

# 2011

The *U.S. News & World Report* magazine ranked the Army Medical Department Center & School's Graduate Program in Anesthesia Nursing as the best in the nation. Additionally, the Army-Baylor University Doctoral Program in Physical Therapy was ranked fifth in the nation among 228 accredited doctoral programs, and the Army-Baylor University Graduate Program in Health and Business Administration was 11th in the nation among the 90 accredited graduate programs reviewed. Further, the Interservice Physician Assistant Program affiliated with Nebraska University was ranked 13th in the nation by *U.S. News & World Report*.

As part of the AMEDDC&S, the Academy of Health Sciences managed 14 teaching departments and provided 315 programs of instruction to officers, enlisted, and foreign students—with a total staff and faculty of 1,860 personnel. The programs ranged from one-week courses to doctoral and master's degrees.

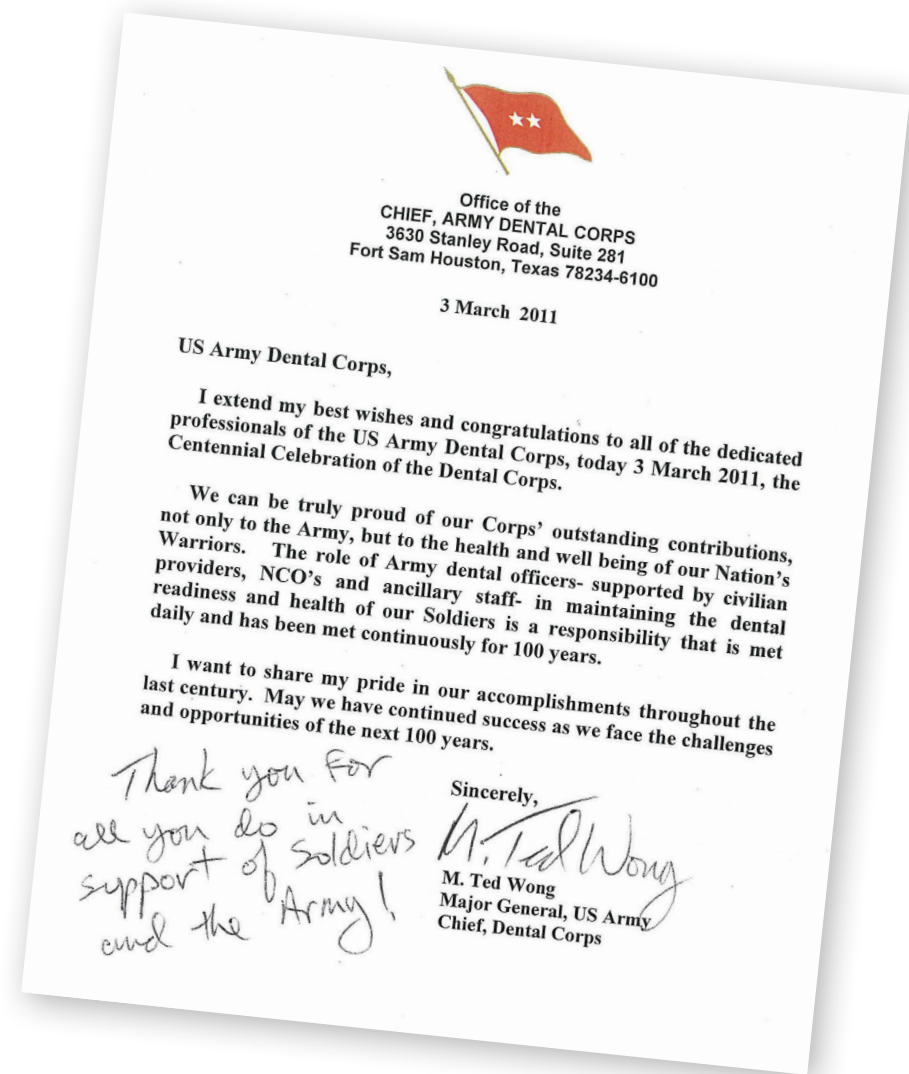
*("AMEDDC&S Anesthesia Nursing Master's Program Tops in Nation," by Phil Reidinger, Army.mil website, 14 April 2011, [https://www.army.mil/article/54943/ameddcs-anesthesia\\_nursing\\_masters\\_program\\_tops\\_in\\_nation](https://www.army.mil/article/54943/ameddcs-anesthesia_nursing_masters_program_tops_in_nation))*

Soldiers in the Combat Medic Course (68W) learned the aspects of treating traumatic penetrating wounds; controlling hemorrhages; managing airways; IV hypotensive fluid resuscitation; chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear, and explosive principles; and triage and medical evacuation using both air and ground support. The 68W training culminated with both situational and field training exercises that used demonstrations, hands-on practical exercises, and scenario-based training.

*("68W Battlefield First Responders," by Phil Reidinger, Army.mil website, 26 April 2011, [https://www.army.mil/article/55509/68w\\_battlefield\\_first\\_responders](https://www.army.mil/article/55509/68w_battlefield_first_responders))*

MG M. Ted Wong, Chief of the Army Dental Corps, congratulates Soldiers of the Dental Services as they celebrate 100 years of the Army Dental Corps.

*(Correspondence from MG M. Ted Wong, Army.mil website, 3 March 2011, <https://armydentalcorps.amedd.army.mil/news/100THSTARNOTEDENTALCORPS2.pdf>)*



Veterans Affairs students Joe Keck and Christian Campbell partner with Army CPT Samuel Sama and Air Force CPT Jaime Kelbaugh to practice a general anesthesia endotracheal procedure.

*("AMEDDC&S Anesthesia Nursing Master's Program Tops in Nation," by Phil Reidinger, U.S. Army website, 14 April 2011, [https://www.army.mil/article/54943/ameddcs\\_anesthesia\\_nursing\\_masters\\_program\\_tops\\_in\\_nation](https://www.army.mil/article/54943/ameddcs_anesthesia_nursing_masters_program_tops_in_nation))*



Soldiers in the Combat Medic Course (68W) prepare to move patients in a field exercise.

*("68W Battlefield First Responders," by Phil Reidinger, Army.mil website, 26 April 2011, [https://www.army.mil/article/55509/68w\\_battlefield\\_first\\_responders](https://www.army.mil/article/55509/68w_battlefield_first_responders))*



Soldiers in the Combat Medic Course (68W) assess wounds and treat their simulated patients.

*("68W Battlefield First Responders," by Phil Reidinger, Army.mil website, 26 April 2011, [https://www.army.mil/article/55509/68w\\_battlefield\\_first\\_responders](https://www.army.mil/article/55509/68w_battlefield_first_responders))*



MG David Rubenstein, CSM (Retired) Adolph Arista, and CSM James Diggs cut cake to celebrate 236 years of Army medicine.

*("AMEDD Regiment Celebrates 236th Anniversary," by Esther Garcia, Army.mil website, 4 Aug 2011, [https://www.army.mil/article/62948/amedd\\_regiment\\_celebrates\\_236th\\_anniversary](https://www.army.mil/article/62948/amedd_regiment_celebrates_236th_anniversary))*

Senior leaders gathered at the Army Medical Department Museum on 29 July for the AMEDD Regimental Social, which celebrated 236 years of Army medicine. The event included a cake-cutting ceremony and remarks by the guest speakers, retired Army Command Sergeant Major Adolph Arista, Command Sergeant Major James Diggs, and Major General David Rubenstein, AMEDD Commanding General. Retired CSM Arista recognized the achievements of the AMEDD by saying, "Throughout its history from Valley Forge to the Korengal Valley, the AMEDD has distinguished itself through dedication, professionalism, and valor."

*("AMEDD Regiment Celebrates 236th Anniversary," by Esther Garcia, Army.mil website, 4 Aug 2011, [https://www.army.mil/article/62948/amedd\\_regiment\\_celebrates\\_236th\\_anniversary](https://www.army.mil/article/62948/amedd_regiment_celebrates_236th_anniversary))*



LTC Nicole Chevalier (right), chief of the Veterinary Specialist Branch, Department of Veterinary Science, instructs PFC Derek Lehane on how to administer an anesthetic in preparation for intubating a military working dog.

*("Around Army Medicine," Image by Lori Newman, The Mercury, October 2011, pg 16)*



Instructors from the Department of Behavioral Health Sciences at AMEDDC&S traveled to Fort Carson to interview company commanders and senior noncommissioned officers assigned to the 4th Infantry Division about their experiences with behavioral health professionals during a combat tour. The instructors planned on sharing the interviews with every Combat Stress Team before it deployed. Michael Perkins, a behavioral health instructor who interviewed the Fort Carson Soldiers said, "We will use this video during training with combat operational stress control personnel, so they know what is needed of them when they go downrange."

*("Leaders Share Views on Combat Stress," by SPC Andrew Ingram, 4th Infantry Division Public Affairs, The Mercury, December 2011, pg 11)*

Members of the 4th Infantry Division share their combat experiences with behavioral health professionals during a recorded interview.

*("Leaders Share Views on Combat Stress," by SPC Andrew Ingram, 4th Infantry Division Public Affairs, The Mercury, December 2011, pg 11)*

# 2012

The AMEDDC&S received the Secretary of the Army award for exceptionally meritorious performance in support of overseas contingency operations while simultaneously planning and executing an extremely complex reorganization under the Base Realignment and Closure directives for the period of 1 January to 31 December 2010.

*(“AMEDDC&S Celebrates 237 Years of Military Medicine,” AMEDDC&S Newsletter, Vol 1, No 2, July 2012, pp 3-4)*



**CSM James Diggs and MG Philip Volpe attach the Army Superior Unit Award Streamer to the AMEDD Center and School colors.**

*(“AMEDDC&S Celebrates 237 Years of Military Medicine,” AMEDDC&S Newsletter, Vol 1, No 2, July 2012, pgs 3-4)*



SSG Gene Hendrickson, Lab Technician, prepares a blood sample for evaluation in the Pathogen Reduction Device during operational testing by the AMEDD Board at Camp Bullis.

*(“AMEDD Board at Work,” AMEDDC&S Newsletter, Vol 1, No 2, July 2012, pg 14)*



Wearing a Department of the Army Civilian uniform and heavily involved in training safety, Mr. Hector Vizcaino received both the Academy of Health Science Star and the Annual Safety Award for his ongoing contributions to the training of military personnel.

*(“Mr. Hector Vizcaino Alpha Company, 187th Medical Battalion Leader Training Center, Basic Officer Leader Course (BOLC),” AMEDDC&S Newsletter, Vol 1, No 2, July 2012, pg 21)*



LTC Rodrigo Chavez and SFC Michael Shaw demonstrate equipment used for detecting radiation.

*(“The Chemical Biological Radiological Nuclear Branch,” AMEDDC&S Newsletter, Vol 1, No 2, July 2012, pg 13)*



2LT Hays tests water samples during CA (Customer Assessment) of the prototype Environmental Sentinel Biomonitor system.

*(“AMEDD Board at Work,” AMEDDC&S Newsletter, Vol 1, No 1, July 2012, pg 9)*



Soldiers competing for the “Commander’s Cup” pull a Light Medium Tactical Vehicle.

*(“A Company, 232nd Medical Battalion Wins Commander’s Cup,” AMEDDC&S Newsletter, Vol 1, No 1, July 2012, pg 7)*

COL Mustapha Debboun, Chief of the Department of Preventive Health Services, with a flea training aid.

*“Department of Preventive Health Services Hosts a Multi Discipline Training Program,” AMEDDC&S Newsletter, Vol 1, No 2, July 2012, pg 8)*



On 30 August, COL Mustapha Debboun, Chief of the Department of Preventive Health Services, delivered a presentation on the West Nile Virus (WNV), where he addressed precautions and personal protective measures to prevent mosquito bites. COL Debboun also described WNV cases in the United States, focusing on WNV cases in Texas, as *Culex quinquefasciatus*—or southern house mosquito—is the named WNV vector in San Antonio.

