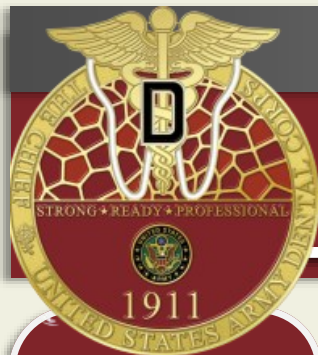


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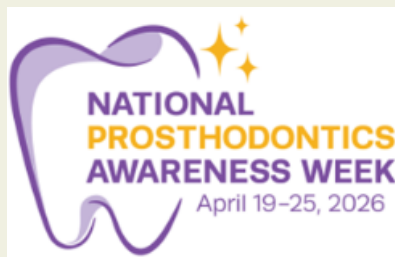
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Army Prosthodontics— A Life Changing and Critical Wartime Specialty

Written by MAJ Eric Hu, Fort Hood AEGD-2 Prosthodontic Mentor



Prosthodontics is a recognized dental specialty pertaining to the diagnosis, treatment planning, rehabilitation and maintenance of the oral function, comfort, appearance and health of patients with clinical conditions associated with missing or deficient teeth and/or oral and maxillofacial tissues.

Army prosthodontists (63F) complete a three-year Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA) - accredited residency training to provide critical wartime specialty services to restore our warfighters’ ability to function, eat, speak, smile, and live with improved quality of life. Prosthodontists receive advanced training in dental implants, fixed and removable prosthesis, veneers, occlusion, dental materials, and digital technology to deliver life-changing treatments. In the United States, there are an estimated 120 million people that are missing at least one tooth, which can severely impact an individual’s confidence, job prospects, and overall health.

Many Army prosthodontists go on to complete an additional year of fellowship in maxillofacial prosthetics to restore missing face, jaw, and surrounding structures caused by disease, trauma, or congenital conditions. In addition to providing exceptional care as the chief of prosthodontics on military installations, many Army prosthodontists serve as educators and mentors in graduate dental education programs. 63Fs also take on leadership roles as dental commanders, Assistant Chief of Staff for Dental Integration, dental lab directors, executive fellows, and Consultant to the Surgeon General.



In celebration of the **2026 National Prosthodontics Awareness Week**, the American College of Prosthodontists (ACP) has made free webinars, scientific literature, and resources available on www.prosthodontics.org/npaw/

The ACP also provides evidence-based position statements on commonly asked topics such as maintenance of full-arch implant restorations, use of zygomatic and pterygoid implants, and demystifying advanced dental credentials. Available on: www.prosthodontics.org/about-acp/acp-position-statements

To learn more about exciting careers as an Army prosthodontist, scan the QR code to read:

- ACP Messenger - Life as a Prosthodontist in the Armed Forces
- Restoring Impactful Smiles – Personal Reflection of Army Prosthodontists and Residents





63F Prosthodontics AOC Update

Written by: Stephen Cherrington, Prosthodontic Consultant to the Surgeon General

As we recognize National Prosthodontic Awareness Week, it is an ideal opportunity to highlight the significant contributions of the Army's 63F Prosthodontic community. Prosthodontists are the recognized experts in restoring and replacing teeth and managing complex oral rehabilitation. Army Prosthodontists play a critical role in maintaining Soldier readiness while advancing dental technology and innovation across the force.

Our specialists are shaping the future by mentoring residents in 1-year AEGD, 2-year Comprehensive Dentistry, and Prosthodontic residency programs. They hold key Dental Corps Area Support (DCAS) positions, support Global Health Engagements, and lead at the highest levels as Commanders, Executive Fellows, and Director of the DHA Regional Dental Laboratory.

Our training pipeline remains strong with 15 residents training in Army, Air Force, and civilian prosthodontic programs, ensuring continued specialty expertise for the future force. In addition, two officers are currently pursuing advanced Maxillofacial Prosthodontics fellowships.

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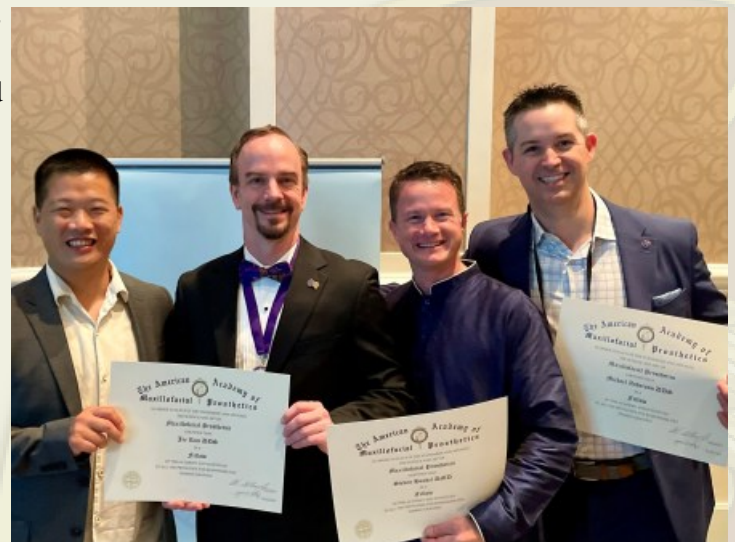
The commitment to clinical excellence within the 63F community remains exceptionally strong, with a board certification rate that exceeds our civilian counterparts. The American Board of Prosthodontics (ABP) has recently modernized its certification process, transitioning from the traditional clinical case presentation format to a scenario-based examination format, which is expected to further increase participation and accessibility for Army prosthodontists. In that spirit of advanced certification, we extend special congratulations to MAJ Andrew Ryser for achieving Board Certification with the American Board of Prosthodontics (ABP), and to LTC Steven Handel and LTC Jee Kim for achieving Board Certification with the American Academy of Maxillofacial Prosthetics, further strengthening the expertise within our specialty.

