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## 10<sup>th</sup> Special Forces : Dental Rotation Afghanistan 2019



By utilizing a small set-up, one large pelican box and a foldable cardboard chair, expeditionary dental care was brought to SOF camps without dental assets.



Working with SSG Ryan Nylan at Camp Morehead to complete extractions on Partner Force Personnel.

MAJ Matthew Ticich, 10<sup>th</sup> Special Forces Group (SFG) A dentist, recently returned from Afghanistan after providing expeditionary dental care to deployed 10<sup>th</sup> Group Soldiers and Partner Force personnel.

During the six week deployment, fourteen locations were visited and sixty-seven patients were treated. Treatments rendered included fifty-one extractions, twelve fillings, and forty annual examinations. All procedures were completed at Special Operations Force (SOF) Aid Stations without dental assets.

MAJ Ticich's dental rotation through Afghanistan improved rapport with the local nationals as well as increased mission readiness for 10th SFG and Partnered Force personnel working with SFOD-As.

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## DoD SAFE Service

DoD SAFE is a new service, replacing AMRDEC SAFE, allowing for SAFE or Secure Access File Exchange. This service makes it easy to share unclassified files up to 8.0 GB. Two distinct kinds of users will be utilizing DoD SAFE: inside users and an outside user. An inside user is associated with the DoD and must be Common Access Card (CAC) authenticated. Inside users are then able to drop-off unclassified information to anyone. Outside users are those without CAC authentication and can be anyone on the internet. To learn how to create, request and encrypt a drop-off, select the "help" button at the DOD SAFE page. CAC login required to access the following link: <https://safe.apps.mil>



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## NEW Dental Corps Recruiting Integration Officer (RIO)



Farewell MAJ Rachel Lewin and welcome MAJ Brandon Jones as the new Dental Corps Recruiting Integration Officer. For all things Recruiting, he is your guy!

[MAJ Jones' Bio](#)



## New Army policy: officers take standardized GRE test during Captains Career Course

Officers are now required to take the standardized Graduate Records Examination (GRE) test when they are enrolled in the Captains Career Course (CCC). While there will be no organized preparation time built into the course, free online tools will be available to assist those who would like to study before the test. The launch FY2020, AMEDDC&S has not yet determined how the course will be administered, updates will be posted as more information becomes available. [For the full article, click here.](#)





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## Spinning Their Wheels

Members of the Vicenza Dental Clinic at Caserma Ederle recently participated in a spin class as part of their daily physical fitness training program. The instructor for the spin class was Lidia Friederich, Administrative Assistant for DENTAC-Italy. Ms. Friederich, is an active cyclist and has a passion for mountain climbing and agonistic cycling. This spin class is part of the overall Army goal to have and maintain a physically fit and medically ready force.



Photo Credit: Army Photo

## Dental Health Command Europe Supports Dental Readiness in Latvia

Five members of Dental Health Command Europe (DHCE) traveled to Latvia recently to provide dental support to members of the 1st Combat Aviation Brigade (1CAB). 1CAB soldiers are deployed on a nine-month aviation rotation from Fort Riley, Kansas. The Atlantic Resolve Rotation mission builds readiness, increases interoperability and enhances the bonds between ally and partner militaries with multinational training events in Bulgaria, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, and Romania.

U.S. Army Europe's dental wellness and readiness rates are the highest in the U.S. Army. To date, the DHCE team has performed well over 700,000 procedures, deployed multiple personnel in support of USAREUR, U.S. Army Africa, U.S. Army Central, and supported the successful deployment of Regionally Aligned Forces and countless USAREUR and USARAF units. DHCE was also the first regional dental command within the U.S. Army Medical Command to receive Star Safety certifications for all of its clinics. More information on the mission can be



Left:

PFC Jah Mon Smith, a dental specialist assigned to the Hohenfels Army Dental Clinic in Germany, prepares a Soldier for a dental exam in Lielvarde, Latvia.

Right:

CPT David Flanders, a dentist assigned to DENTAC-Ansbach, and SPC Allysa Kennedy, a dental specialist assigned to DENTAC-Grafenwohr, conduct a dental exam on a 1CAB Soldier in Latvia.



