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### Holiday Message From The Chief, U.S. Army Dental Corps

Happy Holidays! As we navigate this hectic time of the year, I wanted to take the time to thank you - Active and Reserve Component Clinicians, staff Officers, Enlisted Soldiers, DA Civilians, and Contractors - for your continuous service to our Nation. You have provided outstanding support to the Army Dental Care System in delivering excellent care to our Service Members and their Families. Let us keep up the magnificent work as we look forward to great things in 2019!

While the holiday season is traditionally a time to spend with our family and friends, please remember that many of our Soldiers are unable to be with their loved ones. Whether the Soldier is deployed or has paid the ultimate sacrifice, I encourage you to reach out to their families to let them know that they and their Soldier are not forgotten. It is that Soldier's devotion to duty that allows us to enjoy this special time of the year.

During this joyous season, it is also important that we maintain safety awareness.

We are reminded that winter months possess extreme hazards of weather and driving, potential for falls, or exposure to the elements. Safety awareness promotes pre-planning and ensures the safe return of our greatest asset, you! You all are important members of our Army family.

May each of you have a safe and joyous holiday season. On behalf of our family, Melanie and I wish you all the best for a peaceful and healthy New Year in 2019!

**One Team, One Purpose... Conserving the Fighting Strength Since 1775**



**BG Shan K. Bagby**

Deputy Chief of Staff for Support, G-1/4/6 Army Medical Command. 28th Chief, Army Dental Corps



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## FY19 Graduate Dental Education Selection Results

On behalf of BG Bagby and the entire Army Dental Care Family, we are pleased to announce the results and selection for FY 19 Long Term Health Education and Training. We congratulate all the officers selected as we acknowledge this significant milestone in their career. Attached are the recent results of the FY19 Residency Selection Panel.

### COMPREHENSIVE DENTISTRY(63B)

#### Officers Selected:

CPT Jedidiah M. Allen  
CPT Andrea C. Baeder  
MAJ Daniel W. Bjorge  
CPT Emily A. Bragg  
MAJ David A. Dantes  
2LT Emily L. Eickhoff  
CPT Kirk C. Goebel  
2LT Aaron J. Gringer  
LTC Anita M. Kimbrough  
CPT Awbrey M. Landon  
MAJ Tung V. Le  
CPT Jae H. Lim  
LTC Joseph R. Lowe  
MAJ Andres M. Mendoza  
MAJ Ruth A. Nelson  
CPT Jin W. Pak  
CPT Meggin F. Passey  
CPT Justin G. Pilgrim  
MAJ Stephen J. Sebastian  
CPT Keith A. Smiley

#### Alternates:

CPT Brijesh Makanji  
LTC David R. Maxwell  
CPT Tae Yoon Moon  
CPT Stephanie L. Zeiler

### PERIODONTICS (63D)

#### Officers Selected:

CPT Gary M. Blyleven  
CPT Rachel J. Duval  
MAJ Sergio Munoz  
CPT Joseph K. Retrum

#### Alternates:

CPT Logan S. Books  
2LT Kai S. Hatch  
MAJ Jee Y. Kim  
CPT Carson R. McDaniel

### ENDODONTICS (63E)

#### Officers Selected:

CPT Brittany E. Bartenstein  
2LT Cooper Pasque  
MAJ Ryan D. Swiss  
CPT Joshua C. Willens  
CPT Matthew E. Ticich\*  
(Revalidated)  
CPT Amanda J. Zelnick

#### Alternates:

CPT Jonathan Dismuke  
MAJ John D. King  
CPT Matthew B. Kinstler  
CPT Alyson N. Lasater  
CPT Aldrene I. Manasan  
2LT Ian Prins

### PROSTHODONTICS (63F)

#### Officers Selected:

2LT Jimmy Chen  
CPT Chang W. Jung  
2LT Mary Rondeau

#### Alternates:

NONE

### PUBLIC HEALTH (63H)

#### Officer Selected:

MAJ ChangHee Jin

#### Alternate:

NONE





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## FY19 Graduate Dental Education Selections Cont.

