Internment of MG(R) Bill B. Lefler

MG(R) Bill B. Lefler
20 October 1933 to 25 September

Family and friends will honor the service and dedication of MG(R) Bill B. Lefler at Arlington National Cemetery on 01 OCT 18, 1500 hrs. MG(R) Lefler served as our 20th Corps Chief from 1986 to 1990, finalizing a career that spanned over 34 years. General Lefler was a man of passions—family, friend’s community, and country.

Human Resources Command (HRC) - Updates

Memorandum Regarding Dental Loupes Purchase

OTSG/MEDCOM Policy Memo 17-067 was released in December 2017 to guide the purchasing of optical loupes for Active Duty military and Department of the Army civilian dental practitioners working within dental care facilities. Please review the memo by CLICKING HERE.
Updates From Graduate Dental Education (GDE)

Long Term Health Education and Training (LTHET)

Just a reminder the application deadline for the LTHET Selection Panel is **05 October 2018**. The following are the contents your packet will require:

1. Application for Training*
2. Dental School Transcripts
3. National Board of Dental Examiners Score Report
4. Class Rank and GPA or a Letter from the Dental School if the School does not give Class Ranking or GPA
5. Memorandum of Intent
6. Commander’s Memorandum of Recommendation
7. Specialist’s Memorandum of Recommendation
8. 3rd Memorandum of Recommendation (Optional)
9. 4th Memorandum of Recommendation – MTOE CDR (Optional for MTOE Officers)
10. Last five OERs/AERs
11. Officer Record Brief (ORB)
12. National Board of Medical Examiners Composite Basic Science Examination Score (NBME CBSE) – OMS Applicants
13. Graduate Record Examination (GRE) Score – Baylor Program
14. Advanced Dental Admission Test (ADAT) - Optional

*To request more information, or to request the Application for Training use this e-mail address: usarmy.jbsa.medcom-ameddcs.list.dhet-dc-ameddcs@mail.mil

Applicants are encouraged to update their ORBs. Make sure that the photograph on the ORB is current!

Applicants can start submitting their application materials now. Submit your documentation to the e-mail address listed above. Recommendations must be received directly from the author. Applicants should ensure that their recommendations are signed and forwarded by the author to the e-mail address above.

Advanced Clinical Practice (ACP) Program

The ACP Program is currently managed by the Consultant on General Dentistry, COL Peter H. Guevara. The daily management of the program will now fall under one of the Deputy Consultants for General Dentistry. Effective 01 September 2018, MAJ Michael Kroll will handle the ACP Program. If you need information on the ACP Program, it is available on the Army Dentistry Portal (ADP). Look inside “Communities.” Inside Communities you will see a link for “Graduate Dental Education.” Under Graduate Dental Education there is a folder labeled “Advanced Clinical Practice (ACP) Program.” All the information you need is there.

The most important things to know about the ACP Program is that you must formally enroll, and only items completed after finishing your 1-Year AEGD count towards completing the ACP Program.

POC For GDE: COL Pete Guevara
Dental Health Command - Central Update

Spring and summer 2018 has been a busy time for DHC-C. Numerous events and activities have taken place that not only highlight the hard work and dedication of the Soldiers and Civilians of the DHC-C, but have helped shape the culture and environment of safe and quality care. And every once and a while we have had some fun! [CLICK HERE](#) for more pictures.

Retirements:
COL David Fallah, COL Kendall Ray, SFC Jasmine Floyd and Mrs. Elsa Martinez say good bye after long and successful careers.

Summer Fun:
During the summer of 2018 numerous locations hosted morale events and gatherings to promote family support and camaraderie.

DHC-C Represents:
Ft Polk, Ft Riley carry the colors in local parades.

1SG Cezar Quintana relinquished his position as 1SG of the Ft Riley DENTAC and will be assuming the 1SG position at Ft Bliss this fall… we are very happy to keep him in the DHC-C!

So what’s next for DHC-C……Time will tell.
COL Mike Roberts

Focusing on deployable readiness, DHC-C units conduct training to enhance their Soldier’s critical wartime skills.
AOC Highlight - Pediatric Dentistry (63K)

Pediatric dentists provide a service unlike any other profession in the Army and “thank goodness for pediatric dentists” is a phrase the thirteen 63Ks are quite familiar with. Skilled at managing the most challenging patients, 63Ks optimize Army Dentistry by serving as Mentors, supporting Commands, and fostering goodwill within Army communities.