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## **AOC Spotlight: 63H, Public Health**

Dental Public Health (DPH) practice in the Army covers a wide range of activities to systematically achieve optimum population health. First, surveillance systems and research identify and characterize oral health issues and their root causes. From there we can develop care delivery processes, policies, and regulations to target problems. Finally, further monitoring and surveillance to evaluate the outcome of the interventions close the loop. The ultimate goal is to streamline care delivery processes and advocate for policies and regulations that promote Soldiers' Readiness, oral health, and overall health. Here are some of the DPH areas that our officers are involved:

**Tri-Service High Caries WG:** The Dental Public Health Officer (LTC Drouillard) and Dental Systems Division within Dental Directorate have collaborated with Navy and Air Force representatives at the Tri-Service Center for Oral Health Studies (TSCOHS) to establish a Tri-Service High Caries Risk working group. The Tri-Service HCR working group developed a new protocol to identify and manage those service members at greatest risk of developing dental caries (cavities). Members of the HCR working group aligned HCR programs from each Service into a mutually agreed caries risk criteria. Recommendations for a HCR module in the electronic dental health record were briefed to various levels of the Defense Health Agency including the Dental Policy Alignment and Integration Working Group (DPAIWG), the Dental Systems Integrated Products Team (DSIPT), and the Dental Clinical Community (DCC). HCR program recommendations are being integrated into a DHA-PI draft and assimilated into the Tri-Service Encounter Module (TEM) in CDS.

**Tri-Service Encounter Module (TEM):** Along with members of the staff at the Dental Directorate, LTC Drouillard provided internal and operational testing as well as feedback for the Tri-Service Encounter Module (TEM); an electronic dental health record product to improve efficiency and patient safety. Future efforts will focus on efforts to integrate the Tri-Service caries risk protocol and include dental diagnostic codes within the TEM.

**US Surgeon General's Report on Oral Health in America:** COL Rogers, LTC (P) Colthirst, and LTC Drouillard contributed Army-specific data while drafting the military section of the Surgeon General's Report on Oral Health in America due for publication in 2020. The report is a nation-wide collaborative effort including civilian and military input to educate Americans on the state of oral health across the country, as well as serve as a call to action for areas where additional improvement is needed.

**Summer Happenings and Movies:** LTC (P) Paul M. Colthirst is the new Consultant to The Surgeon General in the Dental Corps, 63H, Dental Public Health, effective 1 July 2019. LTC (P) Paul M. Colthirst has an impeccable military career in the field of Dental Public Health. He is currently assigned as the Dental Staff Officer at the Office of The Surgeon General (OTSG), Falls Church, Virginia. LTC (P) Colthirst can be reached at [paul.m.colthirst.mil@mail.mil](mailto:paul.m.colthirst.mil@mail.mil). We would also like to thank the outgoing Consultant, COL (Ret.) Georgia G. Rogers for her outstanding service and numerous contributions to the Dental Corps and to Army Medicine.

**Global Health Engagement (GHE):** LTC Paul Colthirst wrote a position paper on

"A Simple Dynamic Approach to Strategically Utilizing Dental Capabilities in Health Planning for Global Health Engagement (GHE) Concepts and Humanitarian Assistants (HA) Missions". The position paper will be submitted for publication.

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## Dental Health Command - Pacific Update

This month we are proud to highlight some of the recent missions, achievements, special events of the DHC-Pacific.



Sergeant Major Erin L. Hicks was officially welcomed to the Dental Health Command-Pacific during the Assumption of Responsibility on 31 July 2019.

Sergeant Major Hicks assumed her duties as the Senior Enlisted Advisor by receiving the organization's colors from Colonel David A. Mott, Commander, Dental Health Command-Pacific.

Sergeant Major Hicks is a native to Ohio and joined the United States Army as a Dental Specialist in September 1998. She has held a variety of leadership positions during her career ranging from assignments at Fort Lee, Virginia, C 187th Medical Battalion, Joint Base San Antonio, Texas, Dental Activity, Fort Carson, Colorado, 62nd Medical Brigade, Joint Base Lewis McChord, Washington, and United States Army Sergeants Major Academy, Fort Bliss, Texas.

## CONGRATS GRADS!

Joint Base Lewis-McChord Dental Health Activity (JBLM DENTAC) hosted the Army Education in General Dentistry (AEGD) graduation ceremony on 25 July 2019 for eight residents who completed the one-year residency program.



COL Kendall Mower (JBLM DENTAC Commander), LTC(P) Cynthia Feleppa (AEGD Assistant Director), CPT William Frei, CPT Andrew Kary, CPT Ross Emerick, CPT Carson McDaniel, CPT Ethan Tindall, CPT Andrew Woodward, CPT Paul Chung, and CPT Patrick Huebner (AEGD residents), LTC Benjamin McGovern (AEGD Program Director), and COL Pete Guevara (Chief Graduate Dental Education, Dean of APDS).



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## Dental Health Command - Pacific Update Continued

### Dental Health Activity—Japan (Right)

Irulan Hirata, a Camp Zama High School student, unpacks and sorts supplies at Camp Zama Dental Clinic as part of the Summer Hire Program. The Summer Hire Program allows teens/college-age students to gain professional development and experience in a real-world work environment. This is the first time that Camp Zama Dental Clinic has participated in the program.