### PEDIATRIC DENTISTRY (63K)

**Officer Selected:**

CPT Nicole A. Collins  
CPT Brian S. Mortenson

**Alternates:**

CPT Kevin J. Brunstein  
CPT Karen S. Kang  
MAJ Khai Q. Le  
CPT Michelle P. Zin

### ORTHODONTICS (63M)

**Officers Selected:**

CPT Rachel L. Misuraca  
CPT Nathan S. Persell

**Alternates:**

CPT Philip A. Maldonado  
CPT Margaret Spach  
CPT Stephen G. Thomas  
CPT John R. Wilson

### ORAL & MAXILLOFACIAL SURGERY (63N)

**Officers Selected:**

CPT Isabella A. Anderson  
CPT Barron N. Davis  
2LT Peter L. Dorf  
CPT Andrew L. Kary  
2LT Paul J. Park  
2LT Andrew T. Ray  
CPT Michael J. Rethman  
2LT Stanley Thomas

**Alternates:**

NONE

### ORAL AND MAXILLOFACIAL PATHOLOGY (63P)

**Officers Selected:**

CPT Trevor E. Miller

**Alternate:**

NONE

### ORAL FACIAL PAIN

**Officer Selected:**

CPT Faiza Talybova

**Alternate:**

NONE

### OMS FELLOWSHIP

**Officer Selected:**

CPT Frank A. DeLatour

**Alternate:**

CPT Andrew C. Jenzer

### BAYLOR MBA/MHA PROGRAM

**Officer Selected:**

MAJ Michael R. Villacarlos

**Alternate:**

NONE

Again, we would like to congratulate each of these officers for their prestigious selection and accomplishment.



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## Nominations for Selection to Attend the 2019 AMEDD Junior Leader Course

The deadline for submitting nominations for selection to attend the 2019 AMEDD JLC is 31 January. This deadline cannot be extended and it is strongly encouraged that nominations be submitted as soon as possible. The intent is to consolidate the submissions and break them down by Region where the Regional HQs will notify the Corps Chief's Office of their selected attendees. The Regions will be allocated their seats at that time. FORSCOM/MTOE will also be represented.

For those not aware, the former Junior Officer Week is now a combined AMEDD Leadership Course that will be ATRRS approved and will populate on the ORB. The purpose and events will be similar to the past, though with a less Dental pure focus. There will be one day specific to the Dental Corps currently being planned.

Note that the event is now unit funded, no central funding will be available. Based on past years, a week in the National Capital Region will cost approximately \$3-4K depending on originating location.

Please ensure to submit nomination packets to the following Dental Corps POCs:

*Primary POC - Ms. Roxanne A. Oneal: [roxanne.m.oneal.civ@mail.mil](mailto:roxanne.m.oneal.civ@mail.mil)*

*Secondary POC - LTC Anthony Borowski: [anthony.a.borowski.mil@mail.mil](mailto:anthony.a.borowski.mil@mail.mil)*

[ALARACT 091/2018 Nominations For Selection to Attend the 2019 AMEDD JLC](#)

[JLC Sample Nomination Packet](#)

## Nominations for Order of Military Medical Merit

The holidays are fast approaching and just around the corner are the Dental Birthday Ball celebrations where we typically see many of our deserving officers, civilians and Non-Commissioned Officers presented with the Order of Military Medical Merit. We would like to remind leaders across the Dental Corps of the following important deadlines:

The January Order of Military Medical Merit Advisory Council will meet on January 17 - The cutoff for nominations is COB EST December 28.

The February Order of Military Medical Merit Advisory Council will meet on February 21 - The cutoff for nominations is COB EST January 22.

As a reminder, please put the documents for the nominations into one PDF file per nominee in the following order -- nomination form with Justification, ERB/ORB/CRB with DA Photo, DA photo (if not on ERB/ORB), current APFT with WT information, ABCP worksheet if required, and CV/BIO.

