

WHAT'S UP, DACH?

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HOT News

West Nile Virus on Post

The West Nile Virus has been detected in two locations on Fort Hood - a wash rack on Turkey Run Road and near the horse stable on West Fort Hood. For information on precautionary measures please visit the DACH homepage.

[Article on website](#)

MEDDAC Happenings

Hematology Services

Col. Marcus Carr, a hematologist, is a reservist recently assigned to the Internal Medicine Clinic who will be at Fort Hood until early October. While he does not handle routine oncology issues (i.e. solid tumors, chemotherapy complications, etc.), he can address any issues related to liquid tumors (i.e. leukemia, etc.). If you have any unusual, difficult, or complicated hematology cases, please enter consults as necessary under Hematology on CHCS and we will do our best to schedule these patients with Col. Carr while he is here.

For questions regarding Col. Carr's status or availability please call the Internal Medicine Clinic, at 288-8090, or Maj. Jeffrey Klotz at 288-8717.



Commander's Corner



Darnall Staff,

My family and I are ecstatic to be here at Fort Hood. Thank you for such a heartfelt welcome.

What you have done to support III Corps and, at the same time manage the care of our beneficiaries is simply extraordinary. However, we must never rest on our laurels. We must continue to take our organization to even greater heights.

My command priorities are:

1. Taking care of people and families - this means going the extra mile to make sure our patients' needs are met. Do not use regulations, memos and policy letters as an excuse for not going the extra mile. We also need to make sure we help each other out especially during these challenging times of deployments and uncertainty.
2. Training – Readiness is an important part of our mission. Please make sure all your skills are top notch.
3. Teamwork – Make sure we all work collaboratively to deal with the issues and challenges we face.
4. Innovation and creativity – These concepts go hand-in-hand with performance improvement and teamwork. Be creative in dealing with challenges at all levels.
5. Stewardship – Be as productive as you can be during the workday, utilizing the resources we have in the most prudent manner. This is our responsibility to the US taxpayers.

I look forward to meeting you in the days and weeks ahead. I will be spending my first 90 days making a sincere effort to visit as many areas as I can to get a true sense of the organization. Proud to be here - Proud to serve!

Thank you,

Col. Bernard L. DeKoning

Training Opportunities

Ethics Training

Mandatory Ethics Training for new Army civilians is scheduled for Aug. 5 from 8 to 9:30 a.m. at the Soldier Development Center, building 33009, room G106.

For more information, please call Carol Price at 286-7238.

Customer Service Class

The next Customer Service Class is scheduled for Aug. 15 from 7:30 to 11:30 a.m. in the hospital auditorium. Hospital staff members are required to attend the class once in their career.

For more information, please call Cheryl Turner at 288-8156.

BAMC Trauma Symposium

The BAMC Trauma Symposium is scheduled for Aug. 18-19 in San Antonio. Details about the symposium can be found at the Henry Jackson Foundation web site at www.hjf.org. Registration for the 2-day event is \$25 for active duty and DoD civilians and \$150 for others.

For more information, please contact Leone Dipboye at 288-8150.

Consideration of Others

Consideration of Others training is scheduled for Aug. 20 from 9-11 a.m. The topic for the training is "Sexism."

For more information, please call 286-7180.

Safety and the Manager Class

The next Safety and the Manager Course is scheduled for August 20 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. in building 36001, room 158. This class is mandatory for all supervisors and NCOICs.

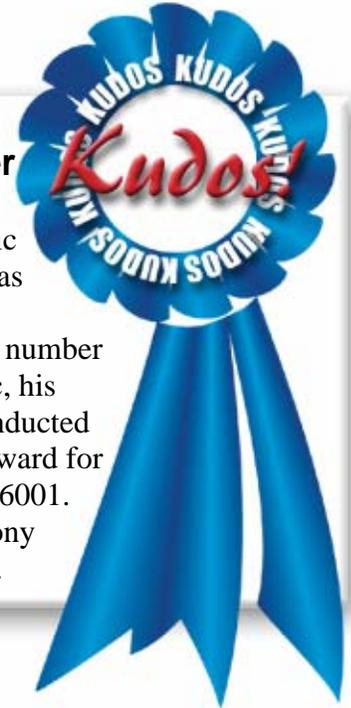
To register, please call 288-8477.

Outstanding Fire Safety Coordinator of the Quarter

Sgt. 1st Class Edgar Martinez, NCOIC of the Copperas Cove Clinic and Ambulatory Nursing NCOIC has received this quarter's award.

