

WHAT'S UP, DACH?

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HOT News

Army Cadets Graduate

The Nurse Summer Training Program cadets will graduate Aug. 8 at 9 a.m. in the DCCS Conference Room. These are future Army Nurse Corps officers who were at Darnall to get a taste of military life and some nursing experience. Please come wish these cadets well.

MEDDAC Happenings

Sergeant Major Board Info

The sergeant major selection board meeting this fall will test a new system that eliminates hard copy files and presents records to board members only in electronic form.

Of the master sergeants in the zone for promotion, only those in the medical field, career management field 91, will be in the test population.

The board will review hard copy records for all NCOs in all other career management fields.

CMF 91 NCOs should review, update and sign their hardcopy enlisted record briefs and DA Form 2-1 to ensure the board has a back-up record. NCOs in the test population can access their promotion file via EREC at www.erec.army.mil. For more information, contact the Personnel Division at 286-7244.

Commander's Corner



Darnall Staff,

Change is inevitable and at DACH we are going to see some significant transformations in the next year.

I am asking you to have a ready attitude to accept these transformations. We will be facing challenges in the months ahead and it's important that you are ready to accept and adjust to change. These transformations will improve our healthcare system for both staff and patients.

We will be seeing major changes in three specific areas: our primary care optimization plan, the OB product line and our population health initiatives. Many of the details are still being worked out in these areas, but I can assure you that our services and procedures will improve.

As a result of these impending changes, staff and services may have to move to a different location. Duty functions may even be different. This is all in-line with our vision of being number one in the eyes of the community. Our patients deserve the best healthcare and these changes will help us reach that goal.

Our mission continues to be the same-to provide quality managed healthcare to all beneficiaries.

Transformation is a reality. I am asking you to accept this reality with a ready and caring attitude.

I would also like to welcome Command Sgt. Maj. John Reed, the new hospital command sergeant major. He comes to us from Fort Bragg, N.C. and I know that he, like myself, is ready to take on these upcoming changes with a positive attitude.

Thank you for all your hard work,
Hooah!

Col. Donald J. Kasperik

Training Opportunities

HAZMAT/Spill Response Classes

This class is mandatory for MEDDAC personnel. Anyone that has attended a previous class must attend one of the upcoming classes. Each class is 4 hours and will be held in building 36001, room 150. Below are the dates:

Aug 19 from 8 a.m. to noon and 1-5 pm

Aug. 21 from 1-5 p.m.

Sept. 9 from 8 a.m. to noon and 1-5 pm.

Sept. 11 from 8 a.m. to noon and 1-5 pm.

Sept. 19 from 8 a.m. to noon.

For more information, please call the Safety Office at 288-8477.

Phase I Conscious Sedation Class

The class is scheduled for Aug. 20 from 8 a.m. to noon in building 36001, room 158. The class is open to RNs and LVNs who use conscious sedation in their section. To register, or for more information, please call 286-7249.

POSH Class Aug. 23

The prevention of sexual harassment class is scheduled for Aug. 23 from 9-11 a.m. in the hospital auditorium. Consideration of others credit will be given to all attendees. For more information please call SFC Graham at 286-7180.

September Customer Service Class Rescheduled

The customer service class originally scheduled for Sept. 20 has been rescheduled for Sept. 10 from 7:30 to 11:30 a.m. in the hospital auditorium.

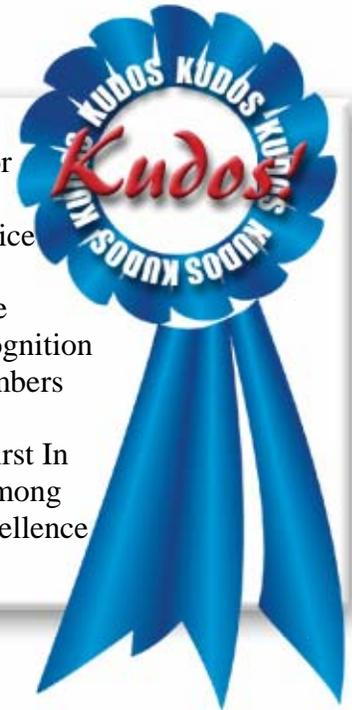
The August class scheduled for Aug. 16 from 7:30 to 11:30 a.m. in the auditorium will be held as scheduled.

Kudos to Darnall Staff

Kudos to the staff at Darnall for a job well done. You have provided excellent customer service to the patients here.

In future newsletters we will be announcing a new employee recognition program to honor those staff members who truly care about patients.

This program will feature a "First In Caring" teddy bear that rotates among those who are recognized for excellence in customer service.



Did You Know?

Family Readiness Group

The next FRG meeting is scheduled for Aug. 13 at 5 p.m. in the hospital auditorium. All departments are required to send a representative. For more information, please call Charlotte Blackwell at 286-7263.

Personnel PBAC Meetings

The Personnel Program Budget Advisory Council Subcommittee Meeting will be held Aug. 14 at 9 a.m. in building 36001, room 251.

The PPBAC will be held Aug. 23 at 10 a.m. in the headquarters conference room.

For more information on either meeting, please call Ms. Williams at 286-7238 or 286-7248.

O Day T-shirt Contest

Friday, August 9 is the deadline to submit your ideas for the Organizational Day T-shirt Contest. The theme this year is Hawaiian or Surfing. Designs can be submitted to Alpha Company, CPT Cynthia Childress, building 36001, room 339. For more information, call 286-7679. More information on O Day will be in the next newsletter.



Civilian Evals Due Aug. 20

The rating period ended July 31 for GS/WG 8 and below employees with a social security number ending in 7. Two signed and dated copies of the evaluation (DA form 7223) and two copies of the counseling checklist (DA Form 7223-1) are due to the Personnel Division by close of business Aug. 20. For more information, please call Charlotte Blackwell at 286-7263.

Nutritional Series on Fort Hood Channel 10

Fort Hood Channel 10 is running a series on nutrition. Each week will feature a different topic to enhance both you and your patients' nutritional knowledge.

For more information, please contact the Nutrition Care Division at 288-8870.

New Dining Facility Hours

The DFAC instituted new hours of operation July 29. Breakfast is now served from 6-9:30 a.m. Lunch is served from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and dinner is served from 4:30 to 6 p.m. for more information, please call 288-8870.

Bereavement Support Group Training

The Department of Ministry and Pastoral Care is offering training for those who would like to volunteer their time in assisting others because of a loss. This program covers grief and loss issues and is taught by certified professionals. National certification and CEU's are awarded to those who successfully complete the training.

The next training course is being offered August 26 and 27 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Participants must attend both days of the training to successfully complete the course. For further information or for an application, please contact Chaplain Kirk at 288-8847-8849.

CME Presenters Needed

Maj. Michael Summer is looking for presenters interested in lecturing to our providers in 4ID. Bennett Health Clinic has medical CME every Thursday morning for approximately 1-1.5 hours starting at 1000 or 1100. The audience would be the 4ID PA's, Brigade Surgeons and occasionally contract providers from Bennett.

If you are interested in presenting to us (we are a very receptive audience) or have questions please feel free to contact Maj. Michael Summers at 618-8045 or via CHCS or outlook e-mail.

Quotes

Effort

“You get the best out of others when you give the best of yourself.”

Harry Firestone

“Knowing is not enough; we must apply. Willing is not enough; we must do.”

Johann von Goethe

“It is no use saying, 'We are doing our best.' You have got to succeed in doing what is necessary.”

Sir Winston Churchill