Patient Care

It has been said that military children will say goodbye to more significant people by age 18 than the average person will know in their lifetimes. 63Ks have the honor of meeting and treating the precious children of our Fighting Force at select OCONUS and CONUS sites. Family members of all ages with special health care needs are also eligible to receive care in these locations. Pediatric dental needs create stress for military families and 63Ks help by providing timely, high-quality specialty care. 63Ks bolster overall clinic productivity and even help fellow dental officers treat Active Duty Service Members with severe dental anxiety.

Education

Army pediatric dentists not only excel in patient care but also in education. To that point, 63Ks train Comprehensive Dentistry residents at Fort Hood, Fort Bragg and Schofield Barracks 2yr-AEGD programs and also train Navy General Practice Residents at Walter Reed. Dental Health Activities also benefit when 63Ks provide local continuing education on topics such as enteral sedation, nitrous oxide, local anesthesia, growth and development, oral medicine, and trauma. 63Ks further support Military Medicine and the Military Training Network by serving as Pediatric Advanced Life Support (PALS) instructors, lecturing for Pediatrics residencies and Physician Assistant programs, and serving on hospital craniofacial teams. In addition to teaching in formal residency programs, 63Ks are in high demand to speak at conferences. Thirty percent of all 63Ks were selected to lecture or facilitate at Graduate Dental Education and Tri-Service meetings for 2018. Additionally, 63Ks have contributed to the literature through publications in peer-reviewed journals and textbook chapters.
Leadership and Community Engagement

Known for encouraging positive behavior, establishing clear rules, and providing positive reinforcement, 63Ks understand these practices extend beyond patient care. 63Ks can apply behavior management and negotiation tactics to the benefit of Dental Health Activities and Communities. And if these techniques are unsuccessful more advanced skills such as protective stabilization (papoose board) or sedation may merit consideration! In all seriousness, the current cadre of 63Ks have proven to be force multipliers and Leaders on many levels throughout Army Dentistry and beyond. Some of our 63Ks influence MEDCOM policies, serve as national board examiners, and work in strategic positions like the Office of the Surgeon General, the Dental Directorate office, and the AMEDD Center and School. While others provide important contributions at Dental Health Activities and communities in Europe, Korea and Fort Irwin. Thousands of school screenings and multiple oral health promotion activities were led by 63Ks this past year. Family advocacy programs and Expecting Parenting programs have benefitted from 63K expertise in topics such as recognition of child abuse and neglect, prenatal development, and early infant oral care.

Retirements and Separations:

With heavy hearts we say farewell to the outstanding 63Ks who will be transitioning from Active Duty in 2018. Although most of their work will eventually exfoliate, the welfare of the patients attached to those restorations will remain intact. They have improved Army Dentistry and their legacies will continue in the clinics they built and the military children they cared for. Thank you for your dedication to our residents, communities, and patients. You will be missed!

COL Chin Lin

After 24 years and 6 months, COL Lin will retire back to California. Tentative plans include being a stay-at-home dad; although he plans to return to part-time private practice in the future.

COL Hekyung Jung

COL Jung plans to stay in California and enjoy her family and first granddaughter. Professionally, she plans to work part-time at community dental clinics for under privileged pediatric population.

MAJ Katie Egbert –

MAJ Egbert will return to her hometown and begin private practice in Peoria, AZ. She will be transitioning to the Army Reserves based out of Fort Bragg as an Individual Mobilization Augmentee (IMA).

MAJ Kristofer Sivanich –

MAJ Sivanich will be designing and opening his own private practice in Heath, TX. He will continue to serve with the TX National Guard in Dallas.

POC for this article is LTC Thomas Stark – Pediatric Dentistry Consultant to TSG
Building International Dental Relationships

COL Patterson of the Dental Corps Chiefs Office along with COL Hucal and officers from the Dental Directorate recently hosted office visits with COL Sameer Aryal, Corps Chief, Nepal Dental Corps. He is currently visiting Joint Base San Antonio for Observer Training through the International Programs Division (IPD) at Aabel Hall. COL Aryal, a periodontist by training found great interest in structure and evolution of the U.S. Dental Corps and the Dental Directorate especially in our changing landscape. Though his corps is only 28 dental officers in strength, they serve a variety of missions around the world closely associated with NATO.

L to R: COL Bruce, COL Cebula, COL Ferguson, COL Aryal, LTC Olson, COL Hucal, COL Matthews, SGM Cruz, LTC Owen, LTC Dankulichhuryn, COL Patterson.