*“Debboun Educates AMEDDC&S Staff and Faculty About West Nile Virus,” AMEDDC&S Newsletter, Vol 1, No 3, August 2012, p 2)*

AMEDDC&S representative SFC Delroy Barnett, a Platoon Sergeant in Bravo Company, 187th Medical Battalion, won the TRADOC Platoon Sergeant of the Year Competition at Fort Jackson in September 2012. Each competitor appeared before a board of command sergeants major to evaluate their knowledge of leadership and platoon sergeant training tasks. The platoon sergeants also participated in physical and mental challenges during the competition that tested their knowledge of Warrior Tasks and Battle Drills, or WTBD, and their ability to teach tasks to Soldiers in a training environment.

*“Barnett wins TRADOC 2012 AIT Platoon Sgt. of the Year Competition,” AMEDDC&S Newsletter, Vol 1, No 4, August 2012, pg 2)*



Al Dominguez; LTG Patricia Horoho; Maria Rocco, widow of Medal of Honor recipient Louis Rocco; retired Major Generals Patrick Sculley and Kenneth Farmer; Scott Schoner, Museum Director; and Michael Macias, project architect, cut the ribbon officially opening the Medal of Honor Walk at the AMEDDC&S museum.

*“Army Surgeon General Dedicates Medal of Honor Walk,” AMEDDC&S Newsletter, Vol 1, No 4, September 2012, pg 19)*



SFC Delroy Barnett, (center) won the TRADOC Platoon Sergeant of the Year Competition in 2012. He is flanked by CSM Jayme Johnson (left) and ISG Michael Morrill (right).

*“Barnett wins TRADOC 2012 AIT Platoon Sgt. of the Year Competition,” AMEDDC&S Newsletter, Vol 1, No 4, September 2012, pg 2)*

On 19 September, MG Philip Volpe, Commanding General of AMEDDC&S, hosted a training seminar on Suicide Prevention Awareness in Blesse Auditorium. “Why suicide?” asked Volpe, “Because suicide is preventable. We might not be able to prevent every suicide, but it is preventable.” He continued, “Quite frankly, suicide is an epidemic in the Army and in the Defense Department, some of the highest rates in the nation. We need to do quality action, making sure we are doing everything right in our training and change some of the ways to our approaches in suicide prevention.”

*“Suicide Prevention Awareness Seminar for Leaders,” AMEDDC&S Newsletter, Vol 1, No 4, August 2012, p 3)*

The 2nd Annual Graduate School Research Day was held on 23 October in Blesse Auditorium. The event drew nine platform presentations and 18 poster submissions. Presentations included: The Effects of QuickClot Combat Gauze on Hemorrhage Control in a Porcine Model; Clinical Record Review of a Combat Operational Stress Control Restoration Center; and Cardiovascular Screening in Outpatient Physical Therapy Practice. The 18 posters submitted by students covered subjects such as Assessment of Nutrition Knowledge and Eating Behaviors Among United States Army Rangers, To Change or Not to Change a Multiple Choice Answer, and Improving the Interpersonal Skills of Young Healthcare Executives.

*“2nd Annual Graduate School Research Day,” AMEDDC&S Newsletter, Vol 1, No 5, October 2012, p 7)*

The Medical Capabilities Integration Center hosted a Future Vertical Lift demonstration on 30 October, which featured a mock-up cabin in a medical evacuation configuration at the AMEDDC&S Center and School. The cabin was configured in accordance with medical subject matter experts’ input to evaluate what a future cabin could resemble. Specific MEDEVAC requirements would be integrated into future platform capabilities. Designs included larger cabins with more space, which allowed for an improvement in advanced on-board medical treatments.

*“MCIC hosts Future Vertical Lift Demo,” AMEDDC&S Newsletter, Vol 1, No 5, October 2012, pg 15)*



Interior and exterior views of the Future Vertical Lift vehicle demonstration. The interior was modeled with possible medical system configurations.

*“MCIC Hosts Future Vertical Lift Demo,” AMEDDC&S Newsletter, Vol 1, No 5, October 2012, pg 15)*

# 2013

The AMEDDC&S Leader Training Center developed the Project Guardian program to assist military personnel assigned to the Brooke Army Medical Center Warrior Transition Battalion for rehabilitation by inviting them to participate as cadre during field exercises and professional development courses. The AMEDDC&S Leader Training Center benefited from their tactical expertise and personal experiences across the medical care continuum.

*“Project Guardian—a Helping Hand,” by Capt. Erica Viera, AMEDDC&S Newsletter, Jan-March 2013, Vol 2, No 1, pg 1)*



PVT Nathan Barlow, A Company, 232nd Medical Battalion, is shown next to the mural that he designed and painted.

*“32nd Medical Brigade Highlights,” AMEDDC&S Newsletter, Vol 2, No 1, Jan-March 2013, pg 13)*



Mr. Oscar Ramos-Rivera, Director of the AMEDDC&S International Military Student Office, shows a garment that a student from Afghanistan wore during his wedding.

*“Highlighting the International Military Student Office,” AMEDDC&S Newsletter, Vol 2, No 1, Jan-March 2013, pg 3)*

International military students from Algeria, Armenia, Germany, Egypt, Mongolia, Denmark, Italy, Korea, Lebanon, Norway, Slovenia, Singapore, Sweden, the Philippines, Canada, Georgia, Hungary, and other countries attended medical courses at the AMEDDC&S. Oscar Ramos-Rivera, Director, International Military Student Office, said, “We currently have over 70 courses that are made available to the international community, from initial entry training such as the health care specialist course, combat medic, to post graduate courses or short courses. We recently opened the Baylor Health Administration Program, which is a master’s degree program.”

*“Highlighting the International Military Student Office,” AMEDDC&S Newsletter, Jan-March 2013, Vol 2, No 1, p 3)*



A guest at the Department of Preventive Health Services Health and Wellness Fair gets to wear extra pounds simulated by a hefty vest.

*“Department of Preventive Health Services Health and Wellness Fair,” AMEDDC&S Newsletter, Vol 2, No 2, April-May 2013, pg 7)*

The Center for Pre-deployment Medicine offered several courses to prepare medical professionals for combat trauma management on JBSA-Fort Sam Houston. The Brigade Combat Team Trauma Training course was conducted by mobile training teams for two 5-day training sessions per brigade. The training was for combat medics and flight medics assigned to a brigade combat team’s area support medical company. The Tactical Combat Medical Care course took place over a 5-day period, and the course participants included physicians, physician assistants, and nurse practitioners assigned to either a Role I or II facility.

The 8-day Military Transition Team NCO course provided an overview of the skills and knowledge necessary to operate as a medic in remote or isolated hostile environments. The Joint Forces Combat Trauma Management Course, also conducted at JBSA-Fort Sam Houston, was designed to provide individual trauma training for healthcare providers who were deploying to Role III echelons of care.

*“Center for Pre-deployment Training Prepares Medical Professionals for Trauma,” by LTC (Dr.) Jimmy Cooper, AMEDDC&S Newsletter, Vol 2, No 2, April-May 2013 pgs 1-2)*

## Medics triage a Soldier with mock injuries during testing at JBSA-Camp Bullis.

*“Center for Pre-deployment Training Prepares Medical Professionals for Trauma,” AMEDDC&S Newsletter, Vol 2, No 2, April-May 2013, pg 3)*



The Borden Institute won two publishing awards from the 2013 Washington Book Publishers Competition. The Textbook of Military Medicine Military Quantitative Physiology: Problems and Concepts in Military Operational Medicine won first place for Typographic Text, Small to Medium-Size Not for Profit publishing organizations category. Combat Casualty Care, Lessons Learned from OEF and OIF won third place for the Typographic Jacket, Small to Medium-Size Not for Profit publishing organizations category.

*“Borden Institute Wins Two Publishing Awards From Washington Book Publishers,” AMEDDC&S Newsletter, Vol 2, No 2, April-May 2013, pg 14)*



2013 Fiesta Royalty join 32nd Medical Brigade leaders and troops at MacArthur Parade Field on 10 April as they kick off Fiesta activities with a 2.6-mile run through the streets of historic JBSA-Fort Sam Houston.

*("32nd Medical Brigade Kicks Off 2013 Fiesta With Early Morning Fun Run," AMEDDC&S Newsletter, Vol 2, No 2, April-May 2013, pg 8)*

On 10 June 2013, a gunman fired shots and wounded an active-duty Captain outside the AMEDDC&S on JBSA-Fort Sam Houston. Police arrested a retired Army sergeant major within an hour of the shooting and recovered a handgun thought to have been used in the incident. The wounded Captain, an officer course instructor at the AMEDDC&S, was in stable condition after being treated at the San Antonio Military Medical Center on Fort Sam Houston.

*("Army Captain Shot, Wounded on Fort Sam Houston," by Sig Christenson and Jacob Beltran, My San Antonio website, 11 June 2013, [https://www.mysanantonio.com/news/local\\_news/article/Army-captain-shot-wounded-on-Fort-Sam-Houston-4591876.php#photo-4767420](https://www.mysanantonio.com/news/local_news/article/Army-captain-shot-wounded-on-Fort-Sam-Houston-4591876.php#photo-4767420))*



**A tough job.**

AMEDDC&S Commander COL Randall Anderson signs more than 2,200 furlough notices due to the federal government shut-down. The notices had to be printed and hand signed by COL Anderson and distributed to civilian employees no later than 5 July.

*("Impending Furlough Update," AMEDDC&S Newsletter, Vol 2, No 3, June 2013, pg 10)*



Team CHET, Center for Health Education and Training, AMEDDC&S, display the first-place intramural football trophy. The team, comprised of members from various units, completed a successful, undefeated intramural football season for the year of 2013.

*("Flag Football Team Wins Post Championship," AMEDDC&S Newsletter, Vol 2, No 3, June 2013, pg 15)*



Since 1983, the AMEDDC&S has maintained an accreditation by the Council on Occupational Education (COE), formerly known as the Commission on Occupational Education Institutions of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. The COE is recognized by the U.S. Secretary of Education as a reliable authority on the quality of education offered by the institutions it has accredited. To commemorate 30 years of accreditation, the AMEDDC&S was presented with a certificate at the COE annual meeting held in November 2013.

*("Army Medical Department Center & School Maintain Accreditation," The Mercury, January 2014, pg 30)*



MG Steve Jones is joined by David Slagel, Princess Slagel-Bucshon, and NCO Academy Commandant CSM Christopher Walls to unveil the plaque designating Dining Facility No. 3 as the SFC Wayne Slagel Dining Facility during a dedication ceremony on 8 August. Slagel was one of only two individuals who have earned the Combat Medical Badge during three different conflicts.

*("Largest Dining Facility in Defense Department Named for Combat Medic Veteran of Three Wars," AMEDDC&S Newsletter, Vol 2, No 4, July 2013, pg 6)*

An H-19 helicopter affectionately named "Matilda" is relocated to the AMEDD Museum. John D. and Michael R. McWilliam restored and donated the helicopter in honor of their father, COL Robert McWilliam, a former Army solo pilot. H-19s were used in the closing days of the Korean War, during the Vietnam War, and with BAMC units in the 1950s.

*("Matilda" Finds a Home at the AMEDD Museum," AMEDDC&S Newsletter, Vol 2, No 5, September 2013, pg 5)*

# 2014

The AMEDDC&S has developed a collaborative educational public health affiliation with Texas A&M School of Rural Public Health. In 2014, the Department of Defense-funded program was renewed for an additional five years. The continual agreement with the Texas A&M School of Rural Public Health allowed military students to earn 12 graduate-level college credits after completing the Principles of Military Preventive Medicine Course in the Department of Preventive Health Services.