[Order of Military Medical Merit Nomination Form](#)



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## Newest “A” Proficiency Designated Officers

Three Army Dental Corps officers were recently selected for the Army Medical Department’s “A” Proficiency Designation. We would like to congratulate the following officers and encourage everyone to follow the links to their biography’s:

[LTC James Arnold](#)

[LTC Thomas Johnson](#)

[LTC Daniel Kersten](#)

### ~~~~~“A” Proficiency Designator~~~~~

*The purpose of the "A" Proficiency Designator is to recognize the highest level of professional achievement within each AMEDD Corps' specialty. Officers selected for this honor are leaders in their specialty and have made significant contributions to the advancement of knowledge in their particular field through extensive publication and active national professional organization membership. These professionals have worked hard and dedicated a significant amount of time to become a distinct asset to the AMEDD, both as an officer and an expert in their field. They are considered eminently qualified to chair a department, division, or service; have attained full professional status; and have obtained national prominence in their field.*

## OTSG - BRS Continuation Pay CY19

Officers and Soldiers who have opted in to the Blended Retirement System and will attain 12 years in service during 2019, will be eligible to request the Continuation Pay (CP) benefit. The CP amount for 2019 is 2.5 times the monthly base pay of the current pay grade and years of service, at the time of the request. The CP rate and time-in-service conditions are subject to change in following years. In exchange for the CP amount, recipients must agree to serve 4 years of additional service. Current guidance suggests that this obligation would run concurrent with any other contracts, including Multiyear Retention Bonuses. Instructions on how to request the CP will be released at a later time. Further information can be found in the attached document.

[BRS Continuation Pay CY29](#)

## Newest AMEDD Staff Officers’ Guide

The newest AMEDD staff officers’ guide was published in June 2018 with the goal of assisting AMEDD and OTSG/MEDCOM personnel in professionally completing actions and documents at the Army Staff level. While the title may be misleading, this guide doesn’t only apply to officers in staff positions. There will most likely come a time in your current position where you will have to produce a document/memorandum in relation to an additional duty. Additionally there are resources in here that are good review prior to any Military Education course. The Staff Officers’ Guide will be permanently linked to the bulletin on the first page in future editions. Please follow the link below for you convenience.

[2018 AMEDD Staff Officers’ Guide](#)





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## Updated Deployment Policies from Secretary of the Army

Earlier this month the Secretary of the Army issued to directives regarding retention policy for non-deployable Soldiers. For the first time, this Army policy defines what it means to be deployable, specifically deployable Soldiers:

1. The Soldier is administratively, legally, and medically cleared for employment in any environment in which the Army is operating or could operate.
2. The Soldier can operate in austere areas or areas that regularly experience significant environmental conditions (e.g., heat, cold, altitude) that would exacerbate existing medical conditions.
3. The Soldier can carry and employ an assigned weapon.
4. The Soldier is capable of executing all individual warrior tasks for his or her assigned mission.
5. The Soldier can operate while wearing body armor, helmet, eye protection, gloves, and/or chemical or biological protective equipment.
6. The Soldier is capable of passing the Army Physical Fitness Test or meeting the physical demands of tasks required for a specific deployment.

There are several exceptions within the policy that may make individuals not meeting the criteria still eligible to serve. Attached below are the associated policy documents for review.

[Army Directive 2018-22 \(Retention Policy for Non-Deployable Soldiers\)](#)

[Army Messages Regarding Army Directive 2018-22 \(Retention Policy for Non-Deployable Soldiers\)](#)

[Army Directive 2018-16 \(Suitability Criteria for Military Personnel in Specified Positions\)](#)

## Army Captain Participates in Canadian Endodontics Short Course

CPT Matthew Kinstler of the Ft. Bragg Dental Health Activity was selected to attend an Endodontics Short Course held by the Canadian Armed Forces Dental Corps. CPT Kinstler spent two weeks at Canadian Forces Base Borden in Ontario where he took part in intensive didactic and hands-on sessions to improve his skill in endodontics. Topics covered included: endodontic access, use of microscopes, rotary instrumentation, warm vertical condensation, and treatment planning of fractured teeth. The course culminated in direct patient care while overseen by faculty providers. The purpose of the course is to augment the endodontic treatment skills of providers who may be stationed in remote or austere locations. This unique exchange program further strengthens the long-standing partnership between the U.S. Army Dental Corps and our Canadian counterparts. CPT Kinstler capably represented the U.S. Army and Army Dental Corps as our American representative and commented that the course was an “amazing opportunity and great learning experience.” Hooah!



