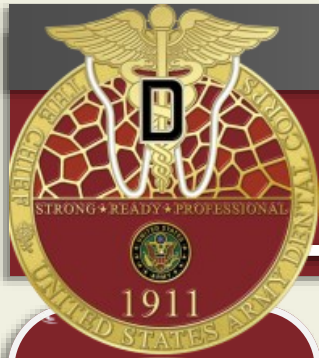


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Dental Corps,

As we look toward the future of our Corps, it is essential that we continue to invest in the professional development, leadership growth, and operational readiness of ourselves. The strength of the Dental Corps has always been built on individuals who step forward to pursue opportunities that not only advance their careers, but also strengthen the organization as a whole.

With that said, I strongly encourage all eligible Officers to consider applying for Long Term Health Education and Training (LTHET). Advanced education develops clinical experts, future mentors, and leaders who will continue to elevate the standard of care across our formations. Likewise, Officers should consider opting into Intermediate Level Education (ILE) and Senior Service College (SSC) opportunities. These programs are critical to developing strategic thinkers and senior leaders who can effectively represent the Dental Corps at higher levels of command and Strategic Billets across Army Medicine.

Additionally, I encourage all qualified Officers to opt-in for our Dental Nominative Command opportunities. These command roles allow our officers to directly shape the Corps future, deliver readiness, provide mentorship, and develop competitive leaders. Our Corps needs your skills, passion, and leadership.

Each of these opportunities represents more than personal advancement; they are investments in the continued success and relevance of the Dental Corps. Our future depends on Officers who are prepared to lead clinically, operationally, and strategically. I strongly encourage each of you to reflect on your goals, seek mentorship, and pursue the opportunities that will best position you to serve at the next level.

The future of the Dental Corps will be shaped by those willing to step forward today as we are reminded of Rudyard Kipling's quote:

"For the strength of the Pack is the Wolf, and the strength of the Wolf is the Pack"

Very Respectfully,

COL Paul M. Colthirst
Colonel, U.S Army
30th Chief, Army Dental Corps



Forging Bonds, Enhancing Skills: A U.S. Army Endodontist in Ghana

by MAJ Bryant Farr

In a powerful display of international collaboration and medical diplomacy, I, a U.S. Army Endodontist, joined fellow American service members for a Medical Readiness Exercise (MEDREX) in Accra, Ghana, as part of African Lion 2025 (AL25). From May 5-23, 2025, I worked alongside my counterparts from the Ghana Armed Forces (GAF) at the 37th Military Hospital, creating a unique environment for shared learning, advanced patient care, and enhanced military readiness.

The MEDREX provided a critical platform for me to share my specialized expertise in endodontics. I collaborated directly with Ghanaian military dental providers, treating patients at the military hospital and successfully completing complex endodontic treatments. Beyond direct patient care, I'm passionate about sharing my knowledge. Through hands-on instruction and a formal continuing education lecture, I taught Ghanaian military dentists' modern best practices in endodontics, including advanced aseptic techniques, the use of rotary file instrumentation, and effective local anesthesia methods. This exchange of knowledge was a cornerstone of the mission, directly empowering local providers and fostering a stronger, more capable joint force.

The learning, however, is a two-way street. The exercise offered myself an invaluable opportunity to understand and adapt to the challenges of providing sophisticated dental care in an austere environment with limited resources. By working alongside the resilient and resourceful Ghanaian providers, I gained firsthand knowledge of how to innovate and deliver effective care when ideal equipment and supplies are not available. This experience is critical for any military medical professional, honing the skills necessary to operate in diverse and demanding conditions across the globe.

The mission also provided me a rewarding, hands-on experience beyond my primary specialty. I expanded my clinical and operational skill set by assisting in the military hospital's emergency room, gaining valuable triage experience in a high-paced environment. Furthermore, I participated in post-mortem dental identification exams, obtaining practical experience in a vital forensic discipline that is crucial to military operations.

For myself and my colleagues, the MEDREX in Ghana was a profoundly rewarding experience. It was an opportunity not just to treat patients, but to build lasting professional relationships, exchange invaluable knowledge, and test their own adaptability. The valuable hands-on experience gained in both clinical and operational settings has undoubtedly enhanced my readiness and effectiveness as a U.S. Army officer and endodontist. This successful partnership underscores the importance of exercises like African Lion in strengthening alliances and ensuring that U.S. and partner forces are prepared to meet any challenge, together.



Ghana Armed Forces (GAF) personnel at the 37th Military Hospital, U.S. medical professionals from Landstuhl Regional Medical Center (LMRC), Dental Health Activity Rheinland-Pfalz/Bavaria, Public Health Command Europe and the North Dakota National Guard at the medical readiness exercise (MEDREX) on May 23, 2025 in Accra, Ghana as part of African Lion 2025 (AL25).