*“Public Health Educational Affiliation Between Texas A&M School of Rural Public Health and Academy of Health Sciences at the U.S. Army Medical Department Center and School,” by MAJ Rosemary Wosky, The Mercury, February 2014, pg 19)*

(From left) Petty Officer 2nd Class Kari Ezpeleta and SPC Nate Sturgis check a water sample for insect specimens. Soldiers and Sailors attend METC training to master the myriad skills needed to become a preventive medicine specialist/technician. The training is four months long for Army students and six months long for Navy students.

*(METC Preventive Medicine: Soldiers and Sailors Keeping Service Members Healthy,” By Lori Newman, JBSA News website, 16 Jan 2014, https://www.jbsa.mil/News/News/Article/599249/metc-preventive-medicine-soldiers-and-sailors-keeping-service-members-healthy/)*



The AMEDD Office of Medical History hosted its second conference in March, highlighting the rich medical history of U.S. Army hospitals and their activities during World War II. The gathering was at JBSA-Fort Sam Houston and brought Army medical professionals and medical historians to the AMEDD Museum for an opportunity to share medical knowledge and view featured displays of World War II artifacts and medical artwork.

*“AMEDD Hosts World War II Military Medical Conference, Exhibit,” by Sanders Marble, U.S. Army website, 3 April 2014, https://www.army.mil/article/123254/amedd\_hosts\_world\_war\_ii\_military\_medical\_conference\_exhibit)*



Retired Army BG Charles V.L. Elia, founding member and treasurer emeritus of the Army Medical Department Museum Foundation; David Windsor, museum volunteer of the year; and retired Army BG Daniel Perugini, chairman of the board, AMEDD Museum Foundation, cut the cake commemorating the 25th Anniversary of the AMEDD Museum during a celebration held at the museum on 25 July.

*“AMEDD Museum Celebrates 25 Year Anniversary,” by Phil Reidinger, The Mercury, September 2014, pg 16)*

Friends of the Army Medical Department Museum and members of the AMEDD Museum Foundation gathered at the museum on 25 July to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the dedication of the first buildings constructed in 1989. The event also celebrated the contributions of a founding member and treasurer emeritus of the AMEDD Museum Foundation, retired BG Charles Elia. The AMEDD Museum Foundation is staffed by volunteers who donated thousands of hours to raise the funds necessary to plan, design, and complete the construction of new facilities. Once the construction is completed, the new facilities are donated by the foundation to the U.S. Army.

*“AMEDD Museum Celebrates 25 Year Anniversary,” by Phil Reidinger, The Mercury, September 2014, pg 16)*

On 19 August, barracks Building 3312, located on Williams Way, was dedicated in honor of 1LT Elizabeth E. Benson (1904-1972). 1LT Benson was dedicated to the field of educating the deaf, and would serve as a faculty member and later Dean of Women at Gallaudet University. During World War II, 1LT Benson used her special skills and technical knowledge to instruct sign language and lip reading to newly deafened and injured service members. After leaving the Army in 1946, Benson returned to Gallaudet University, where she served until her retirement in 1970. Benson gained more visibility in her later years, as she interpreted for presidents and other prominent government officials.

*“New Barracks Building Named Benson Barracks,” by Esther Garcia, The Mercury, October 2014, pg 26)*

### Benson Barracks Dedication Ceremony

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### 1LT Elizabeth Benson during World War II

*(Photo courtesy of the AMEDD Center of History and Heritage Archives)*

The Medical Education and Training Campus (METC) at JBSA-Fort Sam Houston realigned under the new Education and Training (E&T) Directorate of the Defense Health Agency (DHA). METC officially became part of the DHA at initial operational capability for the E&T Directorate on 10 August 2014. The DHA is a combat support agency of the Department of Defense (DOD), responsible for the tri-service alignment of many health care activities and services.

METC civilian staff transitioned to DOD civilian status, and the program directors and service leads aligned under the METC headquarters (instead of their individual services) to become more functional within the academics department. The METC commandant also remained as the DHA E&T director.

*“METC Transitions Under the Defense Health Agency,” by Lisa Braun, JBSA News website, 21 Aug 2014, <https://www.jbsa.mil/News/News/Article/598888/metc-transitions-under-the-defense-health-agency/>*



The ca. 1863 Medical Corps Coat of Arms



The 1986 Army Medical Department Regimental Insignia



The 2014 Army Medical Department Regimental Insignia

Symbolizing the Army Medical Department through the years, the Regimental Distinguished Unit Insignia was changed to match the older AMEDD coat of Arms.

*“The ‘New’ Army Medical Department (AMEDD) Regimental Distinctive Insignia,” by AMEDD Center of History & Heritage, Army.mil website, 24 Nov 2014, [https://www.army.mil/article/138785/the\\_new\\_army\\_medical\\_department\\_amedd\\_regimental\\_distinctive\\_insignia](https://www.army.mil/article/138785/the_new_army_medical_department_amedd_regimental_distinctive_insignia)*

In 2014, The Surgeon General received permission to allow the Medical Department to adopt the former Medical Corps coat of arms as the AMEDD’s Regimental Distinctive Unit Insignia. The central part of the insignia is a silver shield with a representation of the national flag on the left side of the shield. The flag’s union contains 20 stars for the 20 states representing the Union in 1818, the year that the Medical Department was established. On the right of the shield is the Staff of Aesculapius—the symbol of medicine, which is a rod wrapped by a single serpent.

Above the shield is the crest, with a rooster moving forward (to the viewer’s left), but looking backwards, which is also a symbol of Aesculapius and ancient medicine. This symbolizes the department’s motto, *Experientia et Progressus*, which is Latin for Experience and Progress.

*“The ‘New’ Army Medical Department (AMEDD) Regimental Distinctive Insignia,” by AMEDD Center of History & Heritage, Army.mil website, 24 Nov 2014, [https://www.army.mil/article/138785/the\\_new\\_army\\_medical\\_department\\_amedd\\_regimental\\_distinctive\\_insignia](https://www.army.mil/article/138785/the_new_army_medical_department_amedd_regimental_distinctive_insignia)*

## 2015

### The U.S. AMEDDC&S is designated an Army Center of Excellence.

As an Army CoE, the U.S. AMEDDC&S at JBSA-Fort Sam Houston played an expanded role in supporting the Army by leading the design, integration, education, and training of new and innovative approaches to healthcare within the Army Health System. Headquarters, Department of the Army, designated the AMEDDC&S as the Army’s Health Readiness Center of Excellence (AMEDDC&S HRCoE) on 19 February.

*“U.S. Army Medical Department Center and School Designated as an Army Center of Excellence,” JBSA News website, 16 April 2015, <https://www.jbsa.mil/News/News/Article/598602/us-army-medical-department-center-and-school-designated-as-an-army-center-of-ex/>*

The AMEDDC&S Academy Brigade (Provisional) was officially established on 2 July 2015. It was restructured into two training brigades with cadre, faculty, and students assigned to the same organization—with the goal of enhancing mission command and improving functional alignment for the brigades. Each brigade was responsible for their students’ training, education, quality of life, and successful immersion into the Army medical profession. The restructuring also created a focus for concept, requirements, and doctrinal development in a Capability Development and Integration Directorate analogous to other Centers of Excellence.

*“AMEDD Center and School, HRCoE, establishes Academy Brigade (Provisional),” JBSA News website, 9 July 2015, <https://www.jbsa.mil/News/News/Article/607795/amedd-center-and-school-hrcoe-establishes-academy-brigade-provisional/>*



MAJ Fred Weigel, master of ceremonies for the 4th annual Academy of Health Sciences Graduate School Research Day, also served as one of seven judges for the Graduate School poster presentation competition.

*“AMEDD Center and School Hosts Annual Graduate School Research Day,” by Phil Reidinger, Army.mil website, 6 Jan 2015, [https://www.army.mil/article/140684/amedd\\_center\\_and\\_school\\_hosts\\_annual\\_graduate\\_school\\_research\\_day](https://www.army.mil/article/140684/amedd_center_and_school_hosts_annual_graduate_school_research_day)*



The AMEDDC&S Academy Brigade (Provisional) establishment ceremony on 2 July 2015 at the AMEDD Museum Amphitheater. Center, Commander of Troops/XO, LTC Patrick Zenk, is flanked from left, COL William Drennon, incoming Academy Brigade (Provisional) commander; and SGM Larry Lipsey, brigade CSM; MAJ Rory Walley, incoming Headquarters and Support Company (Provisional) commander; and ISG John Case.

*“AMEDD Center and School, HRCoE, Establishes Academy Brigade (Provisional),” by Esther Garcia and Phillip Reidinger, Army.mil website, 8 July 2015, [https://www.army.mil/article/151925/amedd\\_center\\_and\\_school\\_hrcoe\\_establishes\\_academy\\_brigade\\_provisional](https://www.army.mil/article/151925/amedd_center_and_school_hrcoe_establishes_academy_brigade_provisional)*



Thirty-eight medical officers across the United States left their clinical environments to learn basic soldiering skills at Fort Sill, Oklahoma. Soldiers and cadre in the 30th Air Defense Artillery Brigade worked together to run the Army Medical Department Direct Commissioning Course (AMEDDDCC) pilot program. The officers received their first taste of Army training after stepping out of various levels of civilian medical experience. Some were just beginning medical school, while the majority were practicing doctors, nurses, dentists, and various other health care practitioners. The first AMEDDDCC class graduated on 10 July 2015. Another pilot class commenced in the summer of 2016, which was followed by a full class of 240 students in 2017.

*(“Medical Officers Diagnosed with Training,” by Ms. Marie Berbera, Army.mil website, 10 July 2011, [https://www.army.mil/article/15212/medical\\_officers\\_diagnosed\\_with\\_training](https://www.army.mil/article/15212/medical_officers_diagnosed_with_training))*



**Medical officers move through Liberty City and practice proper room clearing procedures during their third week of training in the Army Medical Department Direct Commissioning Course pilot program.**

*(“Medical Officers Diagnosed with Training,” by Ms. Marie Berbera, Army.mil website, 10 July 2015, [https://www.army.mil/article/15212/medical\\_officers\\_diagnosed\\_with\\_training](https://www.army.mil/article/15212/medical_officers_diagnosed_with_training))*



During the first High Reliability Organization Quality and Safety Short Course taught at the JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Community Center on 19-23 July, AMEDDC&S Commander MG Stephen Jones noted that Army Medicine has influenced the lives of hundreds of millions of people around the world—often in austere conditions. The focus of a High Reliability Organization is safe, reliable performance, and refers to the practice of Team Strategies and Tools to Enhance Performance and Patient Safety, or TeamSTEPPS.

*(“High Reliability Organization Course Helps Army Medicine Leaders,” JBSA News website, 10 Aug 2015, <https://www.jbsa.mil/news/News/Article/613006/high-reliability-organization-course-helos-army-medicine-leaders/>)*

LTG Patricia Horoho, Army Surgeon General and Commanding General, U.S. Army MEDCOM, presented the Wolf Pack Award on 1 December 2015 to the team of the Practice Managers Course, U.S. AMEDDC&S HRCoE. The Wolf Pack Award was created by the Army Surgeon General and the Chief of the AMEDDD Civilian Corps to recognize exceptional teamwork, and it celebrates the success of military and civilian team members focused on excellence in support of Army Medicine.

*(“AMEDDC&S, HRCoE Team Wins Army Medicine Wolf Pack Award,” JBSA News website, 17 Dec 2015, <https://www.jbsa.mil/News/news/Article/637201/ameddcs-hrcoe-team-wins-army-medicine-wolf-pack-award/>)*

**Army Best Medic participants compete from 27 to 30 October at JBSA-Fort Sam Houston and JBSA-Camp Bullis.**

*(“2015 CSM Jack L. Clark, Jr. Army Best Medic Competition,” Army.mil website, 5 Oct 2015, [https://www.army.mil/article/156625/2015\\_csm\\_jack\\_l\\_clark\\_jr\\_army\\_best\\_medic\\_competition](https://www.army.mil/article/156625/2015_csm_jack_l_clark_jr_army_best_medic_competition))*



SFC Antwan Williams tackles the “Tarzan bars” at the obstacle course during the team qualification for the U.S. Army Best Medic competition at JBSA-Camp Bullis in September. Williams, a member of the Academy Brigade, was the overall top individual scorer.

