

# WHAT'S UP, DACH?

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## HOT News

### O Day Activities Set

Darnall Organization Day is Sept. 27 at Prichard Stadium from 11 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Activities will include volleyball and tug of war competitions, a DJ, magic shows and a catered BBQ lunch.

Lunch tickets and t-shirts will be sold in September.

## MEDDAC Happenings

### Medical Supply Closed Sept. 6-9

The Installation Medical Supply Activity will close Sept. 6-9 to conduct its annual inventory. Normal operations will resume on Sept. 10.

During this period, only life or death emergency requisitions will be processed. Should an emergency arise, customers should hand carry their requisitions to Room 0003, located in the hospital basement.

All customers are asked to plan for adequate stockage to cover their requirements. This is extremely important in the critical care and mission essential areas.

For questions or concerns, please contact Capt. John P. Staley or Mr. Carl J. Boast Sr. at 288-8876 or 288-8808.



## Commander's Corner



Darnall Staff,

As we near the end of the fiscal year, I want to commend all of you for the excellent care you've provided this community. Darnall is associated with quality health care and that's because of your hard work and dedication.

We have done many terrific things this year. We've opened a new health clinic and offered numerous new services to our beneficiaries in addition to continuing to provide excellent care. We have done so much so well. You should be extremely proud of that.

I've also made some tough decisions this year. I instituted a hiring freeze to ensure we would end this fiscal year in the black. This was a difficult adjustment for many of you to make and I know it was not an easy adjustment. I appreciate the professional and caring way in which you handled the situation.

As we close the books on this fiscal year and start looking to the next, I want to challenge you to keep doing great things for this hospital. Show every person who walks through our doors what a great organization this is.

As Darnall adjusts to the changes that a new fiscal year brings, it's important to remain flexible and positive about what will be happening. Just like this year, during the next fiscal year we will be introducing new programs and offering new services. I know you are up to the task of continuing to be the number one health care organization in the Army.

Thank you for all your hard work,  
Hooah!

Col. Donald J. Kasperik

# Training Opportunities

## TAMMIS Training

TAMMIS Training is scheduled for Aug. 27 from 10-11:30 a.m. and 1-2:30 p.m. at the Soldier Development Center, building 33009, room C204.

Pre-registration is required. Please stop by room 0003 in the hospital basement to register. Twenty seats are available for each training session.

The Soldier Development Center is located at 72<sup>nd</sup> Ave and Battalion Ave.

For more information, contact Carl Boast at 288-8808.

## Violence in the Workplace

The employee Violence In The Workplace course is scheduled for Aug. 27 and 28 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The supervisor Violence In The Workplace course is scheduled for Aug 29 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Both classes are held in the Civilian Training Center, building 4335 at the corner of 77<sup>th</sup> and Tank Destroyer Blvd.

To register for either course, please call Francisco Olivencia at the Employee Assistance Center at 287-2437.

## AT/FP Training

Anti-Terrorism/Force Protection training is scheduled for Aug. 27 at 1 p.m. in building 36001, room 158. This training is an annual requirement for all MEDDAC employees.

For more information, contact DRETS at 286-7252.

## Patient Safety Training

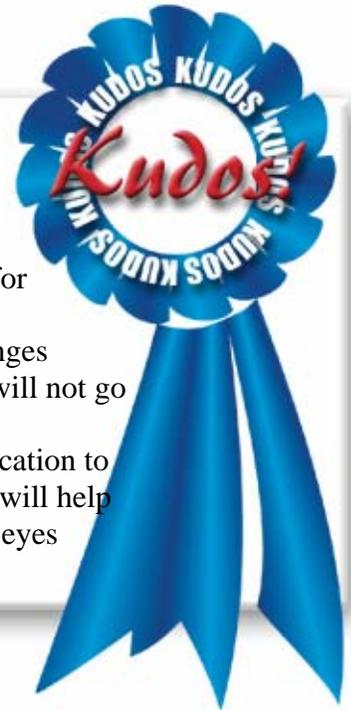
The August Patient Safety class will now be held Aug 29, instead of Aug 22. The class will be held in the hospital auditorium beginning at noon. For more information, contact Deborah La Pointe at 288-8882.