CPT Matthew Kinstler, seated first row 5th from the left, recently participated in the Canadian endodontics short course.



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## DENTAC-Italy Earns Recognition as a Star Site

On 31 October military and civilian employees of the U.S. Army Health Clinic-Vinceza joined for a town hall where RHC -E Commander BG Ronald Stephens and CSM Todd Garner presented the Army Star Strong Award to DENTAC-Italy.

The Army Star Strong Award indicates that units have implemented the Army Safety and Occupational Health Safety Management System, which requires completion of 243 tasks in three stages of progressive assessments in the span of three years. To earn this recognition, all policies and standard operating procedures must be in written form, policies and procedures must fit unit daily activities, and all employees must understand the policies and procedures in order to create a safe environment. After completing these tasks, members of Medical Command Safety Office and members of Department of Defense Safety Management Center of Excellence confirm the unit's safety management system is at the highest standard.



LTC Craig Freccero, DENTAC-Italy, accepts the Army Star Strong award from BG Ronald Stephens, commander, RHC-E, on behalf of the DENTAC-Italy.

Also pictured: COL Stephen Tanner, CSM Todd Garner, MAJ Matthew Hillis, and SSG Davidallan Doan.

## American Dental Association Highlights Army Dentists

The ADA recently published an article highlighting several new dentists that had prior service in the military. Among the highlights were four officers (MAJ Mike Browning, MAJ Jason McDaniel, CPT Jeff Marrs, and CPT Paul Gilroy) who had served in the Army prior to dental school, and continue to serve in the Army now as dentists. The full article with pictures can be found by [CLICKING HERE](#).





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## Dental Health Command - Pacific Update

This month we are proud to highlight the recent achievements and accomplishments of the DHC-Pacific Soldiers and civilians. Please [CLICK HERE](#) for full pictures and highlights.

On Friday September 28, 2018 DENTAC-AK conducted a Soldier of the Year Competition. The competition tested the Soldier's physical capabilities, motivation, basic Soldier knowledge, and the will to be the best. Competitors realized the meaning of "we are Soldiers first" and realized that it is important to maintain MOS skills as well as basic Soldiering skills. DENTAC-AK continuously strives to train and strengthen the Dental Corps through realistic training, competition, and outstanding leadership throughout the unit. DENTAC-AK is proud to say that we have strong, competent and well equipped Soldiers that will continue to support the United States Army mission.



COL David A. Mott  
Commander, DHC-P



SGM Johnathan Quayle  
DHC-P Sergeant Major



Dental Health Activity-Japan leaders and some key Dental Health Command-Pacific staff participated in the organization's annual Strategic Planning Offsite from 18-21 Sep. It was a great opportunity for the new Commander, COL Wang to discuss his plans for the upcoming year. Key discussion points presented by the staff/visitors included: DPMAPS, Budget, DTS, Statement of Operations, DMHRSI, Business Operating Review and Analysis, Patient Safety, and some team building. The highlight of the event was a trip to see "Hacksaw Ridge" the site where combat medic PFC Desmond Doss, a conscientious objector, was able to save many American lives and earn the Medal of Honor.

SSG Nicole Williams, along with CPT Tsu and CPT Guzy from DENTAC-Korea, deployed to the Republic of Palau from 20 to 30 September 2018. The dental team participated in a Regional Health Command-Pacific dental humanitarian mission. The team performed over 65 clinical procedures including hygiene, operative dentistry, pediatric dentistry, oral surgery, endodontics, and TMD management on 30 patients.