*(“AMEDDC&S, HRCoE Selects 2015 Best Medic Team,” JBSA News website, 10 Sep 2015, <https://www.jbsa.mil/News/News/Article/616644/ameddcs-hrcoe-selects-2015-best-medic-team/>)*



## 2016

**S**MA Daniel Dailey visited the AMEDDC&S HRCoE on 18 February to meet with NCOs and observe training activities. SMA Dailey, accompanied by CSM Andrew Rhoades, started his day by joining Soldiers who were attending enlisted medical training activities. Highlights of his visit included an orientation tour of the Flight Paramedic Training Facility, where he observed paramedic training exercises featuring air evacuation, forward surgical team critical care, and the use of the most sophisticated simulators available for medical training.

*("SMA Dailey Visits AMEDD Center and School," by Phillip Reidinger, Army.mil website, 22 Feb 2016, [https://www.army.mil/article/162754/sma\\_dailey\\_visits\\_amedd\\_center\\_and\\_school](https://www.army.mil/article/162754/sma_dailey_visits_amedd_center_and_school))*

**Sergeant Major of the Army Daniel Dailey, (left) views forward surgical team critical care training and its sophisticated injury simulators.**

*("SMA Dailey Visits AMEDD Center and School," by Phillip Reidinger, Army.mil website, 22 Feb 2016, [https://www.army.mil/article/162754/sma\\_dailey\\_visits\\_amedd\\_center\\_and\\_school](https://www.army.mil/article/162754/sma_dailey_visits_amedd_center_and_school))*



## Army Medicine Launches Civilian Mentorship Program

Gregg Stevens, Deputy to the Commanding General at the AMEDD Center and School, developed a mentorship program for the AMEDD Civilian Corps. The program initially focused on mentorship for 15 Corps members in grades GS 1-10 or equivalent, with the mentors being Corps members in grades GS 10-15 or equivalent. "The MEDCOM Civilian Mentorship program is a great opportunity to develop both junior and senior members of our team," said Stevens.

*("Army Medicine Launches Civilian Mentorship Program," by Chanel S. Weaver, Army.mil website, 22 Apr 2016, [https://www.army.mil/article/166551/army\\_medicine\\_launches\\_civilian\\_mentorship\\_program](https://www.army.mil/article/166551/army_medicine_launches_civilian_mentorship_program))*



**MG Brian C. Lein (center), the incoming Commander, U.S. AMEDDC&S, accepts the colors from LG Nadja Y. West, the Surgeon General and Commanding General, U.S. Army Medical Command.**

*("Major General Lein Assumes Command of AMEDDC&S," by Jose E. Rodriguez, Army.mil website, 11 Aug 2016, [https://www.army.mil/article/173191/major\\_general\\_lein\\_assumes\\_command\\_of\\_ameddcs](https://www.army.mil/article/173191/major_general_lein_assumes_command_of_ameddcs))*

On 3 June, a dual ceremony and celebration was held to recognize the 100th anniversary of the creation of the U.S. Army Veterinary Corps, and to unveil new statues commemorating Veterinary Services.

*("100 Years of Army Veterinary Corps Service Honored with New Monument," by Jose E. Rodriguez, Army.mil website, 6 June 2016, [https://www.army.mil/article/169195/100\\_years\\_of\\_army\\_veterinary\\_corps\\_service\\_honored\\_with\\_new\\_monument](https://www.army.mil/article/169195/100_years_of_army_veterinary_corps_service_honored_with_new_monument))*



Statues representing Army Veterinary missions of animal care and food inspection/safety would receive an additional figure representing research and laboratory work before their unveiling during the 100th anniversary ceremony of the Army Veterinary Corps on 3 June 2016.

*("100 Years of Army Veterinary Corps Service Honored with New Monument," by Jose E. Rodriguez, Army.mil website, 6 June 2016, [https://www.army.mil/article/169195/100\\_years\\_of\\_army\\_veterinary\\_corps\\_service\\_honored\\_with\\_new\\_monument](https://www.army.mil/article/169195/100_years_of_army_veterinary_corps_service_honored_with_new_monument))*

The AMEDDC&S' Flight Paramedic Recertification course was intense, stressful, fast-paced, and realistic. The course provided Army enlisted health care specialists in the 68W military occupation specialty (who are paramedic qualified) with the two weeks of training required for paramedic recertification—including 72 hours of continuing education units accredited by Army Emergency Medical Service. In addition, students who were flight paramedic certified through the Board of Critical Care Transport Paramedic Certification, or BCCTPC, qualified for continuing education units.



Flight paramedic course instructor SFC Reid Carpenter (left) wirelessly adjusts the setting of a medical patient simulator as two Army health care specialists, who are paramedic-qualified, practice treating an injured patient inside a UH-60 Blackhawk helicopter trainer. The life-sized trainer offers students the opportunity to have realistic exercises that emulate the sound, wind, and stressful environment of an actual helicopter. The advanced patient simulators used at AMEDDC&S provide students with vital signs, clinical signs, and symptoms mimicking live patients.

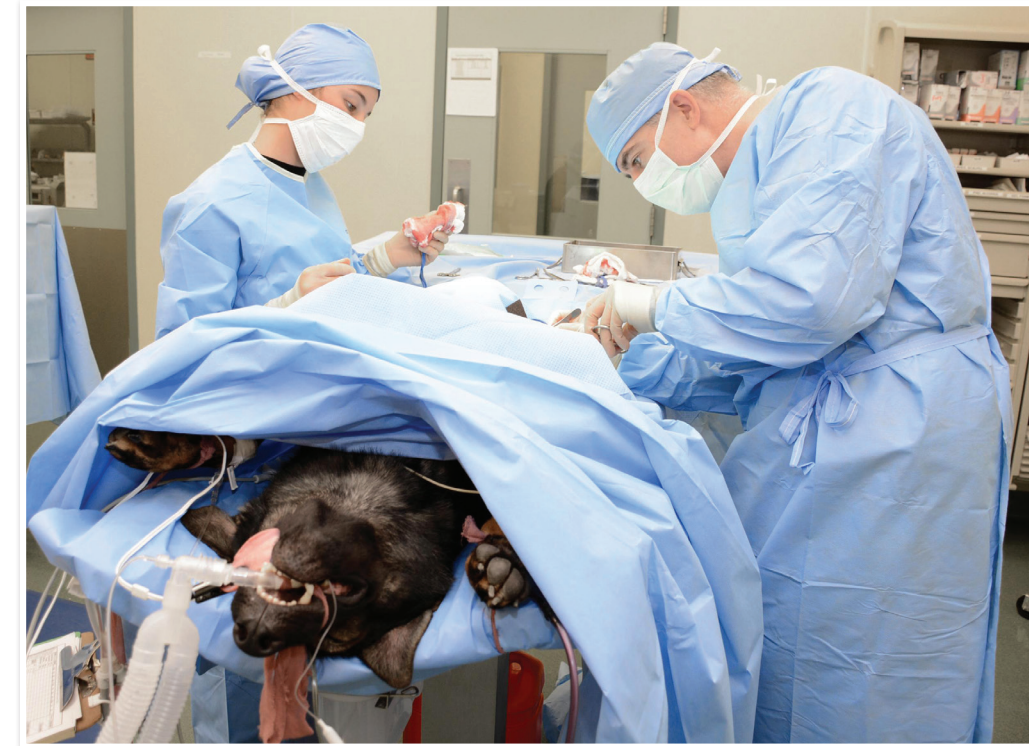
*("Flight Paramedic Recertification Course Offers Realistic Training," AMEDDC&S Public Affairs, JBSA News website, 11 Aug 2011, <https://www.jbsa.mil/News/News/Article/917443/flight-paramedic-recertification-course-offers-realistic-training/>)*

Practical exercises included airway management, treatment of extremity trauma, treatment of combat chest wounds, and lifesaving emergency surgical skills on high-fidelity simulation manikins. Students conducted scenarios in both clinical and high-fidelity aircraft environments. All training scenarios and exercises refreshed critical care knowledge and provided recertification credentials to students.

*("Flight Paramedic Recertification Course Offers Realistic Training," AMEDDC&S Public Affairs, JBSA News website, 11 Aug 2011, <https://www.jbsa.mil/News/News/Article/917443/flight-paramedic-recertification-course-offers-realistic-training/>)*

SGT Marty Anderson, Det. 1, Company C, 3rd Battalion, 238th Aviation Regiment, Michigan National Guard, monitors the status of a medical patient simulator while onboard a UH-60 Blackhawk trainer.

*("Flight Paramedic Recertification Course Offers Realistic Training," AMEDDC&S Public Affairs, JBSA News website, 11 Aug 2011, <https://www.jbsa.mil/News/News/Article/917443/flight-paramedic-recertification-course-offers-realistic-training/>)*



MAJ Patrick Grimm, Deputy Chief of Animal Health Branch, performs a gastropexy on a Customs and Border Patrol (CBP) working dog while assisted by PVT Jade Baxter, a student attending the Army Animal Care Specialist, 68T, advanced individual training. In January 2015, AMEDDC&S Animal Health Branch began receiving the first CBP dogs and incorporated their care into the 68T training course.

*("Army Medicine and U.S. Border Patrol Partner for Training, Veterinary Care and Cost Savings," JBSA News website, 25 Oct 2016, <https://www.jbsa.mil/News/News/Article/985482/army-medicine-and-us-border-patrol-partner-for-training-veterinary-care-and-cos/>)*

The 50th anniversary of AMEDD-TV, the televised media arm of the AMEDD at JBSA-Fort Sam Houston, was celebrated on 16 December 2016. For 50 years, the staff has helped tell the AMEDD story by providing the technical expertise to document and transmit AMEDD medical history and training in multimedia formats. Its mission was to provide closed-circuit black-and-white and color television services to the Medical Field Service School (MFSS), BAMC, and the Office of the Surgeon General for education, training, and research purposes. It was immediately referred to as MFSS-TV and became the start of the AMEDD-TV.

*("AMEDD-TV Celebrates 50 Years of Telling the Army Medical Story," AMEDD, JBSA News website, 8 Dec 2016, <https://www.jbsa.mil/News/news/Article/1024425/amedd-tv-celebrates-50-years-of-telling-the-army-medical-story/#>)*



SSG Christopher Magnuson from the 264th Medical Battalion at JBSA-Fort Sam Houston shows students how to use a microscope to view bacteria and other pathogens.

*("264th Medical Battalion Takes Part in East Terrell Hills Elementary School Career Day," JBSA News website, 14 Dec 2016, <https://www.jbsa.mil/News/News/Article/1029637/264th-medical-battalion-takes-part-in-east-terrell-hills-elementary-school-care/>)*

# 2017

The mission of the U.S. Army Medical Department Board is unique because it is the only independent operational testing and evaluation agency for medical information management and medical technology products. From 9 January to 9 February, the AMEDD Board conducted testing and evaluation operations at JBSA-Camp Bullis for Medical Communications for Combat Casualty Care (MC4), the Army's deployable electronic medical record system. Tested with the Theater Medical Information Program, MC4 included software used to provide military medical personnel the ability to "record, store, retrieve, and transfer the essential elements of patient encounters."

