey, South Korea, the 618th Dental Company (Area Support) conducted field promotion activities for SPC Hyo Soo Im to the rank of Sergeant and Privates Kyran Brumfield and Kenneth Hooks to the rank of Private First Class. COL Tawanna McGhee was proud to inform CPT Kevin Menzie (63M), CPT Ryan Smith (63A), and CPT Anna Yoo (63B) that they were selected for the 2019 Major Promotion List. Congratulations to our deserving Soldiers.





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AOC Highlight - 63M, Orthodontist

Orthodontic treatment is a fundamental part of modern American dental care. Americans are concerned about their teeth and are accustomed to a high level of care. In the civilian sector, Americans pay tremendously to have straight teeth. In the Army, orthodontists provide that high level of care at no cost to the service member. The Army orthodontist plays a vital role in treatment planning complex and comprehensive treatment needs of service members, which results in superior outcomes.

How do orthodontists gain these unique invaluable skills? They attend the Tri-Service Orthodontic Residency Program!

The Tri-Service Orthodontic Residency (TORP) program is one of the most premier dental residencies in the United States. The only tri-service military training program, located at the Air Force Post-graduate Dental School (AFPDS), Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, TX, is a component of the San Antonio Military Health System, which includes both Brooke Army Medical Center and Wilford Hall Ambulatory Surgical Center. This program provides extensive didactic and clinical surgical orthodontic training, whereas civilian orthodontic training programs devote minimal time to developing surgical orthodontic skills. A reason for the lack of time spent on orthognathic surgery in these civilian programs is generally because orthognathic surgery is not covered by insurance providers and therefore not frequently performed in the private sector.

What makes TORP different? TORP uses state of the art technology including iCAT cone-beam (CT) machines, ESM laser scanning systems, and Dolphin imaging 11.95 premium. TORP graduates are exposed to a variety of guest lecturers, whereas on the civilian sector residency programs often have limited exposure to guest lecturers. The military residents are exposed to the newest techniques and often have subject matter experts train them in using these techniques. Since 2015, TORP has a 100% board pass rate for residents from all three services.

What type of cases do you treat after completion of the residency? Military orthodontists concentrate on surgical cases for Oral and Maxillo-facial surgeons to maintain individual critical task skills CONUS. They also support prosthodontic rehabilitation for those service members whose dentition is not functionally stable. The Army orthodontists provide didactic and clinical orthodontic training to all Advanced Education in General Dentistry-2 year programs and some Advanced Education in General Dentistry-1 year programs, which opens the doors to education as well. In addition to expanding the clinical capabilities of Active Duty dentists, military orthodontists also provide essential training and expand on the knowledge set of military providers with whom they work. Although military orthodontists treat active duty CONUS, qualifying family members are treated overseas and in remote locations, further expanding the military orthodontic skill set.

Orthodontics in the Army is very rewarding. The training received at TORP is second to none.

LTC Kevyn Wetzel, Army Orthodontic Consultant



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Army Dental Lab Update

This month the ADL provides a short PowerPoint presentation discussing accurate tooth preparation for milled restorations. Images are included demonstrating some common mistakes. To view the full presentation and additional contact information please [CLICK HERE](#).

Officer Highlight - LTC Mark Church

LTC Mark Church grew up in Portland, Oregon and enlisted as an Infantryman in the Army National Guard. He attended the University of Oregon, graduating in 1997 with a Bachelor of Science in Biology. He was originally commissioned as a Medical Service Corps Officer after ROTC, and served with the 10th Mountain Division as the medical platoon leader (MEDO) for a light infantry battalion during a Bosnia rotation. He was then assigned as a hospital administrator at Madigan AMC and Fort Campbell MEDDAC, serving as the Chief of Logistics prior to attending dental school at the University of Kentucky in 2008, graduating with a DMD.

Upon graduation he was selected to attend the 1-year AEGD program at Fort Campbell, Kentucky. He deployed as the Brigade Dental Surgeon for 4th Brigade, 2nd Infantry Division for 13 months during Operation Iraqi Freedom. He received his graduate certificate in orthodontics from the Tri-Service Residency Program, Lackland AFB and Masters in Oral Biology from the Uniform Services University in 2014. After residency LTC Church served as the Chief of Orthodontics and orthodontic mentor at the 2-year AEGD at Fort Hood, TX. He currently serves as the OIC of Dental Clinic #3 and 1-year AEGD Mentor, JBLM, Washington.

He has obtained the following Army badges: Air Assault, Airborne, Expert Field Medical Badge, and Gold German Armed Forces Proficiency Badge. He completed Command and General Staff College in 2018. He is a diplomate of the American Board of Orthodontics.

LTC Church and his spouse, Hillary Harper, M.D., were married in 2002 while they were stationed at Fort Lewis, WA. He enjoys mountain biking in the Capital Forest and taking his children, Avery, Owen, and Eric on nature hikes.





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Noncommissioned Officer Highlight

SSG MARSHELL D. KNIGHTEN NCOIC

Fort Detrick Dental Clinic

Staff Sergeant Marshall D. Knighten was born 22 July 1985 in Jacksonville, Florida. She graduated from Rains County High School in May 2003, and subsequently left for the Service within the United States Army.

She entered the United States Army on 9 September 2003 and completed Basic Training at Fort Jackson, South Carolina. She attended advanced individual training at Fort Sam Houston, Texas where she obtained the MOS 91E, Dental Specialist.

Staff Sergeant Knighten's previous assignments include USA Dental Activity, Landstuhl, Germany. Deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom (National Resolution and Iraqi Surge) with C Company, 2nd Brigade Support Battalion, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 2nd Infantry Division, Fort Carson, Colorado. Staff Sergeant Knighten then returned to Fort Sam Houston to attend the Preventive Dentistry Course, where she earned her Additional Skill Identifier of X2. She then continued on to USA Dental Activity, Fort Polk, Louisiana. USA Dental Activity, Fort Bragg, North Carolina. USA Dental Activity, Fort Riley, Kansas. USA Dental Activity Fort Meade, with duty at Fort Detrick, Maryland.

Since being assigned to Fort Detrick, Staff Sergeant Knighten has attended the Sexual Harassment/ Assault Response and Prevention Course (SHARP), where she completed a demanding program of performance-oriented training. Has conducted numerous Army Warrior Tasks and Battle Drills trainings to assigned members and PROFIS providers. She enthusiastically challenged the assignment as an lane Noncommissioned Officer in Charge of the Fort Meade Dental Activity's first annual Field Training Exercise in A.P. Hill for over 50 officer and enlisted Soldiers.

Her awards and decorations include the Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal (seven oak leaf clusters), the Army Achievement Medal (twelve oak leaf clusters), Meritorious Unit Citation, Army Good Conduct Medal (five bronze knots), National Defense Service Medal, Iraqi Campaign Medal (two bronze stars), Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal (one bronze star), the Noncommissioned Officer Professional Development Ribbon (two numeral), the Army Service Ribbon, and the Army Overseas Ribbon (two numeral).

Staff Sergeant Knighten has set many goals for herself to develop her military proficiency. She plans to earn the Expert Field Medical Badge and be promoted to Sergeant First Class. Her long-term personal goals include completing her Master's Degree in Business Administration with a concentration in Human Resource Management and being the best role model for her two daughters.



SSG Marshall Knighten (center) inducted into the Sergeant Audie Murphy Association.