## Kudos to the OB Challenge Team

Hats off to the OB Challenge Team for a doing a superb job enhancing OB care and comfort for our patients.

With the upcoming policy changes related to OB care, these efforts will not go unnoticed by our patients.

The OB Challenge team's dedication to improving the entire OB process will help ensure remain number one in the eyes of our patients.



## Did You Know?

### Blue Cross/Blue Shield Rep. Visiting

A representative from Blue Cross Blue Shield will be here 29 August 2002.

Please call CPAC Support Service, Jacqueline Cozart at 288-2059, or Joan Crowder at 288- 2016 to schedule an appointment.

### Cell Phones

The hospital has contracted with Nextel for cell phones. Service to all remaining AT&T hospital cell phones will be cut off Aug. 29. Please contact Denise Goodwin at 286-7170 for information.

### TRICARE Heroes

MEDCOM is looking for a few (quite a few) special people who qualify as TRICARE Heroes. If you know a person or an organization that exhibits characteristics such as enthusiasm, dedication, quality customer service, and innovation related to TRICARE, take the time to nominate them as a TRICARE Hero.

Applications can be found on-line at <http://www.tricare.osd.mil/hero/onlineform.htm>.

Monthly winners are featured on the TRICARE web site.

# More News

## Vehicle Expiration Stickers

The Provost Marshall's Office staff will issue the required vehicle expiration stickers to DACH military personnel Aug 23 from 7 a.m. to noon and from 1-4 p.m. in building 36001, room 150.

PMO staff will issue the expiration stickers to the civilian staff Sept. 6 from 7 a.m. to noon and from 1-4 p.m. in building 36001, room 150.

Contract personnel can obtain stickers from the main gate information center, PMO, located at 58<sup>th</sup> Street and 761 Tank Battalion Ave or the Rivers Inprocessing Center.

All personnel are required to bring their driver's license and vehicle registration and proof of insurance for each vehicle to be registered. Active duty personnel are required to present ID cards and civilian and contract staff will need to present their hospital badge.

If you are unable to obtain expiration stickers on the assigned day, you can pick one up at PMO, the main gate info center or the Rivers Inprocessing Center.

For more information, please contact 1<sup>st</sup> Sgt Strickland 286-7269 or 286-7230

## Hospital Move Update

The following four moves will be occurring by the end of August:

1. Nursing Section Supervisors and Section NCOICs are moving from their present location of rooms 1243 to 1247 to 3 South rooms 3002 and 3004 and to 4 East rooms 4134 and 4124.
2. The Exceptional Family Member Program is moving from rooms 1265 to 1268 and 1277 to the rooms that the Nursing Section Supervisors were occupying, rooms 1243 to 1247.
3. The Communicable Disease Service is moving from rooms 1279 and 1281 down the hall to rooms 1208 and 1219.
4. The Internal Auditors are moving from bldg. 36019 to bldg. 36001, Room 138.

For more information, contact Maj. Mark Reynolds at 288-8956.

## Contract/RSA Time Sheets

Contract or Resource Sharing Agreement employees must have a government representative, military or civil service, supervisor validate (sign) the timesheet before it is submitted to the contract company for pay purposes. The government rep should either rubber stamp their name and position after the signature or print it. This will allow the contracting officers Representatives to correctly authenticate and process that timesheet for payment. For more information, please contact Chuck Lauer at 288-8177.

## Quotes

### Education

“Learning is not attained by chance, it must be sought for with ardor and attended to with diligence.”

*Abigail Adams*

“The very spring and root of honesty and virtue lie in good education.”

*Plutarch*

“The great aim of education is not knowledge but action.”

*Herbert Spencer, author*