*"AMEDD Board Conducts Medical Software Testing," by Eric Lobsinger, Army.mil website, 15 Feb 2017, [https://www.army.mil/article/182562/amedd\\_board\\_conducts\\_medical\\_software\\_testing](https://www.army.mil/article/182562/amedd_board_conducts_medical_software_testing)*



SFC Joseph Plummer Jr., AMEDD Board, peers at a digital map used during the testing of Theater Medical Information Program software, which is part of the Medical Communications for Combat Casualty Care program.

*"AMEDD Board Conducts Medical Software Testing," by Eric Lobsinger, Army.mil website, 15 Feb 2017, [https://www.army.mil/article/182562/amedd\\_board\\_conducts\\_medical\\_software\\_testing](https://www.army.mil/article/182562/amedd_board_conducts_medical_software_testing)*

More than 100 health care specialists from 1st Brigade Combat Team, 101st Airborne Division, completed a week of intensive medical training at Fort Campbell on 6-10 March. The Brigade Combat Team Trauma Training course (BCT3) consisted of five days of classroom instruction, practical application, and field training. BCT3 was led by a staff of experts from the U.S. AMEDDC&S at JBSA-Fort Sam Houston.

*"JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Experts Provide Fort Campbell Medics Brigade Combat Team Trauma Training," by MAJ Martin Meiners, JBSA News website, 21 March 2017, <https://www.jbsa.mil/News/News/Article/1124912/jbsa-fort-sam-houston-experts-provide-fort-campbell-medics-brigade-combat-team/>*



PFC Wesley Brown, a combat medic with 326th Brigade Engineer Battalion, 1st Brigade Combat Team, applies a tourniquet to a simulated casualty during Brigade Combat Team Trauma Training (BCT3) on Fort Campbell, Kentucky on 10 March 2017. The BCT3 program ensures that medics across the Army have the trauma and surgical skills necessary to manage combat casualties prior to a deployment. BCT3 is led by a staff of experts from the AMEDDC&S.

*"JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Experts Provide Fort Campbell Medics Brigade Combat Team Trauma Training," by MAJ Martin Meiners, JBSA News website, 21 March 2017, <https://www.jbsa.mil/News/News/Article/1124912/jbsa-fort-sam-houston-experts-provide-fort-campbell-medics-brigade-combat-team/>*

SSG Nissan N. Armas (center) is congratulated for receiving the first AMEDDC&S Basic Army Instructor Badge by COL Tanya Peacock (left), Vice Provost of Academic Affairs, Directorate of Training and Academic Affairs; and SGM Christopher R. Marshall (right), Sergeant Major, Directorate of Training and Academic Affairs, AMEDDC&S.

*"AMEDDC&S Instructor Awarded First Basic Army Instructor Badge," AMEDDC&S Public Affairs, JBSA News website, 5 May 2017, <https://www.jbsa.mil/News/News/Article/1173393/ameddcs-instructor-awarded-first-basicarmy-instructor-badge/>*



SSG Nissan N. Armas was awarded the first Basic Army Instructor Badge (BAIB) from the Noncommissioned Officer Academy at the AMEDDC&S HRCoE, JBSA-Fort Sam Houston on 2 May.

To earn the BAIB, Soldiers must meet the instructor requirements outlined in Army Regulation 614-200 and complete the requirements of U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command Regulation 600-21. They must also complete 80 hours of instruction as a primary instructor, and meet evaluation requirements after two separate evaluations that are spaced 30 days apart.

*"AMEDDC&S Instructor Awarded First Basic Army Instructor Badge," AMEDDC&S Public Affairs, JBSA News website, 5 May 2017, <https://www.jbsa.mil/News/News/Article/1173393/ameddcs-instructor-awarded-first-basic-army-instructor-badge/>*

**The Basic Army Instructor Badge, first approved in 2013.**

*(Image from The Army Institute of Heraldry website, <https://tioh.army.mil/Catalog/Heraldry.aspx?HeraldryId=18450&CategoryId=10527&grp=2&menu=Uniformed%20Services&ps=24&p=0>)*



**CPT Latrina Dudley sorts through donated items at the San Antonio Food Bank warehouse on 31 August 2017.**

*"AMEDDC&S Soldiers and Civilians Assist with Hurricane Relief at San Antonio Food Bank," by Jose Rodriguez, JBSA News website, 5 Sep 2017, <https://www.jbsa.mil/News/News/Article/1299757/ameddcs-soldiers-and-civilians-assist-with-hurricane-relief-at-san-antonio-food/>*

CPT Latrina Dudley, commander of the Training Support Activity at the AMEDDC&S, saw the devastation caused by Hurricane Harvey and helped by volunteering with five of her Soldiers at the San Antonio Food Bank, where they sorted and packaged food donations. The 188th Medical Battalion also organized a donation drive to help support the San Antonio Food Bank.

*"AMEDDC&S Soldiers and Civilians Assist with Hurricane Relief at San Antonio Food Bank," by Jose Rodriguez, JBSA News website, 5 Sep 2017, <https://www.jbsa.mil/News/News/Article/1299757/ameddcs-soldiers-and-civilians-assist-with-hurricane-relief-at-san-antonio-food/>*

Through the AMEDDC&S Graduate School, students in the Army-Baylor University Doctoral Fellowship in Orthopedic Manual Physical Therapy shared the knowledge they learned in the classroom and through research to treat patients at the CPT Jennifer M. Moreno Primary Care Clinic. Each year, six service members from all branches of the military participate in the 18-month program, where they earn their doctoral degree while doing their fellowship in orthopedic manual physical therapy at the Moreno clinic. Each week, students would divide their time between being in the classroom and seeing patients.

*("AMEDDC&S Therapy Students Using Research to Improve Care," by David DeKunder, JBSA News website, 16 Oct 2017, <https://www.jbsa.mil/News/News/Article/1336869/ameddcs-therapy-students-using-research-to-improve-care/>)*

Members of the AMEDDC's elite 25-person Expeditionary Resuscitation Surgical Team (ERST) Training and Support Team received the coveted 2017 Army Medicine Wolf Pack Award during a ceremony held at the AMEDDC&S HRCoE on 19 December 2017. The team was presented with the award for their meritorious efforts in training and supporting the U.S. Army and Navy's ERST for their preparation and deployment overseas.

**The Wolfpack Award recognizes extraordinary Soldier and Civilian teamwork.**

*("Expeditionary Resuscitation Surgical Team (ERST) Training/Support Team," by Kirk Frady, Army.mil website, 2 Jan 2018, [https://www.army.mil/article/198549/expeditionary\\_resuscitation\\_surgical\\_team\\_erst\\_trainingsupportL\\_team](https://www.army.mil/article/198549/expeditionary_resuscitation_surgical_team_erst_trainingsupportL_team))*



Members of the Expeditionary Resuscitation Surgical Team Training/Support Team receive the Wolf Pack Award. MG Brian C. Lein (far right), AMEDDC&S HRCoE Commanding General, and Mr. Gregg Stevens, Deputy Commanding General (center) and Chief of the AMEDDC Civilian Corps made the presentation.

*("Expeditionary Resuscitation Surgical Team (ERST) Training/Support Team," by Kirk Frady, Army.mil website, 2 Jan 2018, [https://www.army.mil/article/198549/expeditionary\\_resuscitation\\_surgical\\_team\\_erst\\_trainingsupportL\\_team](https://www.army.mil/article/198549/expeditionary_resuscitation_surgical_team_erst_trainingsupportL_team))*



The ERST Training and Support Team concept was envisioned by the current Army Surgeon General and provides advanced surgical, resuscitative, and critical care to conventional and special operations forces operating in austere locations. The ERST Training and Support concept began in January 2016, with the first team deploying in May 2016. The instructors at the AMEDDC&S Tactical Combat Medical Course were the lead personnel behind the ERST training mission. Most, if not all, of the team members were prior Special Operations Physicians Assistants who had exhaustive experience.

*("Expeditionary Resuscitation Surgical Team (ERST) Training/Support Team website, 2 Jan 2018, [https://www.army.mil/article/198549/expeditionary\\_erst\\_trainingsupportL\\_team](https://www.army.mil/article/198549/expeditionary_erst_trainingsupportL_team))*

SGM Christopher R. Marshall (right) from the AMEDDC&S was presented with the Lewis L. Seaman Enlisted Award for Outstanding Operational Support in the senior enlisted category by MG Brian C. Lein (center), AMEDDC&S HRCoE commanding general, on 30 November 2017 at the Potomac Ballroom of the Gaylord National Harbor Resort and Convention Center in Washington, D.C. Marshall's son-in-law, SGT Michael Beck (left), U.S. Marine Corps, is also pictured.

*("AMEDDC&S Sergeant Major Receives Award for Outstanding Support," by AMEDDC&S Public Affairs, JBSA News website, 11 Dec 2017, <https://www.jbsa.mil/News/News/Article/1393279/ameddcs-sergeant-major-receives-award-for-outstanding-support/>)*

The Society of Federal Health Professionals honored SGM Christopher R. Marshall from the AMEDDC&S at JBSA-Fort Sam Houston with the Lewis L. Seaman Enlisted Award for Outstanding Operational Support in the senior enlisted category. Marshall was competitively selected from nominees across all three military branches to receive the award. He served as the Sergeant Major, Directorate of Training and Academic Affairs, AMEDDC&S HRCoE, in 2017.

*("AMEDDC&S Sergeant Major Receives Award for Outstanding Support," by AMEDDC&S Public Affairs, JBSA News website, 11 Dec 2017, <https://www.jbsa.mil/News/News/Article/1393279/ameddcs-sergeant-major-receives-award-for-outstanding-support/>)*



## 2018

The U.S. response to the Ebola crisis in West Africa highlighted the link between human health and national security. Operation United Assistance demonstrated the power of global health engagement (GHE). The Department of Veterinary Science (DVS) at the AMEDDC&S was driving change by preparing Veterinary Corps Officers (VCOs) to plan and execute GHE activities in support of Theater Security Cooperation. DVS added GHE to its 64A Basic Officer Leader Course Competency List, as well as its 640A Food Safety Warrant Officer critical task list. These requirements paved the way for GHE lesson plans to be integrated into four different VCO programs of instruction.

*“The Department of Veterinary Science Institutionalizes Global Health Engagement Training,” by LTC Matthew Levine, Chief, Food Protection Branch, Army.mil website, 1 Feb 2018, [https://www.army.mil/article/199214/the\\_department\\_of\\_veterinary\\_science\\_institutionalizes\\_global\\_health\\_engagement\\_training](https://www.army.mil/article/199214/the_department_of_veterinary_science_institutionalizes_global_health_engagement_training)*



LTC Matthew Levine from the U.S. Army Veterinary Corps discusses Operational Rations and food safety with Kazak Soldiers in Almaty, Kazakhstan.

*“The Department of Veterinary Science Institutionalizes Global Health Engagement Training,” by LTC Matthew Levine, Chief, Food Protection Branch, Army.mil website, 1 Feb 2018, [https://www.army.mil/article/199214/the\\_department\\_of\\_veterinary\\_science\\_institutionalizes\\_global\\_health\\_engagement\\_training](https://www.army.mil/article/199214/the_department_of_veterinary_science_institutionalizes_global_health_engagement_training)*

Students attended the Clinical Pharmacy Course, or CPC, at the AMEDDC&S in March 2018. The course objective was to standardize and improve the practice of ambulatory clinical pharmacy by both clinical pharmacists and clinical pharmacy technicians. It was the only short course dedicated to clinical pharmacy practice and was agenda-driven based on current DOD and Army Clinical Pharmacy practice—as established by the U.S. Army Pharmacy Consultant. The CPC would become a semi-annual course that trained 147 civilian and military members of the Army, Navy, Air Force, and Veterans Affairs.

*“AMEDD Center & School Conducts Sixth Clinical Pharmacy Course,” by AMEDDC&S Pharmacy Branch, JBSA News website, 29 March 2018, <https://www.jbsa.mil/News/News/Article/1478596/amedd-center-school-conducts-sixth-clinical-pharmacy-course/>*



CPT Alisa Snyder (USA) and Capt. Burke Wilson (USAF) feel for a pedal pulse on Dr. Jennifer Evans while performing a diabetic foot exam practical exercise during the CPC at the AMEDDC&S.

