

# WHAT'S UP, DACH?

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## HOT News

### Parking Policy Changed

The parking lot between the Pediatric Clinic and the temporary Emergency Center has been designated for patient use only.

Staff members are no longer permitted to park in that parking lot.

Please park in the staff-designated areas of the other lots.

## MEDDAC Happenings

### ED Construction Begins

Construction has begun on a new addition to the hospital's west side. To facilitate the construction, the Emergency Center moved to a transitional building west of the hospital. Patients and staff can no longer use the old emergency entrance to enter the facility.

In January 2004, the Emergency Center parking lot will close. A new parking lot is currently being constructed on the east side of the hospital, adjacent to the Billy Johnson Dental Clinic.

Please plan for parking and walking time if you are affected by the closure of the Emergency Center doors.

The \$11 million construction project is expected to be completed in early 2006.



## Commander's Corner



Darnall Staff,

I'd like to focus this Commander's Column on training, one of the five pillars of thought published in my commander's intent in August.

Training is extremely important to our organization. Patient care lies at the bedrock of individual job training and our ability to deploy a medical force in support of the combat readiness of III Corps.

To sustain our training, we must maximize our market share by keeping as many beneficiaries as we can in our system. Caring for as many patients as we can keeps our individual job skills honed.

In addition to our job skills, we must also sustain our training in military skills. Skills such as physical fitness, weapons qualification, PROFIS training, and common task training are just as important as our job training. We will adhere to the GPRMC, MEDCOM and Army standards as we train in our military skills.

To properly execute training, we must have predictability, at least within our own organization. We must not become our own worst enemy when it comes to predictability. We will lock in training events, as well as all master organizational events 10 weeks out. All clinics will lock in patient appointment schedules six weeks out and they will not change these schedules except for external taskings or emergency leaves. We will also plan and coordinate for soldier details six weeks out to ensure proper planning.

Thank you for all the hard work you do every day and every night! Proud to be here, Proud to serve, No. 1!

*Col. Bernard DeKoning*

# Training Opportunities

## Officer Professional Development

OPD is scheduled for Oct. 29 and Nov. 19 from 11 a.m. to noon. in the hospital auditorium. The topic is Medical Boards presented by Col. Dean Giulitto. Please attend one of these trainings if you are involved in the Medical Boards process.

All MEDDAC officers are required to attend one OPD session per quarter.

For more information, please contact DRETS Education Branch.

## CO2 Training

The next Consideration of Others training opportunity is scheduled for Nov. 7 from 1 to 3 p.m. in the hospital auditorium. The topic for this training is Diversity in the Workplace.

For more information, please contact Sgt. 1<sup>st</sup> Class Sheirice Graham at 286-7180.

## Respirator/TB Fit Testing Classes

The next Respirator/TB Fit Testing Class is scheduled for Nov. 12 from 1 to 3 p.m. in the Darnall Family Care Clinic conference. All employees who are required to wear a respirator will be trained and re-fitted for the respirator annually.

Please call the Safety Office at 288-8477 or 286-7381 to reserve a slot.

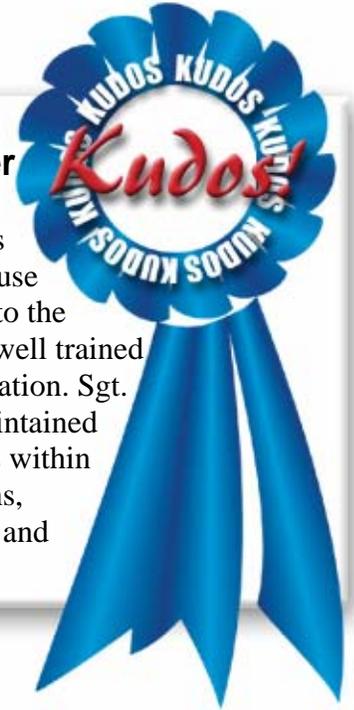
## True Colors Training

The next True Colors Training, hosted by the Department of Ministry and Pastoral Care is scheduled for Nov. 12 from 1:30 to 4 p.m. in the hospital auditorium.

Please call 288-8849 to reserve your slot.