On 25-27 September 2018, the Dental Health Command Pacific's Tri-Service Symposium was held at the Conference Center on Ford Island. With the help of Dental Health Activity-Hawaii's staff the dental symposium was a large success. The event was spearheaded by LTC Aileen Cabanada-Logan, SGT Erika Rubio, DENTAC-Hawaii Social Committee, and Headquarters Staff. This symposium allowed individuals to obtain up to 20 continuing education hours, meet and speak with vendors and to network with other dental professionals. A special thank you to all individuals involved with set-up and ensuring the success of the event.



From left to right: SSG Williams, CPT Tsu, CPT Guzy, and Palau dental personnel



SSG Williams receiving a certificate of appreciation from the Minister of Health of Palau.





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## Supporting the Soldier for Life

### 618<sup>th</sup> Dental Company (Area Support)/ DENTAC-Korea conducts multiple Retiree Appreciation Days across the Korean Peninsula

The dental community improved the health literacy of the local retiree community. Dental, medical, and health information was provided at Camp Humphries, Yongsan, Camp Walker, and Camp Carroll during the months of October and November. The 618<sup>th</sup> Dental Company (AS)/ DENTAC-Korea provided over 200 examinations, oral cancer screenings, and cleanings during the Korean Annual Retiree Health Fair in honor of Retiree Appreciation Day.

This year's fair saw more than 500 attendees, each with an opportunity to engage with medical and dental professionals, learn more about available medical support, and ongoing medical realignment across the peninsula. Some other medical services being provided were flu vaccinations, hypertension screenings, vision exams, and medication review.

"This was a great opportunity for the dental community to give back to those who have served our great Nation," said COL McGhee. It is important that we remember and support the Soldiers and Families who've committed their lives to strengthening the enduring freedoms that we enjoy. These are our Soldier's for Life. COL McGhee knows the sacrifices all too well, being married to a 32-year Veteran, who was also present to receive services from the 65<sup>th</sup> Medical Brigade Professionals.

The health fair is a great event for our retirees and their Family members. This was a perfect opportunity for them to meet and discuss the medical needs of their community with the U.S. Ambassador to South Korea, Ambassador Harry B. Harris Jr, the Brian Allgood Community Hospital and Dental Activity Commanders; COL Andrew Landers and COL Tawanna McGhee, respectively.

"Our strength comes from loyal retirees, spouses and family members through their dedication and support provided the foundation for stability and peace in (South) Korea," Harris said.

Janice and Michael Harrison, dual military retirees living in the Camp Humphries Area said, "We try to attend the retiree fair each year because the information we receive about new services and benefit eligibility changes are invaluable."

These and other engagements with the local retiree community are especially important in OCONUS environments because it allows us to disseminate the most up-to-date information and answer pertinent questions that help shape future medical policies and programs.

Thanks to all who supported and continue to support our "Soldiers for Life".







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## 618th Dental Company (Area Support) Demonstrates Readiness: 2018 Nakdong Leader Challenge

Camp Carroll, South Korea. On 29 November, four Soldiers from the 618th DCAS formed Team Viper to compete in the USAMMC-Korea 2018 Nakdong Leader Challenge. This 10-hour competition tested the warrior skills, physical and mental endurance, and team dynamics of our Soldiers; CPT Britton Birtcher, SSG Ramir Reyes, SGT Rashon Brady, and SPC Hyosoo Im. Five teams from within the 65th Medical Brigade challenged terrain, weather, exhaustion, and man-made obstacles for the title, “Nakdong Warrior”.

The 618th DCAS Vipers won the Tactical Combat Casualty Care (TC3) challenge, the warrior tasks lane, Preventive Maintenance Checks and Services, Vehicle Recovery, CBRN Survival Challenge, and earned the highest score on the written exam. Congratulations are also in order to USAMMC-K team “Raiders”, for their accuracy during the stress shoot and their team “Meat Heads” for their speed during the physical endurance event, completing the challenge in an impressive 6 minutes, 59 seconds.