### Dental Health Activity—Hawaii (Left)

The Department of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery (OMS) at Tripler Army Medical Center received credit for zero findings in its department during the triennial Joint Commission Survey that took place 22-26 July 2019. Congratulations Team OMS!

### Dental Health Activity—Korea (Right)

On 25 July 2019, the 618<sup>th</sup> Dental Company (Area Support)/Dental Activity Korea conducted an SRP for 2<sup>nd</sup> Combat Aviation Brigade, 2<sup>nd</sup> Infantry Division at Carius Dental Clinic, Camp Humphreys. CPT Nathan Streiter, 2CAB Medical Operations Officer and CPT Michael Kim, 618<sup>th</sup> DC(AS)/ DENTAC-K Executive Officer coordinated the successful event. DENTAC-K brought additional providers and assistants from Kim's Dental Clinic to support the effort. A total of ninety-six Soldiers were treated. The unit continuously seeks training opportunities to provide dental service support, both in clinic and field environments.





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## FDI World Dental Congress 2019

Earlier this month, some of the most prominent international figures in dentistry ascended upon San Francisco for the World Dental Federation (FDI) World Dental Congress (WDC) 2019. The World Dental Congress is a flagship event for the FDI, held in a different host country every year, strengthening ties and fostering collaboration within the global oral health community.

With 29 participating countries, cross-continental education was undeniable. Countries in attendance included Australia, Canada, Chile, China, Czech Republic, Germany, Great Britain, India, Indonesia, Japan, Korea, the Netherlands, New Zealand, the United Kingdom, and the United States.

The Section of Defense Forces Dental Services (SDFDS) hosted a four-day dental exhibition that offered presentations of the latest in oral health technology and practices. LTC Neal, CPT Helmus, CPT Leach and CPT Mikaloff were selected to present on behalf of the U.S. Army and the United States.

FDI is an international, membership-based organization that serves as the main representative body for more than 1 million dentists worldwide, active in some 200 National Dental Associations (NDAs) and specialist groups in close to 130 countries.

As a convener of the oral health community, FDI fosters exchange and develops a common vision to advance the science and practice of dentistry. FDI delivers innovative congresses, campaigns, and projects to address the global oral disease burden and improve oral health. As the leading global advocate for oral health, FDI strives to achieve our vision of leading the world to optimal oral health by working at both the national and international level.



CPT Caroline Mikaloff, BG Shan Bagby, CPT Kyle Leach



BrigGen Sharon Bannister (USAF), Dr. Jean-Pierre Picard (CAN), BG Shan Bagby (USA)



International Dental Leaders from around the globe



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## American College of Dentists (ACD) Annual Meeting and Convocation

On the afternoon of September 5th, 2019, BG Shan Bagby, COL Pete Guevara, COL Harry Jackson, LTC Amanda Nelson, LTC David Nelson, COL Lisa Yarbrough, LTC Melissa Tucker, and MAJ Michael Kroll, were inducted into the American College of Dentists (ACD) during their annual meeting in San Francisco. These individuals were nominated for fellowship having exemplified excellence through their outstanding leadership and contributions to dentistry and society.



COL Harry Jackson, LTC Melissa Tucker, BG Shan Bagby, MajGen (ret.) Roosevelt Allen, MAJ Michael Kroll



COL Harry Jackson, MajGen (ret.) Roosevelt Allen, BG Shan Bagby, LTC Dave Nelson, LTC Amanda Nelson, COL Lisa Yarbrough

The American College of Dentists was founded in August of 1920 by dental leaders who wanted to elevate the standards of dentistry. The founding members were actively engaged in advancing the recommendations of the landmark Gies Survey of dental education for the Carnegie Foundation. From its inception, the ACD was established as a nonprofit organization dedicated to the highest ideals of the dental profession and service to humanity. Their charge was to create an organization to promote and encourage the growth and expansion of the dental profession.

For more information on the American College of Dentists:

[www.acd.org](http://www.acd.org)

[www.dentaethics.org](http://www.dentaethics.org)



## Changes to Housing for Dependents During Permanent Change of Station

Effective immediately, a Service Member (SM) in receipt of Permanent Change of Station (PCS) orders within the United States, including Alaska, Hawaii and Puerto Rico, may be approved for advanced or delayed dependent travel. The covered relocation period begins 180 days before the date of the PCS, which is the date the SM leaves his or her current PDS, and ends 180 days after the date of the PCS. For more information and how to apply for an exception,