*“AMEDD Center & School Conducts Sixth Clinical Pharmacy Course,” by AMEDDC&S Pharmacy Branch, JBSA News website, 29 March 2018, <https://www.jbsa.mil/News/News/Article/1478596/amedd-center-school-conducts-sixth-clinical-pharmacy-course/>*

Medical facilities at JBSA-Fort Sam Houston opened their doors to the community members and civic leaders during a tour that showcased the contributions of military medicine on 10 August 2018. More than 70 individuals from local businesses in the medical and financial sectors, members of veterans’ organizations, and San Antonio city officials participated in the Fort Sam Houston-Military Medical Tour.

The medical tour was held during Military Medicine Month, as designated by the San Antonio 300 Tri-centennial Commission, who organized the celebration commemorating the 300th year of the city’s founding.

*“San Antonio Community Members, Leaders Tour JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Medical Facilities,” by David DeKunder, JBSA News website, 22 Aug 2018, <https://www.jbsa.mil/News/News/Article/1609344/san-antonio-community-members-leaders-tour-jbsa-fort-sam-houston-medical-facili/>*



SFC Lee Hockersmith, AMEDDC&S instructor and NCO in charge of the Critical Care Flight Paramedic Program, talks to San Antonio community members and civic leaders who have gathered in a helicopter medical evacuation simulation lab. The tour was part of the tri-centennial, celebrating 300 years of the founding of San Antonio.

*“San Antonio Community Members, Leaders Tour JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Medical Facilities,” by David DeKunder, JBSA News website, 22 Aug 2018, <https://www.jbsa.mil/News/News/Article/1609344/san-antonio-community-members-leaders-tour-jbsa-fort-sam-houston-medical-facili/>*



AMEDDC&S’s team places 3rd in the 2018 Army Best Medic Competition. Pictured from left to right: AMEDDC&S CSM William “Buck” O’Neal, SFC David Nagle, SFC Adam Church, and MEDCOM CSM Michael L. Gragg.

*“Top 3 Teams Recognized at the 2018 Army Best Medic Awards Ceremony,” by Tish Williamson, Army.mil website, 21 Sep 2018, [https://www.army.mil/article/211413/top\\_3\\_teams\\_recognized\\_at\\_the\\_2018\\_army\\_best\\_medics\\_awards\\_ceremony](https://www.army.mil/article/211413/top_3_teams_recognized_at_the_2018_army_best_medics_awards_ceremony)*

After over 72 hours of an intense, mentally and physically challenging battle, the 2018 Army Best Medic Competition (ABMC) ended with high praise. CSM Michael L. Gragg of the MEDCOM said, “No one here lost. Everyone sitting here grew from this experience, and that was our entire focus.” SSGs Cory Glasgow and Branden Mettura earned the title of 2018 Army Best Medics. The 2nd place team was CPT Michael Broussard and SSG Sean Collins of the 75th Ranger Regiment. The 3rd place team was SFCs David Nagle and Adam Church of the AMEDDC&S HRCoE. The 2018 ABMC was planned and conducted by AMEDDC&S HRCoE and included realistic medical scenarios that provided opportunities for competitors to use innovative resources that medics would encounter and be expected to master on the modern battlefield.

*“Top 3 Teams Recognized at the 2018 Army Best Medic Awards Ceremony,” by Tish Williamson, Army.mil website, 21 Sep 2018, [https://www.army.mil/article/211413/top\\_3\\_teams\\_recognized\\_at\\_the\\_2018\\_army\\_best\\_medics\\_awards\\_ceremony](https://www.army.mil/article/211413/top_3_teams_recognized_at_the_2018_army_best_medics_awards_ceremony)*



Attached to a simulated patient's litter, the IPRT device is maneuvered into a field ambulance and secured.

*"Regulation Therapy (IPRT) Device," by Jose Rodriguez, Army.mil website, 20 Nov 2018, [https://www.army.mil/article/213965/amedd\\_board\\_test\\_intrathoracic\\_pressure\\_regulation\\_therapy\\_iprt\\_device](https://www.army.mil/article/213965/amedd_board_test_intrathoracic_pressure_regulation_therapy_iprt_device)*



**The AMEDD Board tests the Intrathoracic Pressure Regulation Therapy (IPRT) Device.**

*"Regulation Therapy (IPRT) Device," by Jose Rodriguez, Army.mil website, 20 Nov 2018, [https://www.army.mil/article/213965/amedd\\_board\\_test\\_intrathoracic\\_pressure\\_regulation\\_therapy\\_iprt\\_device](https://www.army.mil/article/213965/amedd_board_test_intrathoracic_pressure_regulation_therapy_iprt_device)*

The U.S. Army is always seeking new technologies and testing new devices to increase battlefield survival rates. In 2018, the AMEDD Board conducted a test on an intrathoracic pressure regulation therapy (IPRT) device at JBSA-Camp Bullis that researchers hoped would help save the lives of the critically injured. The IPRT device increases blood pressure and circulation to tissues of the body in ventilated patients who have low blood volumes. The IPRT was cleared by the Food and Drug Administration, and it noninvasively decreases intrathoracic pressure and increases blood circulation.

*"Regulation Therapy (IPRT) Device," by Jose Rodriguez, Army.mil website, 20 Nov 2018, [https://www.army.mil/article/213965/amedd\\_board\\_test\\_intrathoracic\\_pressure\\_regulation\\_therapy\\_iprt\\_device](https://www.army.mil/article/213965/amedd_board_test_intrathoracic_pressure_regulation_therapy_iprt_device)*

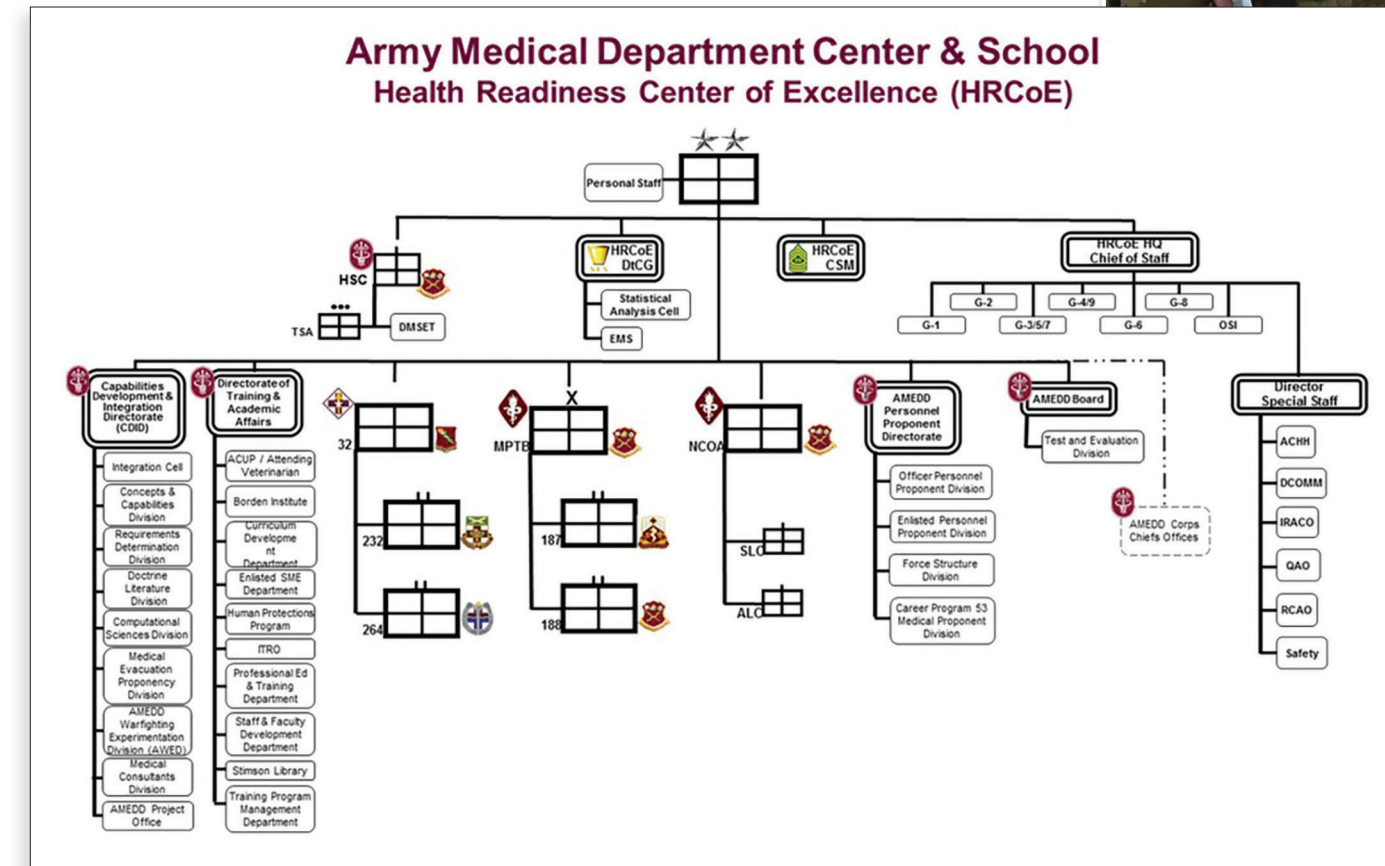
Starting in the early morning hours on 20 December, nearly 3,000 Soldiers training at the AMEDDC&S HRCoE departed JBSA-Fort Sam Houston via the San Antonio International Airport for their Holiday Block Leave. The annual event allowed Soldiers who are completing various Army medical training courses on JBSA-Fort Sam Houston the opportunity to spend the holiday season with their families and loved ones.

*"JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Soldiers in Training Depart on Annual Holiday Block Leave Exodus," AMEDDC&S HRCoE PAO, JBSA News website, 20 Dec 2018, <https://www.jbsa.mil/News/News/Article/1719250/jbsa-fort-sam-houston-soldiers-in-training-depart-on-annual-holiday-block-leave/>*



**Organizational structure changes to the HRCoE in 2018.**

*(Photo courtesy of AMEDD Center of History and Heritage files)*



Soldiers attending Advanced Individual Training at AMEDDC&S HRCoE show their holiday cheer before boarding an airplane at the San Antonio International Airport.

*"JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Soldiers in Training Depart on Annual Holiday Block Leave Exodus," AMEDDC&S HRCoE PAO, JBSA News website, 20 Dec 2018, <https://www.jbsa.mil/News/News/Article/1719250/jbsa-fort-sam-houston-soldiers-in-training-depart-on-annual-holiday-block-leave/>*

## 2019

The AMEDDC&S HRCoE conducted a Transfer of Authority ceremony to publically recognize its realignment from the U.S. Army Medical Command (MEDCOM) to the U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command (TRADOC) with operational control under the Combined Arms Center. The realignment became official on 19 October 2018, and was commemorated by passing the HRCoE's unit colors from the outgoing command to the incoming command, and included a change in shoulder insignia for the HRCoE's Headquarters and Headquarters Company. The ceremony was cohosted by LTG Nadja Y. West, Surgeon General of the U.S. Army and MEDCOM Commander, and LTG Michael D. Lundy, Commander, CAC and Fort Leavenworth, Kansas.

*"Army Medicine Still Starts Here," by Tish Williamson, HRCoE, Public Affairs, Army.mil website, 2 Feb 2019, <https://www.army.mil/article/216930/>*



**The shoulder sleeve insignia for the Headquarters, MEDCoE, Medical Professional Training Brigade, Noncommissioned Officer Academy, and the Headquarters Support Company.**

The patch was originally established for the U.S. Army Medical Training Center by the Institute of Heraldry, and it was reinstated for the CoE in 2018. The change in shoulder insignia was made official in February 2019.