63E Endodontics AOC Update

Written by: COL Joseph Dutner, Endodontic Consultant to the Surgeon General

US Army Endodontics was represented in Salt Lake City last month at the American Association of Endodontists’ Annual Meeting. Second-year residents presented their research to the meeting attendees, highlighting topics that were relevant to both military dentistry and the community in general.

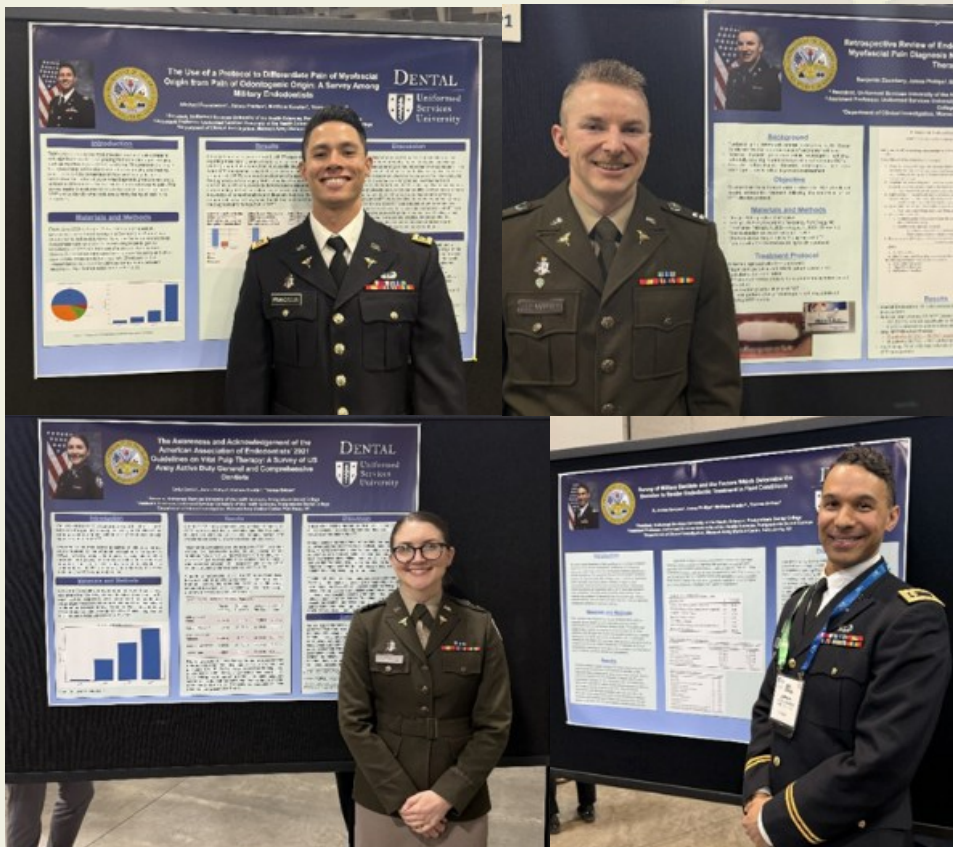
To achieve Diplomate status with the American Board of Endodontics, one must successfully pass a written examination, an oral examination, and a case history portfolio examination complete with 12-month post-treatment evaluations. To continue being recognized as a dental specialty, a significant portion of endodontists must achieve and maintain board certification. Congratulations to the following Army endodontics alumni on becoming board-certified over the past year!

Dr. Claire Anderson (Bragg ’18)
MAJ James Kearns (Bragg ’24)

Dr. Brittany Bartenstein (Gordon ’23)
MAJ Kaleigh Lombardo (Bragg ’24)

MAJ Ryan Smith (Bragg ’24)

Every May, the endodontic community celebrates “Save Your Tooth Month,” a month-long initiative to raise awareness about the importance of preserving natural teeth and the role of endodontists in diagnosing and treating tooth pain and infections. While dental implants have shown great success when replacing missing teeth, nothing looks, feels, and functions like a natural tooth.



CPT Benjamin Zsembery (Top Left), MAJ Michael Franciscus (Top Right), CPT Emily Carroll (Bottom Right), and MAJ K. Jordan Sawyers (Bottom Left) present their research to conference attendees.



PROFESSIONAL MILITARY EDUCATION

Discuss these opportunities with your Command and Professional Development Officer. For convenience, all websites are hyperlinked to the section title.

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1. Click to enable all features in Adobe
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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)

Testing is conducted annually at multiple sites across the Army.

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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**Defense Strategy Course****Army Ignited****Army Credentialing Assistance****Check out the New and Improved Dental Corps SharePoint**

New additions include LPD recordings and resources, Dental Corps MILPER updates, Dental Bulletins, operational dentistry training resources, and Policy updates. The SharePoint is continuously being updated with new content to make it a valuable resource that meets your needs.

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:

18-21MAY2026: Oral Surgery Short Course

Upcoming Leader Professional Development:

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

Dental Corps in the News:

Read about the Fort Hood DENTAC and AEGD-2 Residency completing the [Norwegian Foot March](#)

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:

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