## Outstanding Fire Safety Coordinator of the Quarter

Sgt. Yvette Silver-Blue of the Patient Administration Division has received this quarter's award. Because of her dedication and commitment to the Safety Program, the PAD staff are well trained and prepared for an emergency situation. Sgt. Silver-Blue has established and maintained the Safety Binders for nine sections within PAD. The binders include fire plans, monthly safety inspections, polices and regulations. Congratulations!



## Did You Know?

### CTT Training

The next Common Task Testing for E-1 to E-7 and all PROFIS personnel is scheduled for Nov. 18-21 from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., behind building 36001. Please report to building 36001, room 228 to sign in and receive grade sheets. For more information, please contact Sgt. 1<sup>st</sup> Class Benson at 286-7157 or Sgt. 1<sup>st</sup> Class O'Neil at 286-7253.

### Infection Control Room of Horrors

To celebrate Infection Control Week, an Infection Control Room of Horrors will be set up on 3S Oct. 22 from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m., Oct. 23 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Oct. 24 from 6 a.m. to 8 a.m. For more information, please contact Annie Munn at 288-8476.

### Flu Shots Now Available

The influenza vaccine is now available for staff members. The vaccine is mandatory for active duty servicemembers. Community Health Nursing and the Occupational Health Clinic will provide immunizations at the following times and locations:

Oct. 23	9 p.m. to 2 a.m.	3-South Patient Lounge
Oct. 27	6 a.m. to noon	3-South Patient Lounge
Oct. 27-31	noon to 3 p.m.	Building 36001, Room 104

Please call 287-3167 for more information.



### Hospital Entrance Policy

As of Oct. 15 the Main Entrance of the hospital is the only authorized entrance for staff and visitors to enter or exit DACH. All other doors will remain closed and locked to prevent outside entry. No one will use stairwell exits, mechanical rooms, or any other entrances. These areas will only be used for evacuation emergencies. Once the new security cameras have been installed we will look at opening up other doors.

Please remain vigilant and remember to report all suspicious activity to the Security Office, 286-7252 or the Military Police at 287-4001.

### APFT Dates, Times, Locations

The semi-annual APFT is scheduled for this week. Below are the remaining dates and times. Please arrive 15 minutes before the start time for instructions.

Tuesday Oct 21 6:15 a.m., Stadium

Wednesday Oct 22 6:15 a.m., Stadium

Wednesday Oct 22 3:15 a.m., Stadium

Thursday Oct 23 6:15 a.m., Stadium

Thursday Oct 23 3:15 p.m., Stadium

Please contact the company for more info.

## JCAHO Journal

### JCAHO Changes

Beginning in 2004, there will be many changes to the JCAHO survey manual and the annual survey process. The new 2004 standards are available at [www.jcaho.org](http://www.jcaho.org). The biggest change is that the facility no longer receives a score at the end of the survey; it is either accredited or not accredited.

There is no longer an intent statement with each standard. Each standard now has multiple "elements of performance (EP)." The facility must be in compliance with each element to be in compliance with the entire standard. Currently there are just under 600 standards in the manual for hospitals. Staff members have access to the JCAHO manual through the DACH Intranet. Instructions for downloading are on the Intranet.

EP's are scored: 0 for unsatisfactory compliance, 1 for partial compliance, 2 for satisfactory compliance and n/a for not applicable. A standard is non-compliant if any EP is scored 0 or if 35 percent or more of its EP's are scored 1. A standard is scored compliant if 65 percent or more of its EP's are scored 2.

For more information, please contact Deborah LaPointe at 288-8882.

### Crime Prevention Tips

- Report all loss, damage, theft or vandalism to the Security Office and Military Police immediately.
- Everyone is responsible for the safeguarding and accountability of equipment entrusted to him or her.
- When you leave your work area, keep your purse or wallet with you or locked in a secure place, even if the absence is for only a few minutes.
- Never put keys to locked cabinets in unlocked desks, under typewriters or calendar pads. Keep keys in a safe place (your key box).
- Do not allow government property to be removed for repairs or for any other reason without a written order including the company's name, address, and telephone number, plus the name of the person who requested the repair. Verify the request with the person who authorized it.
- A crime free workplace begins with you!

For more information, please contact the Security Office at 286-7252.