*"Army Medicine Still Starts Here," by Tish Williamson, HRCoE, Public Affairs, Army.mil website, 2 Feb 2019, <https://www.army.mil/article/216930/>*

Joseph M. Harmon III, deputy to the Commanding General, AMEDDC&S HRCoE, was appointed to the Senior Executive Service in a ceremony at the AMEDD Museum on 29 April 2019. The Senior Executive Service, or SES, is a civilian service position in the federal government that is equivalent to the rank of general officer. Mr. Harmon was responsible for the strategic planning and execution of a \$154 million budget, and served as the primary integrator of medical requirements determination, capability development, and mission execution across the doctrine, organization, training, materiel, leadership and education, personnel, facilities and policy domains.

*"Army Medicine Welcomes a New Member of the Senior Executive Service," by Tish Williamson, JBSA News website, 30 April 2019, <https://www.jbsa.mil/News/News/Article/1829950/army-medicine-welcomes-a-new-member-of-the-senior-executive-service/>*



LTG Nadja Y. West, The Surgeon General of the U.S. Army and commanding general, U.S. Army MEDCOM, congratulates Joseph M. Harmon III, deputy to the CG, AMEDDC&S HRCoE. Mr. Harmon was appointed to the Senior Executive Service in a ceremony at the Army Medical Department Museum 29 April 2019.

*"Army Medicine Welcomes a New Member of the Senior Executive Service," by Tish Williamson, JBSA News website, 30 April 2019, <https://www.jbsa.mil/News/News/Article/1829950/army-medicine-welcomes-a-new-member-of-the-senior-executive-service/>*

The AMEDDC&S HRCoE developed a standard definition of "rigor" for the students. MG Patrick D. Sargent directed commanders and staff to "increase the rigor of all Individual Military Training, Professional Medical Education, and functional training," to ensure alignment with TRADOC's near term priorities. MG Sargent said the guiding purpose was to change Army Medicine's culture from delivery of healthcare with a focus on limited contingency operations to a focus on the professional knowledge, skills, and abilities "that will drive the right technical and tactical expertise to defeat peer threats in contested environments in DOTMLPF-P and multi-domain operations."

In 2019, the HRCoE's redefined its view on "rigor" to be "Training that reinforces soldier and warrior acculturation, that is conducted under austere conditions, and allows for repetition to gain mastery of the required tasks while enduring physical and mental stress."

*"Rigor by Design: HRCoE Defines Rigor, Infuses New Standards in Training," by Tammy Griswold, JBSA News website, 9 May 2019, <https://www.jbsa.mil/News/News/Article/1842901/rigor-by-design-hrcoe-defines-rigor-infuses-new-standards-in-training/>*

**The shoulder sleeve insignia for Army Futures Command (AFC).**

On 7 July 2019 the (Medical) Capability Development Integration Directorate (CDID) officially moved to the Futures and Concept Center under AFC. Due to the specialization of CDID in medical matters and the logical connection to MEDCoE, arrangements were made for the directorate to coordinate its efforts between AFC and TRADOC.

*(MEDCoE Annual Command History Report CY 2019, AMEDD Center of History and Heritage files, Army.mil website, <https://tioh.army.mil/Catalog/Heraldry.aspx?HeraldryId=18717&CategoryId=10714&grp=2&menu=Uniformed%20Services&ps=24&p=0>*



MAJ Tom Roader of the Cleveland Recruiting Battalion (far left) is pictured with a group of educators from the Ohio area. MG Patrick D. Sargent, U.S. AMEDDC&S HRCoE commanding general (center left), and HRCoE CSM William "Buck" O'Neal (center right), AMEDDC&S HRCoE command sergeant major, hosted the educator tour at JBSA-Fort Sam Houston 11 June 2019 in support of the U.S. Army Recruiting Command's mission.

*"Health Readiness Center of Excellence Commander Educates the Educators," by Tish Williamson, JBSA News website, 21 June 2019, <https://www.jbsa.mil/News/News/Article/1882658/health-readiness-center-of-excellence-commander-educates-the-educators/>*

More than 70 high school administrators, teachers, and college professors from Wisconsin, northern Illinois, and Ohio were sponsored by the Cleveland and Milwaukee U.S. Army Recruiting Battalions to visit JBSA-Fort Sam Houston as a part of an annual initiative sponsored by the U.S. Army Recruiting Command.

*"Health Readiness Center of Excellence Commander Educates the Educators," by Tish Williamson, JBSA News website, 21 June 2019, <https://www.jbsa.mil/News/News/Article/1882658/health-readiness-center-of-excellence-commander-educates-the-educators/>*

Development Integration Directorate (CDID) officially moved to the Futures and Concept Center under AFC. Due to the specialization of CDID in medical matters and the logical connection to MEDCoE, arrangements were made for the directorate to coordinate its efforts between AFC and TRADOC.

*(MEDCoE Annual Command History Report CY 2019, AMEDD Center of History and Heritage files, Army.mil website, <https://tioh.army.mil/Catalog/Heraldry.aspx?HeraldryId=18717&CategoryId=10714&grp=2&menu=Uniformed%20Services&ps=24&p=0>*



## U.S. Army Medical Center and School Re-designated as the U.S. Army Medical Center of Excellence

The “U.S. Army Medical Department Center & School” officially changed its name to “U.S. Army Medical Center of Excellence,” or MEDCoE, on Sunday, 15 September 2019. MEDCoE replaced the longer designation of U.S. AMEDDC&S, Health Readiness Center of Excellence, or AMEDDC&S HRCoE, which came into effect in 2015.

The new designation recognized the divestment of the former AMEDDC&S HRCoE from the U.S. Army Medical Command and further solidified the center’s alignment to the U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command, or TRADOC. The CoE’s transition to TRADOC began on 19 Oct 2018 and was completed on 2 October 2019.

*(“AMEDD Center & School Getting a New Name,” by Tish Williamson, JBSA News website, 29 Aug 2019, <https://www.jbsa.mil/News/News/Article/1947388/amedd-center-school-getting-a-new-name/>)*

MEDCoE CG, MG Patrick D. Sargent, announces the new designation of the AMEDD C&S, HRCoE, after it was unveiled on Aabel Hall.

*(“AMEDD Center & School Getting a New Name,” by Tish Williamson, JBSA News website, 29 Aug 2019, <https://www.jbsa.mil/News/News/Article/1947388/amedd-center-school-getting-a-new-name/>)*



**The new logo for the MEDCoE, which incorporates the move to TRADOC.**

*(Photo courtesy of the MEDCoE Directorate of Communications)*



LTC Princess Atunrase (at podium), MG Patrick Sargent, MEDCOE CG, and CSM William O’Neal (background) unveil the re-designated U.S. Army Medical Center of Excellence (MEDCoE) lettering on school house building 2840 during a re-designation ceremony on 16 September 2019.

*(Image Credit: Wesley Elliott, Defense Information Distribution Service website, <https://www.dvidshub.net/image/5760203/army-medicine-center-and-school-re-designated-us-army-medical-center-excellence>)*

The Chemical and Biological Defense (CBD) Auto-Injector Device is something that no Soldier ever wants to use; however, it is needed to stop the side effects of chemical and biological weapons. In 2019, the Joint Program Executive Office for Chemical and Biological Defense, Medical Countermeasure Systems, at Fort Detrick, Maryland, requested that the AMEDD Board conduct a customer test of the CBD Auto-Injector Device within the operational environment. After receiving the request, the AMEDD Board, assigned to the MEDCoE, tested the CBD Auto-Injector Device at JBSA-Camp Bullis.

*(“Army Medical Department Board Test Auto-injectors and Gets Important Feedback from Soldiers,” by Jose Rodriguez, Army.mil website, 20 Dec 2019, <https://www.army.mil/article/231140/army-medical-department-board-test-auto-injectors-and-gets-important-feedback-from-soldiers>)*



Soldiers in Mission Oriented Protective Posture, or MOPP, gear participate in a simulated battlefield exercise to test auto-injector devices as an AMEDD Board team member notes results. The masks can limit visibility, so the injectors have to have clear, easy to understand pictorial instructions.

*(“Army Medical Department Board Test Auto-injectors and Gets Important Feedback from Soldiers,” by Jose Rodriguez, Army.mil website, 20 Dec 2019, <https://www.army.mil/article/231140/army-medical-department-board-test-auto-injectors-and-gets-important-feedback-from-soldiers>)*

Pictured (left to right) are MG Patrick D. Sargent, Chaplain LTC Valeria Van Dress, and her husband, Eric Van Dress, at the MEDCoE Stole Ceremony, where Chaplain Van Dress was installed as the very first command chaplain for the MEDCoE on 19 December 2019.

*(“The Medical Center of Excellence Installs First Dedicated Chaplain,” by Tish Williamson, MEDCoE Directorate of Communications, Army.mil website, 26 Dec 2019, <https://www.army.mil/article/231352/the-medical-center-of-excellence-installs-first-dedicated-chaplain>)*



# 2020

One cannot mention the year 2020 without also noting the impact and events associated with the spread of the Coronavirus disease 2019, or COVID-19. The respiratory virus spread globally and altered working environments and training Army-wide. Tactical dispersion, face masks, and virtual meetings quickly became everyday occurrences. To ensure safety, the MEDCoE was challenged with implementing methods of distance learning, telework, and altering the transportation of students and cadre to and from duty assignments during the pandemic.

2020 would also see a dramatic rise in civil protests across the United States. SMA Michael A. Grinston created the “This is My Squad” initiative with the goal of building more cohesive teams. The program received increased attention and focus, and was disseminated from

large units to small groups and MEDCoE civilian agencies. Additionally, the senior leadership of the MEDCoE hosted a series of “Voice to the Command” open forums discussing policies and training related to dignity, respect, discrimination, and equality.

Each year, members of the San Antonio Stock Show and Rodeo Military Appreciation Committee organize an enlistment ceremony as part of the event’s Military Appreciation Day. On 22 February 2020, over 150 citizens from the San Antonio and surrounding areas took the oath of enlistment during the first ever Joint Services ceremony hosted at the San Antonio Stock Show and Rodeo. MG Dennis P. LeMaster, Commander, U.S. Army MEDCoE, administered the oath of enlistment to a total of 153 recruits joining the Army, Marines, Navy, and Air Force.

“Citizens Join the Military During the San Antonio Rodeo’s First Ever Joint Enlistment Ceremony,” by Tish Williamson, Army.mil website, 24 Feb 2020, <https://www.army.mil/article/233031/>



MG Dennis P. LeMaster, MEDCoE Commander, administers the oath of enlistment to a total of 153 recruits joining the Army, Marines, Navy, and Air Force in front of AT&T Stadium in San Antonio.

“Citizens Join the Military During the San Antonio Rodeo’s First Ever Joint Enlistment Ceremony,” by Tish Williamson, Army.mil website, 24 Feb 2020, <https://www.army.mil/article/233031/>

The AMEDD Board tested the Extracorporeal Life Support (ECLS), a medical device that could dramatically improve battlefield survivability, from 18-20 February at the Deployable Medical Systems Equipment for Training site. Hospitals have used ECLS, also called extracorporeal membrane oxygenation, to treat patients who cannot oxygenate their blood through breathing alone. Conducting the test in a field environment marked a departure from traditional brick-and-mortar facilities where ECLS systems are normally used.

ECLS uses the artificial support of lung or heart function from a machine that oxygenates a patient’s blood outside of the body and then returns it using a pump, allowing the heart and lungs to rest. When a patient is connected to an ECLS circuit, blood flows through a series of tubes to an artificial lung that adds oxygen and removes carbon dioxide. The blood is then returned to the body through the ECLS circuit using a specialized pump. The ECLS device tested also provides continuous renal replacement therapy for treatment of acute kidney injuries.