Research and Innovation:

Army Prosthodontics continues to remain at the forefront of innovation, with much of this progress driven by the work of our Prosthodontic Residency Program and its faculty and residents. Since March 2025, members of the prosthodontic community have published five peer-reviewed articles, with four additional manuscripts currently under review. In addition, the community has secured two fully approved patents and six provisional patents, all focused on innovative solutions to complex prosthodontic clinical challenges.

Leadership and Appointments:

Please join us in congratulating MAJ Patricia Walworth, who has been selected as the new Digital Dentistry Subject Matter Expert representing Prosthodontics. Her leadership will be vital in guiding the continued integration and advancement of digital technologies across the Army Dental Corps. We also extend our sincere appreciation to the outgoing SME, LTC Jee Kim, for his seven years of dedicated service and immense contributions to the advancement of Army dentistry.



LTC Jee Kim and LTC Steven Handel are promoted to Fellowship in the American Academy of Maxillofacial Prosthetics.

Picture from right to left: LTC Jee Kim, CAPT (R) William 'JR' Willson, LTC Steven Handel, CAPT Michael Anderson



Skill Identifier and Specialty Development:

The 63F community is advancing efforts through the establishment of a new Skill Identifier in Maxillofacial Prosthodontics. This initiative has formally acknowledged the advanced training required to treat complex craniofacial defects and will help establish clearer career pathways for prosthodontists pursuing this highly specialized field.

This effort also supports the development of a regional Center of Excellence for Maxillofacial Reconstruction, ensuring that the Military Health System maintains the capability to manage the most complex craniofacial rehabilitation cases for our patients.

Professional Presentations:

Army prosthodontists continue to maintain strong visibility within the national prosthodontic community. At the recent Academy of Osseointegration conference, CPT Wilkins and CPT Massaro presented research on subperiosteal implants, while LTC Handel served as a moderator for the Oral Scientific Research Session. In addition, CPT Wilkins presented two posters this academic year at both the American College of Prosthodontists (ACP) and the American Academy of Fixed Prosthodontics (AAFP) meetings, highlighting the research contributions of Army dentistry.

The dedication to research, leadership, and clinical excellence demonstrated by our officers and residents ensures that the 63F community remains well positioned to advance military dentistry and meet the evolving challenges of our field.

The future of Army Prosthodontics is exceptionally bright!



CPT Gregory Wilkins presents his poster Implementing Scannable Healing Abutments to Streamline Mandibular Resection Restoration: A Case Report at the American Academy of Fixed Prosthodontics annual meeting in Chicago IL, Feb.

Picture from right to left: COL Jennifer Sabol (PD), CPT Gregory Wilkins (R3), LTC Steven Handel (APD)



CPT Gregory Wilkins presents his poster Bond strength of vinyl polysiloxane tray adhesive to 3-D printed tray materials: A comparison study at the American College of Prosthodontists annual meeting in New Orleans, LA.



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Captain Career Course (CCC)

Phase 1 is no longer required. Submit signed DA3838 to HRC, DC PDO: COL Eric Setter, eric.j.setter.mil@army.mil

MedXellence Course

USU’s MedXellence Course provides current and aspiring Military Health System (MHS) leaders 40 hours of continuing education credits and an unparalleled opportunity to expand their leadership and management skill sets, through its robust curriculum consisting of both lecture and hands-on small group exercises that are based on real-world MHS scenarios

Click for the dates, POCs, and registration links.

Intermediate Level Education (ILE)

The primary method of completion is distance learning.

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Expert Field Medical Badge (EFMB)

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Joint Medical Executive Skills Program

Click for information on the following courses: Healthcare Management Course, JMESI Intermediate Executive Skills, Capstone Course for Military Health System Leaders.

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All health.mil users must join Army 365 DoD Guests to access the Dental Corps SharePoint. Joining can be completed by following this [link](#).

Upcoming Continuing Education Conferences:

8-10APR2026: Operational Dentistry Symposium

18-21MAY2026: Oral Surgery Short Course

Upcoming Leader Professional Development:

23APR2026: “From Dental Chair to Strategic Leader” with Col Schwamburger

28MAY2026: Long-Term Health Education & Training (LTHET) Discussion with COL Stark

Dental Corps in the News:

Please share any published Dental Corps news with MAJ Austin Stubbs at austin.j.stubbs2.mil@army.mil.

Connect with a GDE Ambassador for LTHET mentorship and learn more about a dental specialty:

Contact MAJ Eric Hu (eric.c.hu.mil@health.mil) of the GDE Ambassadors Program

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