

WHAT'S UP, DACH?

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HOT News

Darnall Website Has Info for Patients and Staff

The Darnall website at www.hood-meddac.army.mil has valuable information for both you and your patients. By checking out the web site and mentioning it to your patients, you'll be utilizing an excellent information tool.

MEDDAC Happenings

Cell Phone Classes

IMD is holding classes on the use of the new NEXTEL cell phones. The classes are one hour long and you are encouraged to attend as many classes as needed. You may also attend if you have not yet received your new cell phone.

The following classes are available. Reservations are not required:

July 17, from 2-4 p.m. in the DCCS conference room, second floor, room 2413.

July 19, from 9 a.m. to noon and 1-4 p.m. in the DCCS conference room.

July 22, 9 a.m. to noon in the COD conference room, second floor, room 2821.

For more information, contact Denise Goodwin at 286-7170.

Commander's Corner



Darnall Staff,

As we continue through the summer transition period, let me tell you that good times are starting to show. New employees have begun arriving and the days of underlap are almost over.

Unfortunately, I cannot completely lift the hiring freeze at this point. We are expecting an infusion of dollars from MEDCOM, which may give us more flexibility in hiring, but will probably not end the freeze entirely. I want to commend you for the outstanding and professional way you have adjusted to this hiring freeze. I know it hasn't always been easy, but you have all handled it extraordinarily well.

Last month marked my first year at DACH and it reminded that I only have one year left with you. Please work with me to make our final year together the best one this hospital has seen. We have a lot of exciting things happening in the next 12 months. We will open a new pharmacy at the Main PX, we'll see chiropractic services offered at the Monroe Health Clinic and we'll see a renovation of our mother/baby and labor and delivery areas to accommodate policy changes in late 2003.

You play a part in all of these things, just as you play an integral role in the day-to-day operations of this organization. DACH could not function at the pace it does without each and every one of you.

Thank you for all your hard work,
Hooah!

Col. Donald J. Kasperik

Training Opportunities

Customer Service Class Cancelled

The customer service class scheduled for July 19 is cancelled. The next class is scheduled for Aug. 16.

ACLS

ACLS Training for interns is scheduled for July 22-23 in building 36001. For more information, please contact Staff Sgt. Vigneron at 286-7224

AT/FP Training

Anti-Terrorism/Force Protection Training will be held July 23 at 1 p.m. in building 36001, room 251. AT/FP Training is a yearly requirement for all MEDDAC employees. Employees may also access the training online at <http://at-awareness.org> and enter the access code "aware".

For more information, please contact DRETS at 286-7252.

TAMMIS Customer Assistance Mini-Symposium

The Medical Material Section of the Logistics Division will meet with all users of the TAMMIS system for a brief discussion. It is important that all users attend this symposium. The symposium will be held July 25 from 10:15-11:30 a.m. in the auditorium. For more information, please contact Carl Boast at 288-8808.

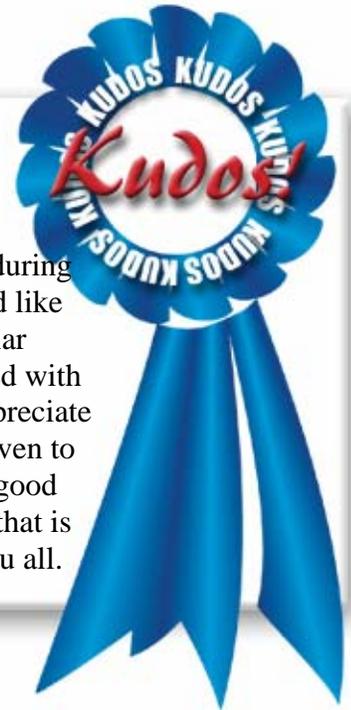
CO2 Training

A class titled "Extremism" will be held in July 25 in the auditorium from 2:30-4:30 p.m. All attendees will receive Consideration of Others training for the quarter. For more information, please contact the EEO Office at 286-7180.

Kudos from a patient

Recently, my niece was in your care. My family has made it clear that your hospital has provided excellent medical care during that time. My entire family would like to thank your staff and in particular those individuals directly involved with my niece's recovery. We also appreciate the extra support that has been given to our family. Knowing they are in good hands make this a little easier, if that is at all possible. May God bless you all.

Mr. Rob Ell



Did You Know?

Monthly Heat Injury Prevention Training

By regulation, monthly heat injury prevention training is required throughout the summer months. The slide presentation is still available on the DACH homepage by going to Soldiers/Safety campaign/Heat Injury Prevention (command perspective).

This training is mandatory for military and highly recommended for all civilian employees.

For more information, please contact the Safety Office at 286-7381.

Construction Update

PX Satellite Pharmacy- Work has begun on the construction of the Pharmacy in the PX. Scheduled completion is late November, early December.

Air Handler Unit Replacement- Air Handler Unit 1A serving the ER and Radiology changeover to a temporary unit was completed June 7. The old unit will be removed and the new unit installed in the next 30 calendar days. AHU GB-1 serving the kitchen make-up air is scheduled next.

More News

WG/GS Evaluations Due

The rating period ended June 30 for Base System WG/GS employees who have a social security number ending in 6. The rating period also ended June 30 for Senior System employees who are GS 13 and above.

Two copies of the evaluation and two copies of the counseling checklist or support form are due to personnel by Jun 19. Please remember to sign and date the evaluations, to ensure objectives are rated for senior employees and the rater and senior block are in agreement.

Please call Charlotte Blackwell at 286-7263 for more information.

MEDDAC Bowling Challenge

Sign up in the Adjutant's Office for the MEDDAC Bowling Challenge July 20 at 1 p.m. at Phantom Bowling Lanes.

Participants can play on their section team, or they can be placed on a team. The cost is \$6.75 to be paid when you sign up. Shoe rental is \$1.25.

A Co. Change of Command

Capt. James Brumley will relinquish command of A Co. to Capt. Cynthia Childress July 18 at 8 a.m. at the basketball court behind Building 36001. All are invited to attend. A reception will follow at the Pavilion next to the COC area.

Long-Term Health Insurance Open Season

The open season for Long Term Health Insurance lasts until Dec. 31.

The program is open to active duty servicemembers and their families, civilian employees and their families and retirees, among others.

For more information, visit the Civilian Personnel Advisory Center, call 1-800-582-3337 or visit www.ltcfeds.com or www.opm.gov/insure/ltc/.

IMD Trouble Tickets

IMD is offering a new service. MEDDAC customers can now log trouble tickets via the Darnall Intranet Website. When trouble tickets are logged, you receive an email confirming your request along with a tracking number. The web site portal is www.hood-meddac.army.mil/Intranet. If you have any question about using the site please call 8555.

Quotes

Time

“Time is the coin of your life. It is the only coin you have, and only you can determine how it will be spent. Be careful lest you let other people spend it for you.”

Carl Sandberg

“We must use time as a tool, not as a couch.”

John F. Kennedy

“Nothing is a waste of time if you use the experience wisely.”

Rodin