

WHAT'S UP, DACH?

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HOT News

Thomas Moore Clinic Opens

Providers began seeing soldiers from TMC 6 and the SMRC, previously in building 36001, Feb. 19. The allergy and optometry clinics have also moved to TMHC from the hospital. A dedication ceremony is scheduled for Mar. 12.

MEDDAC Happenings

Stairwell 10 Closed

Stairwell 10 will be closed from Feb. 26 – Mar. 5. This project will replace the flooring and handrails in the stairwells. Asbestos abatement to remove flooring materials will be conducted through the course of this project.

The fourth floor bridge will be closed on February 26 – Mar. 12. This project will fireproof the structural steel in the bridge area.

A hands-on briefing will be conducted with each NCOIC of the areas impacted. Interim Life Safety measures are required when egress is blocked; training and increased fire drills will be conducted throughout the project as required.

The POC for this project is Christopher Snodgrass at 286-7313.



Commander's Corner



Darnall Staff,

As we finish up a great month of February and prepare to do bigger and better things in March, I want each of us to take time and make sure we have a positive attitude in everything we do - at work, at home and at play.

A positive attitude must be at the forefront of our minds as we go about our daily business. We are all members of an important team; each one of us has a vital role to play in accomplishing the mission. I cannot stress how important a positive attitude is to our mission.

A great attitude begins when you wake up and get ready for work. Allow yourself adequate time to get ready so you can make it to work safe and on time. Remember to be aware of your surroundings as you drive in. A positive attitude reflects on everything you do.

With spring just around the corner, it is important to keep a positive attitude. Whether you are swimming, biking, jogging or golfing, make sure your attitude is evident as you take to the field. Your teammates and your body will thank you afterwards.

Finally, remember a negative attitude gets you nowhere fast. We lose too many great Americans to negativity every year.

You all are doing a tremendous job here and we've started 2002 with a terrific positive attitude. Let's keep it that way.

Keep up the good work.
Hooah!

-Col. Donald J. Kasperik

Training Opportunities

Did You Know?

Human Resources Workshop

The next workshop will be Mar. 6 from 1-3 p.m. in the auditorium. The workshop will review JCAHO Human Resources standards and the requirements for the HR folder. Any supervisor may attend. For more information, contact Lt. Col Renee Jones-Lugo at 286-7245.

Professional Staff Development

Understanding Acid Base Balance through ABG Interpretation will be presented Mar. 7 at 7:30 a.m. in the hospital auditorium and at 3:30 p.m. in the CSD Conference Room. 2nd Lt. Mark Barrows from 3 South will be making the presentation. There is no cost and all MEDDAC staff are welcome. 1.2 CEUs will be awarded. For more information, call 286-7249.

Customer Service Course

Improving Customer Service is scheduled for Mar. at the Soldier Development Center, building 33009 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. All employees are invited to attend. To register, contact the Civilian Personnel Liaison Office. Cost is \$25 and registration ends Feb. 28. For more info call 286-7240.

How To Improve Your Memory and Listening Skills

This class will be held Mar. 19 at the Soldier Development Center, building 33009. The cost is \$25 and provides insight into both effective listening and memory skills. The class is open to all employees. To register, submit your nomination to Paula Galloway by Feb. 28. For more information, call 286-7240.

MEDDAC Golf Scramble Rescheduled

The Inaugural MEDDAC Golf Tournament, originally scheduled for Feb. 26, has been postponed to Mar. 13 due to cold weather. Spots still remain for the makeup date. To register, call Capt. Soo Lee Davis at 288-8434.

Bereavement Support Group Training

The Dept. of Ministry and Pastoral Care offers training in the healing process after a loss due to miscarriage, ectopic pregnancy, stillbirth, SIDS, illness or disease. The next training session is March 25-26. Contact Chaplain Kirk at 288-8847/8849 for info.

MEDDAC Civilian Employee of the Quarter

Nominations are due by close of business Mar. 5 for MEDDAC civilian employee of the quarter. Submit your nominations to CPLO, building 36001, room 258. Appropriated fund (GS and WG) and non-appropriated fund employees of all grade levels are eligible. For more information, contact CPLO at 286-7248.

Vehicle Registration for Contract Employees

Contract employees experiencing difficulty obtaining a vehicle registration decal can contact their contracting officer's representative to receive a formatted letter allowing them to receive the decal. The CORs are:
Dixie Meyers 288-8017
Diane Papke 288-8251
Bob Williams 288-8019

Inventory Based Recruitment Briefing

The West Civilian Personnel Operations Center, in Fort Huachuca, Ariz., now services Fort Hood. To learn more about the new procedures to recruit and fill vacancies, attend one of the briefings below in the hospital auditorium:

Mar. 5 9-10 a.m. and Mar. 5 10-11 a.m.

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No registration is necessary to attend. POC is Ms. Lewis at 286-7242.