The USAMMC-K “Asian Invasions” masterful performance on the hill endurance challenge gave them the marginal lead needed to dominate the field of competitors.

LTC Mark R. Welde, Commander, USAMMC-K, spoke about how demanding physical events build team comradery. This was evident during the awards ceremony as each challenger relived the days’ events as they viewed the captured images that were displayed on the monitors throughout the room. LTC Welde presented each competitor a Certificate of Achievement and a USAMMC-K Commander’s Coin of Excellence. He also presented the winners the coveted Nakdong Warrior Belt Buckle and an Army Achievement Medal. The 65th Medical Brigade Command Team, COL Derick C. Cooper and CSM Thomas Barone presented each competitor with the 65th Medical Brigade Command Team Commander’s Coin of Excellence for their outstanding performances.

1SG Rommel Penaflor said “I am very proud of our team’s performance, it is truly a demonstration of how training the basics improves performance, unit cohesion, and Soldier confidence.”







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## Army Dental Lab (ADL) Update

This month the ADL provided a short presentation informing providers on the availability of pink porcelain as well as the SAFE site update provided below. The benefits of pink porcelain are outlined as well as several examples of use to improve esthetics. If the pink porcelain is not an option the ADL suggests Ceramage Tissue as an alternative described in the presentation. To view the full presentation and additional contact information please [CLICK HERE](#).

### Demise of the AMRDEC SAFE site:

For those who have been attempting to use the AMRDEC SAFE site to send cases to the ADL, please know the site is down and its fate is uncertain. The AMRDEC SAFE site is not controlled by the ADL. Until the capability is restored, please send large (>20MB) digital cases in the following manner:

Use <https://safe.arl.army.mil/> as an option to send your files.

DO NOT USE ANY PII/PHI. You may use the first initial of the last name and the last 4 of the DOD ID#. Ensure that the DD2322 has the same DOD ID #. Do NOT use SSN. For Blue Sky Bio files, there is a tab in BSB that can make the case anonymous (Under File --> Anonymize --> delete patient info and leave blank). It will delete any PII and PHI within the file and therefore no patient identifiable information will be communicated.

Send an additional email to Ms. Catherine Silva to inform her that a file will be coming her way to download

If this option does not work OR has become disabled as the AMRDEC SAFE site has, then do the following:

Once you have your file that you wish to send to the ADL

- Save it to your desktop
- Right click on it
- Click send to
- Click compressed (zipped) folder

Send the compressed folder to the ADL via the ADL front desk at [usarmy.gordon.medcom-eamc.list.dental-lab-digital-front-desk@mail.mil](mailto:usarmy.gordon.medcom-eamc.list.dental-lab-digital-front-desk@mail.mil)

Send an additional email to Ms. Catherine Silva to inform her that a file will be coming her way to download.

If you know your file is small (20MB or less such as a small surgical guide), you may send files through ENCRYPTED e-mail to USARMY Ft Gordon MEDCOM EAMC List Dental Lab Digital Front Desk at [usarmy.gordon.medcom-eamc.list.dental-lab-digital-front-desk@mail.mil](mailto:usarmy.gordon.medcom-eamc.list.dental-lab-digital-front-desk@mail.mil). DO NOT USE ANY PII/PHI.

For files that are greater than 20MB WHEN COMPRESSED, you can send your file on a CD. Ensure to de-identify the patient on the file. On the CD surface include: Dentist, clinic, and patient information to ONLY include first initial of last name and the last 4 of the DOD ID #. Ensure that the DD2322 has the same DOD ID#. Do NOT use SSN. For Blue Sky Bio files, there is a tab in BSB that can make the case anonymous (Under File --> Anonymize --> delete patient info and leave blank). This will delete any PII and PHI within the file and therefore no patient identifiable information will be communicated.

Regarding ProSomnus orders: Do not send any file directly to ProSomnus. Ensure that the order form for ProSomnus uses the correct naming convention for your duty station, send only the first page of the ordering form (when the unnecessary second page is sent it makes the file exceptionally large). DO NOT USE ANY PII/PHI.