

# WHAT'S UP, DACH?

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## HOT News

### Pharmacy PX MOU Signed

The memorandum of understanding was signed this month authorizing MEDDAC use of space in the Main PX for a satellite pharmacy. The pharmacy will serve patients with written prescriptions and is expected to open this fall.

## MEDDAC Happenings

### Civilian Employees of the Quarter Nominations Due

Nominations for the third quarter are due no later than June 7. Please submit them to the CPLO, bldg. 36001, room 258.

Appropriated Fund and Wage Grade employees of all grade levels are eligible for consideration. Sections may submit as many volunteers as desired and one nominee from each category will be selected.

Nomination packets should include DA Form 1256, a one-page justification and a proposed citation for the award of 90 words or less.

The individuals selected will be honored at the monthly MEDDAC Award Ceremony

For more information, contact CPLO at 286-7248.



## Commander's Corner



Darnall Staff,

With school soon to be out, many of our staff members will be PCSing and, as most of you know, replacements do not always arrive until many weeks after they've gone.

Although we will greatly miss these valuable members of our team, it is important that we continue to provide the high quality health care our patients deserve.

I know that this period of under-lap can be a stressful time and with the current hiring freeze, it may be even more stressful than in previous years, but it is important that we work together to maintain our high standards of quality health care.

Our OB/GYN services are expected to see an increase in the number of births throughout the summer months. This will provide added strain, but I know this organization can handle it. It is important that we continue to treat our patients like family and make their time in our facility as pleasant as possible.

We will also have a great number of new families arriving at Fort Hood this summer. It's important that they get a great first impression of our health care system. If you see a new face that looks a little lost, take time to get them the information they need. It may be as simple as a phone number.

I am challenging each and every one of you to give 110 percent into making this organization the best it can be during the next couple of months. I know we can ruck it up and continue to be number 1 in caring, quality and readiness.

Hooah!

-Col. Donald J. Kasperik

# Training Opportunities

## Professional Staff Development

Capt. Brigitte Gramby will present "All you need to know about Hepatitis C," June 6 in the hospital auditorium from 7:30 to 9:30 a.m. 2 CEs will be awarded to attendees.

## Basic Life Support Classes

BLS is offered on a first-come first-served basis. The class will be offered June 5 and 12 from 7:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in bldg. 36001, room 158.

## AT/FP Classes

Anti-terrorism/force protection training will be offered June 11 at 1 p.m. in building 36001, room 158. This class is required annually for all MEDDAC employees. The briefing is available online at <http://at-awareness.org>. Enter the access code "aware." Any questions, please call 286-7252.

## The Medical Effects of Ionizing Radiation (MEIR) Course

This course will provide attendees with up-to-date information concerning the biomedical consequences of radiation exposure, how the effects can be reduced and the medical management of casualties.

The class will be offered July 9 and 10 at Fort Hood. Specific building number and room have not been determined yet. For more information, please contact Capt. Francis Fota at 288-8249.

## JCAHO Workshop

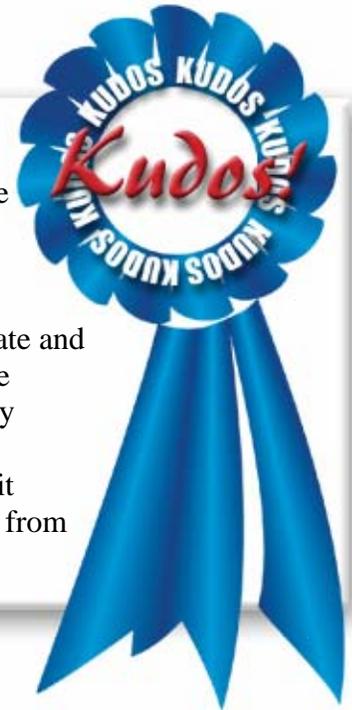
The next workshop will be held June 11 from 9-11 a.m. in the auditorium. All supervisors or managers who have not previously attended should attend.

## Kudos to CMS Staff

Way to go! to CMS staff members who went the extra mile to help out Metroplex Hospital when their sterilization center caught fire.

Many staff members stayed late and worked additional hours to ensure Metroplex had the equipment they needed to continue operating.

The CMS staff received a fruit basket from Metroplex and coins from the hospital commander.



## Did You Know?

### July Bonus Contracts for Medical Corps Officers

Medical Corps officers must sign July bonus contracts immediately to be paid in time. Those who elect not to sign a bonus contract for the effective date must sign a declination letter. Contracts can be signed Monday through Thursday from 6 a.m. to 4 p.m. in building 36001, room 258. Please call 286-7261 to set up a time or for more information.

### TSP Open Season

The Thrift Savings Plan Open Season continues until July 31 for civilian and military personnel. Please visit [www.tsp.gov](http://www.tsp.gov) for more information or contact CPLO at 286-7248.

### 91W Transition

The first training for soldiers who have met the 91W transition requirements will be held June 6 from 7:30 a.m. to noon in building 36001, room 158. The class will be offered again June 13 at the same place and time. The reference used will be TC8-800. For more information, contact Sgt. 1<sup>st</sup> Class Alvarado at 286-7249 or 286-7236.