

WHAT'S UP, DACH?

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HOT News

EOC Moves Back to DRETS

The EOC moved from the Logistics Conference Room to Building 36001, room 226. Phone numbers to the EOC remain 286-7041/7043. On-call placards can be picked up in room 226. For more information, contact Sgt 1st Class Benson at 286-7157.

MEDDAC Happenings

Inaugural Primary Care Sports Medicine Symposium Coming

The symposium, sponsored by the Family Practice and Emergency Departments, will be held May 2 in the auditorium. Attendees will receive up to 5 hours of category 1 CME. The topics and times are:
7:15-7:50 a.m.-Acute Presentation of Ergogenic Aids by Dr. Michael Luszczak
8-8:50 a.m.-Closed Head Injuries by Dr. Thomas Howard
9-9:50-Sudden Death and Arrhythmias in Athletes by Dr. Fran O'Connor
10-10:50-Management of Acute Knee Injuries by Dr. Jeff Leggit
11-noon-Exertional Rhabdomyolysis by Dr. Chris Powers.
Contact Dr. Leggit at 288-8280 for information.



Commander's Corner



Darnall Staff,

First of all, let me give you a follow-up to the budget information we talked about in the last newsletter. We have received encouraging news that MEDCOM is supportive of our Thomas Moore Health Clinic optimization business case analysis due for presentation to the Surgeon General soon. We are expecting a decision by the end of this week.

I know the hiring freeze and budget decrement have posed hardships on this organization, but we are seeing the light at the end of the tunnel and the end of the tunnel looks good for DACH.

I ask that all of our employees remain as positive as possible during this difficult period. Now is the time for us to step up to the plate and show our community what a quality organization we are.

We have proof that our hard work and dedication are paying off. Our Emergency Department residents scored number one in the nation on the American Board of Emergency Medicine In-Training Exams, for the third time in a row.

Not only did we score number one overall, two of Darnall's doctors scored the highest of the 122 residents taking the exam nationwide

Also, our basketball team scored second in the post basketball tournament, beating teams with much more depth and experience.

These achievements show us what hard work and dedication can accomplish. Keep up the good work.

Hooah!

-Col. Donald J. Kasperik

Training Opportunities

SSI In-Service Scheduled

The Social Security Administration presents an in-service training opportunity Apr. 24 at 1 p.m. The focus is a discussion of SSI for children with developmental delays and low-birth weight babies. The in-service will be held in the CSD conference room. Anyone caring for patients or family members who may benefit from this in-service are encouraged to attend. Please contact In-Patient Social Work for questions 288-8845/6.

DBCAS Training

DBCAS Training is scheduled Apr. 26 from 8 a.m. to noon at the Soldier Development Center, building 33009, room C104. To reserve a seat, contact Beatrice Potts at 288-8026.

Solutions to Daily Conflict Course

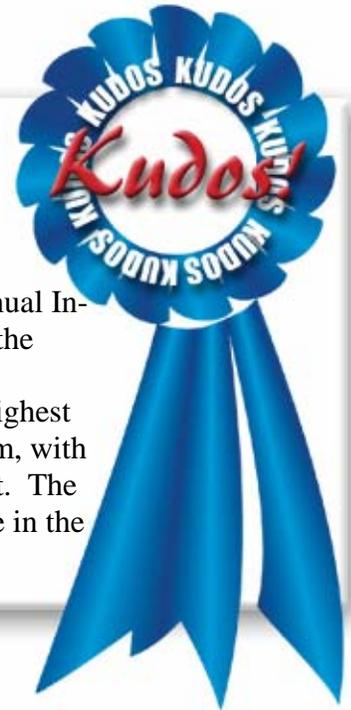
This course is offered May 14 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Soldier Development Center, building 33009, room C210. The cost is \$25 per person. Civilian government employees have first priority for this course. Please contact Clementine Lewis at 286-7242 for more info.

FERS Pre-Retirement Planning Course

This course is offered May 29 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Soldier Development Center, building 33009, room C208. The target audience for this class is civilian employees within five years of retirement. Topics include computation of benefits, eligibility requirements and others. The cost of this class is \$22.44 per person to be paid by the IMPAC card. To register, please contact Paula Galloway at 286-7240.

Kudos to ED Residents

Congratulations to Emergency Department residents Dr. (Capt.) Sudip Bose and Dr. (Capt.) David Coffin for their outstanding test scores on the annual In-Training Examinations given by the American Board of Emergency Medicine. Dr. Bose scored the highest of 3,650 residents taking the exam, with Coffin scoring the second highest. The program itself scored number one in the nation for the third year in a row.



Remembering the Holocaust

“Memories of Courage,” will be presented in the auditorium April 26 from 2-4 p.m. in honor of Holocaust Remembrance Day. An 11-minute slide presentation will be shown throughout the allotted time. Those attending will receive Consideration of Others credit for the quarter. For more info, contact Sgt. 1st Class Graham at 286-7180.

Open Seasons Announced for TSP and FEHB

The next Thrift Savings Plan open season begins May 15 and closes July 31. The next Federal Employees Health Benefits open season begins Nov. 11 and ends Dec. 9. For more information, contact the Civilian Personnel Liaison Office at 286-7242.

MEDDAC All American Pie Party

The Family Readiness Group is sponsoring a pie party Apr. 28 from 2 – 4 p.m. at the Mize Pavilion behind building 36001. There will be activities for the kids, a speed pie-eating contest, pie tasting and a contest for the best tasting pie. Staff and family members are invited to enjoy the fun. For more information, contact the Personnel Division at 286-7263.

More News

Military Leave Information

Overseas leave forms must be received by Personnel 30 days prior to the start of leave.

Regular leave requests should be received at Personnel ten days before start date.

Soldiers departing Fort Hood PCS/TRANS Leave or ETSing must physically sign out on the Personnel Register, located during duty hours in Personnel, room 261, after duty hours at the information desk in the hospital.

Soldiers taking leave must call in and out. During duty hours, call 286-7247 after duty hours call 288-8000.

Failure to sign in can result in being charged additional leave.

Leave starts on the date recorded on DA 31, not the day before. Leave ends the date recorded in block 10b.

Soldiers placed on convalescent leave should bring a doctor's statement to their company to be placed on unit convalescent leave.

For more information, please contact James Kennedy at 286-7246.

Telephone Work Orders

IMD has made the following changes to telephone work order requests: For telephone movement, disconnects, or feature changes: NCOIC's for each clinic can either:

1. Call the IMD Help Desk, at 288-8555 and a technicians will take the required information to complete your telephone work order.
2. Send you requirements to the email account, DACH Telephone Support.

Be sure to include the telephone number needing service, telephone number of the POC submitting the work order, and if movement is required, the old and new locations. If you need new service please include a proposed directory listing.

If your phone just isn't working properly, please dial 9-114 and you will reach the DOIM Repair hotline. They will initiate a trouble ticket to get your phone repaired as quickly as possible.

For more information, please contact IMD at 288-8555.

Awards Board Meets Bi-Monthly

Apr. 29 is the suspense date to have your award proposals in for the May 14 meeting. Military and civilian awards must be forwarded to Personnel Division at least one week before the board meets. For more info, please contact Lt. Col. Jones-Lugo at 286-7245.

Quotes

Talent

“If there is anything that a man can do well, I say let him do it. Give him a chance.”

-Abraham Lincoln

“Use what talent you possess: the woods would be very silent if no birds sang except those that sang best.”

Henry Van Dyke author

“Opportunities are usually disguised as hard work, so most people don't recognize them.”

-Ann Landers