He was responsible for the fewest number of inspection violations in his clinic, his clinic's monthly fire drills were conducted on time and he received a Safety Award for putting out a fire outside building 36001.

He will be recognized in a ceremony Aug. 1 at 10 a.m. in the auditorium.



Did You Know?

Anesthesia Nursing Students to Present Thesis Defense

The four senior students in the US Army Graduate Program in Anesthesia Nursing will present their thesis defense on Aug. 20 at 11:30 a.m. in the DCCS Conference Room. Their thesis is titled, "Argon accumulation in a semi-closed anesthesia circle system using oxygen from an oxygen concentrator with the addition of nitrous oxide." Staff members are welcome to attend the presentation.

A thesis defense is one of the requirements of the graduate program. The students will graduate in December.

Staff Competency Reports Due in September

Staff competency reports are due to Maj. Tracy Linegar-Taylor or Ms. Terry Shetler by Sept. 2. A detailed instruction sheet had been sent out through Outlook. OICs and NCOICs are required to report on items such as employee turnover, appraisals, licensure and personnel who have completed unit level orientation in their sections.

For more information, please call 286-7487 or 286-7332.

More News

Commander To Hold Sensing Sessions

Col. DeKoning will hold a series of sensing sessions July 30-Sept. 24. Please refer to the schedule below for dates, times and location:

- Enlisted Session 1, July 30 from 4-5 p.m., auditorium
- Enlisted Session 2, Aug. 6 from 8-9 a.m., auditorium
- NCO Session 1, Aug. 6 from 4-5 p.m., auditorium
- NCO Session 2, Aug. 13 from 7-8 a.m., auditorium
- Nursing Staff Session 1, Aug. 13 from 4:30-5:30 p.m., auditorium
- Nursing Staff Session 2, Aug. 20 from 7-8 a.m., auditorium
- Admin and Ancillary Staff Session 1, Aug. 20 from 4-5 p.m., auditorium
- Admin and Ancillary Staff Session 2, Sept. 3 from 8-9 a.m., auditorium
- Provider Staff Session 1, Sept. 10, 4:30-5:30 p.m., auditorium
- Provider Staff Session 2, Sept. 17, 7-8 a.m., auditorium

- Monroe Clinic Staff, Sept. 8 from 4-5 p.m., Monroe Health Clinic
- Moore Clinic Session 1, Sept. 10 from 7-8 a.m., Thomas Moore Health Clinic
- Moore Clinic Session 2, Sept. 24, from 4-5 p.m., Thomas Moore Health Clinic
- Copperas Cove Clinic and TMC 10 Staff, Sept. 17 from 4-5 p.m., Copperas Cove Family Care Clinic
- Darnall Family Care Clinic Staff, Sept. 24, from 7-8 a.m., Darnall Family Care Clinic
- Bennett Clinic Staff, Sept. 15, from 4-5 p.m., Bennett Health Clinic.

Personnel working in outlying clinics should attend sensing sessions at their outlying clinic in addition to the others if possible.

For more information, please contact Capt. Soo Lee Davis at 288-8004.

Support Group for Pregnant Spouses/Partners of Deployed Soldiers

The Population Health Center is hosting a support group for spouses and partners of deployed soldiers. The first meeting is scheduled for Aug. 12 at 9 a.m. in the Child and Adolescent Psychiatry dayroom located on the fifth floor. The group will meet the 2nd Tuesday of every month beginning in September. For more information, please call Carla Maddox at 288-8849.

JCAHO Journal

Beginning in 2004, JCAHO will no longer score facilities following a survey. MTF's will either be accredited or non-accredited. The entire survey process for 2004 will follow a different format than what we've become accustomed to, such as, fewer sit-down sessions, more drill-down and more walking and talking. Surveys occurring after July 2005 will require a "Periodic Performance Review" to be submitted approximately six months prior to survey. This review requires DACH to submit a report on the status of every single JCAHO standard regarding our compliance and actions we are taking to become compliant. Once this is submitted to JCAHO, we wait for them to accept or reject our plan. The bottom line is that we must have an accepted plan before they will schedule the survey. November has been our survey month and we always try to schedule surveys during the first week so that it doesn't interfere with holiday plans.

Beginning in 2006 all surveys will be unannounced. Surveyors show up at our door whenever they choose with no advance warning and the staff that is present will respond to the survey notice. If you have any questions about JCAHO, please call Deborah La Pointe at 288-8882.