“U.S. Army Medical Department Board Tests Extracorporeal Life Support,” by Jose E. Rodriguez, Army.mil website, 4 March 2020, <https://www.army.mil/article/233404/>



**Extracorporeal Life Support test players performing patient connection to a simulated casualty.**

“U.S. Army Medical Department Board Tests Extracorporeal Life Support,” by Jose E. Rodriguez, Army.mil website, 4 March 2020, <https://www.army.mil/article/233404/>

**Stop movement enacted.** Commander of the 232nd Medical Battalion, LTC Cory Plowden, oversees Soldiers boarding an aircraft bound for their next duty assignments.

“Army Combat Medics Depart Training for Follow-on Duty Stations,” by Tish Williamson, Army.mil website, 10 April 2020, <https://www.army.mil/article/234471/>, Photo Credit: Jose Rodriguez



Soldiers enter an aircraft and prepare to be taken to their next duty assignment. This was an exception to the DODs stop movement that was enacted to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

“Army Combat Medics Depart Training for Follow-on Duty Stations,” by Tish Williamson, Army.mil website, 10 April 2020, <https://www.army.mil/article/234471/>, Photo Credit: Jose Rodriguez

**A Soldier assigned to the 232d Medical Battalion sanitizes a bus prior to other Soldiers boarding and being taken to their next duty assignment.**

*(“Army Combat Medics Depart Training for Follow-on Duty Stations,” by Tish Williamson, Army.mil website, 10 April 2020, <https://www.army.mil/article/234471/>, Photo Credit: Jose Rodriguez)*



Soldiers are spaced apart for safety while on the bus. The Soldiers were transported to their next duty assignment, but precautions were taken for COVID-19. (Photo Credit: Jose Rodriguez)

*(“Army Combat Medics Depart Training for Follow-on Duty Stations,” by Tish Williamson, Army.mil website, 10 April 2020, <https://www.army.mil/article/234471/>, Photo Credit: Jose Rodriguez)*

In March 2020, the DOD announced a stop movement order for all uniformed and civilian personnel and sponsored family members. The order began with overseas areas that had high cases of COVID-19 reported, and was later extended to all travel within the United States in response to the increasing threat of COVID-19. The stop movement order was in effect until 11 May, and had provisions that allowed exceptions to policy under certain circumstances—including missions that were deemed essential.

Several 2020 graduates of the Combat Medic Course (68W) were transported in controlled air and ground movements to their next duty of assignment as an exception to the DOD stop movement enacted to prevent the spread of COVID-19. The MEDCoE coordinated four separate air missions to seven different locations. Nearly 60 active duty Soldiers flew by military air transport to duty assignments at Fort Bragg, Fort Campbell, Fort Polk, Fort Benning, Fort Stewart, Fort Carson, and Fort Bliss. Simultaneously, the organization planned and conducted a controlled ground movement for over a dozen Soldiers going to Fort Hood, Texas.

*(“Army Combat Medics Depart Training for Follow-on Duty Stations,” by Tish Williamson, Army.mil website, 10 April 2020, <https://www.army.mil/article/234471/>)*



Paulina Shrader (left), the crew of MEDVID TV, and LTC Nadia Pearson, MEDCoE Command Surgeon, film an episode of MEDCoE COVID-19 Myth Busters. In addition to weekly “town hall” video presentations by the CG or his representatives, the COVID-19 Myth Busters series disseminated helpful information on safety and command guidance.

*(Photo courtesy of the MEDCoE Directorate of Communications)2020, [https://www.army.mil/article/235644/medcoe\\_recognizes\\_its\\_centennial/](https://www.army.mil/article/235644/medcoe_recognizes_its_centennial/))*

Physical therapist researchers from the Army-Baylor University Doctoral Fellowship in Orthopaedic Manual Physical Therapy at Brooke Army Medical Center, a MEDCoE Graduate School hospital-based program, published a study in the New England Journal of Medicine. The publication focused on treating knee osteoarthritis, OA. The purpose was to compare physical therapy to steroid injections in patients with knee OA. Patients with arthritis of the knee who underwent physical therapy had less pain and disability at one year than patients who received a steroid injection. Data for the study was collected since 2015.

*(“MEDCoE Physical Therapy Researchers Published in the New England Journal of Medicine,” by Jose Rodriguez, Army.mil website, 29 April 2020, <https://www.army.mil/article/235074/>)*



**A graphic showing the treatment of knee osteoarthritis, as depicted by MEDCoE Physical Therapy researchers.**

*(“MEDCoE Physical Therapy Researchers Published in the New England Journal of Medicine,” by Jose Rodriguez, Army.mil website, 29 April 2020, <https://www.army.mil/article/235074/>)*

On 15 May 1920, the Army formally approved the establishment of the Medical Field Service School at Carlisle Barracks, PA, where MEDCoE traces its origins. The 100th Anniversary of the approval was largely overshadowed by COVID-19.

*(“MEDCoE Recognizes its Centennial,” By Tish Williamson, Army.mil website, 15 May, 2020, [https://www.army.mil/article/235644/medcoe\\_recognizes\\_its\\_centennial/](https://www.army.mil/article/235644/medcoe_recognizes_its_centennial/))*

### Defense Language Institute

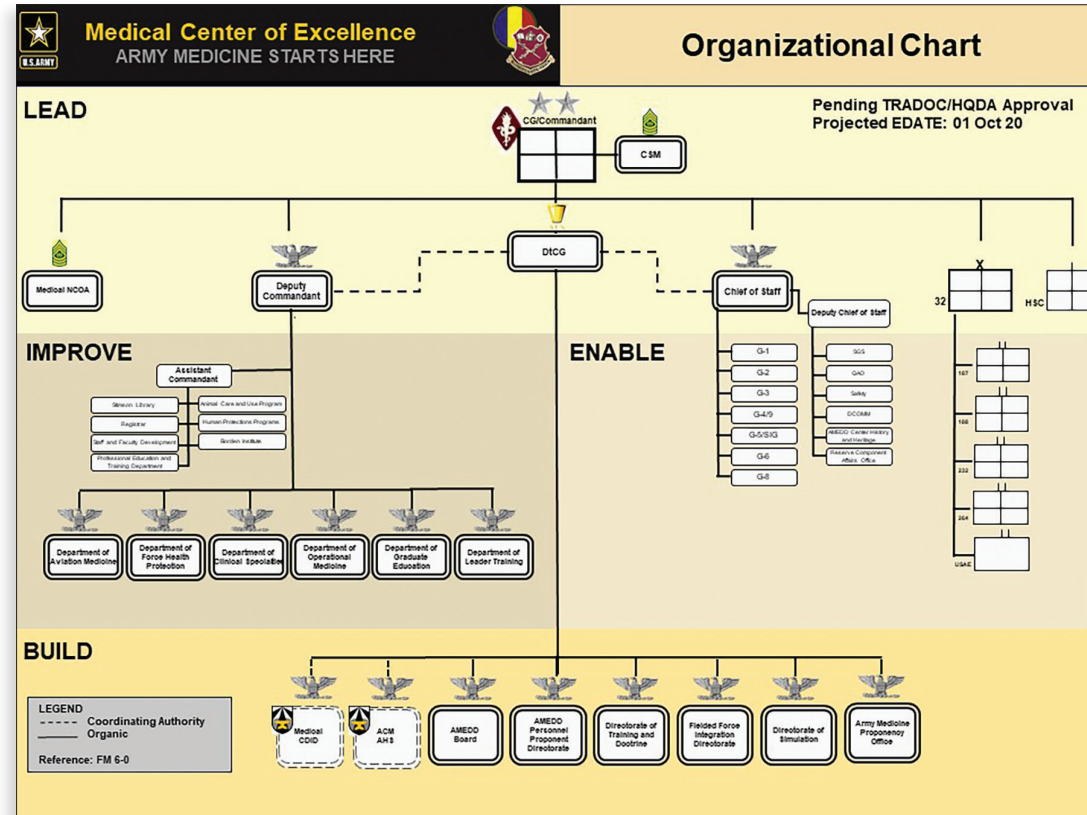
On 1 October 2020, the U.S. Army Element (USAE) of the Air Force's 637th Training Group Defense Language Institute English Language Center at Lackland Air Force Base was officially assigned to the 32d Medical Brigade (Administrative Control and Support). Students of the USAE receive English language training and then proceed to one of the four Army Basic Combat Training Centers, depending on their future military occupational specialty. Except for administrative or processing assistance, the students generally do not go to JBSA-Fort Sam Houston. Previously, the USAE was under the administrative control of the Fires Center of Excellence at Fort Sill, Oklahoma, until 1 March 2020.

*(MEDCoE historian correspondence, Nov 2020)*



### Organizational structure changes to the MEDCoE in 2020.

*(Image from the AMEDD Center of History and Heritage files)*



MEDCoE digital flyer for an open forum discussion. "Voice to the Command" allowed MEDCoE members to speak with the command group and discuss policies and training related to dignity, respect, discrimination, and equality.

*(Image courtesy of the MEDCoE Directorate of Communications)*

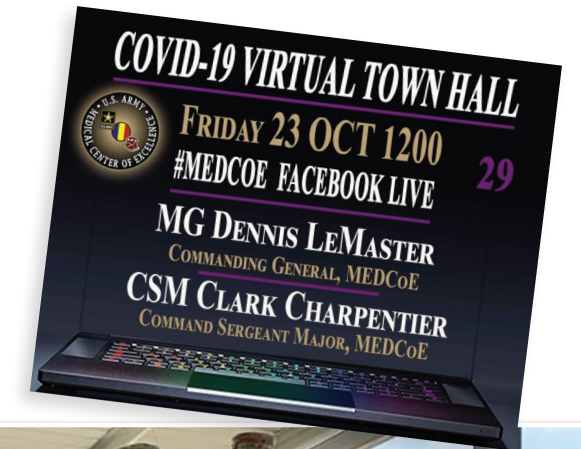


**MG LeMaster and Mr. Harmon listen to and discuss issues during a "Voice to the Command" event.**

*(Image courtesy of the MEDCoE Directorate of Communications)*

A MEDCoE digital flyer for one of the virtual town halls. Largely brought about by COVID-19 events and concerns, members of the command group and the MEDCoE Surgeon were broadcast through Facebook Live to disseminate information and provide timely answers to health and work questions.

*(Image courtesy of the MEDCoE Directorate of Communications)*



Pictured (center) is SSG Michael Wing, a 68C Army Practical Nursing Specialist instructor, providing simulated care to two 68D Operating Room Specialist students (PVT Adrianna Stokes and PVT Danielle Harris) during a Mass Casualty Field Training Exercise (MASCAL FTX) event. 68D students participated in "RED HASH ALERT," the MASCAL FTX at JBSA-Camp Bullis, to ensure MEDEVAC/CASEVAC readiness. (Image Credit: ISG Rebecca Trepasso) C Co/188th Medical Battalion's ISG Rebecca Trepasso won the MEDCoE August 2020 Photo Contest with this image.

*(Courtesy of the MEDCoE Directorate of Communications)*



**MEDCoE Leaders receive the COVID-19 vaccine**

As 2020 drew to a close and 2021 began, COVID-19 vaccines were being distributed as a part of Operation Warp Speed. To allay any vaccine concerns and to be protected from the disease, MEDCoE leaders publicly received their doses. From top left: MEDCoE CG Dennis LeMaster; LTC Nadia Pearson, MEDCoE Command Surgeon; MEDCoE CSM, Clark Charpentier; Mr. Joseph Harmon III, Deputy to the MEDCoE CG; and COL Skip Gill, MEDCoE Deputy Commandant, receive the COVID-19 vaccine at JBSA-Fort Sam Houston.

*(Photos Courtesy of the MEDCoE Directorate of Communications)*

