



The Pulse

A compilation of news from around
Regional Health Command – Central
Oct. 17-23, 2016

DSG Sends: Maj. Gen. Robert D. Tenhet, deputy surgeon general, shares insights and information about the 2017 Army Medicine Campaign Plan. Full text is on page 5 below.

People (and Pets)

Internal News Stories

Hispanic culture, diversity celebrated during heritage month commemoration

https://www.army.mil/article/177032/hispanic_culture_diversity_celebrated_during_heritage_month_commemoration

Brooke Army Medical Center celebrated Hispanic Heritage Month Oct. 14 in the Medical Mall with a guest speaker, music, dance and food.

The organized chaos of medical services and rugby

<https://www.dvidshub.net/news/212586/organized-chaos-medical-services-and-rugby>

On Saturday, Oct. 15, the San Antonio Rugby Football Club and the British Army Medical Services team played at the Wheatley Sports Complex. As part of their visit to the U.S., the British team toured BAMC and the CFI.

Corps recognizes medical contributions during National Physician Assistant week

http://www.forthoodsentinel.com/living/corps-recognizes-medical-contributions-during-national-physician-assistant-week/article_61436a0a-956e-11e6-a04c-878eefec6ad.html

Physician assistants were honored at Fort Hood during National Physician Assistant week.

Howl-O-Ween Hustle features pets, costumes

<http://www.ftleavenworthlamp.com/news/20161020/howl-o-ween-hustle-features-pets-costumes>

Results for the Pet Fun Run costume contest

External News Stories

The Cabinet Press: From WLC to Army flight surgeon

<http://www.cabinet.com/living/1086380-308/from-wlc-to-army-flight-surgeon.html>

It is a long way, both literally and figuratively, from Wilton-Lyndeborough Cooperative High School to being a flight surgeon stationed at Fort Carson, Colo. It was a long and fascinating trip for former resident Natasha Pyzocha, and she is enjoying every minute of it.

Access to Care

Internal News Stories

Physical Therapy, an effective alternative to opioids

<https://www.army.mil/article/176822/>

The use of opioid-based medications to relieve chronic pain continues to grow in this country, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, but physical therapy can be an effective alternative for some.

Flu shots available at Munson health center

<http://www.ftleavenworthlamp.com/news/20161020/flu-shots-available-at-munson-health-center>

Beneficiaries can get their flu shots at Munson Army Health Center.

CRDAMC hosts new, expectant parents during fourth annual Baby expo

http://www.forthoodsentinel.com/news/crdamc-hosts-new-expectant-parents-during-fourth-annual-baby-expo/article_7283ccf6-9618-11e6-9e21-1f7b0fed0d00.html

It was all about babies Saturday during Carl R. Darnall Army Medical Center's fourth annual Baby Expo, as more than 450 attendees strolled up and down the hospital's main corridor to visit the nearly 50 exhibits and educational booths that ranged from fitness and nutrition to swaddling and breastfeeding.

WBAMC surgery is first of its kind in El Paso

<https://www.dvidshub.net/news/212608/wbamc-surgery-first-its-kind-el-paso>

An Army Family's 14-month-old infant received William Beaumont Army Medical Center's first-ever pediatric bilateral cochlear implants at WBAMC, Sept. 28.

GLWACH breaks ground for more ground-breaking technology

<https://www.army.mil/article/176819/>

General Leonard Wood Army Community Hospital broke ground recently on an extensive renovation project that will increase the hospital's ability to offer more advanced surgical capabilities and services such as total hip, knee and shoulder joint replacements.

External News Stories

Killeen Daily Herald: Darnall commander gives update on hospital

http://kdhnews.com/harker_heights_herald/local/darnall-commander-gives-update-on-hospital/article_95a50694-9714-11e6-aaca-eb16963cfa2c.html

Col. Mark Thompson, commander of Carl R. Darnall Army Medical Center on Fort Hood was the guest speaker at a recent meeting of the Heights Rotary Club and shared with the group that the priority of his hospital and those at other installations is ensuring the readiness of soldiers.

Fort Hood Herald: Darnall's Baby Expo offers education for new, expectant parents

http://kdhnews.com/fort_hood_herald/across_the_fort/darnall-s-baby-expo-offers-education-for-new-expectant-parents/article_bf0872ea-957b-11e6-9856-7b49e5c264a2.html

Families with babies under the age of one, as well as expectant parents, enjoyed a nice break at the Carl R. Darnall Army Medical Center's Fourth Annual Baby Expo.

The Town Talk: Fort Polk to host Retiree Appreciation Day on Saturday

<http://www.thetowntalk.com/story/news/local/fort-polk/2016/10/18/fort-polk-host-retiree-appreciation-day-saturday/92396894/>

Health care services were only part of the day's activities at the Fort Polk Retiree Appreciation Day.

The Town Talk: Family violence: Fort Polk's 'war on the home front'

<http://www.thetowntalk.com/story/news/local/2016/10/19/family-violence-fort-polks-war-home-front/91875446/>

Kendra Brown had been dating her ex-boyfriend, John, for two weeks when he showed signs of abusive behavior, slamming a door in her face ... Because Brown is a domestic abuse survivor, she and her husband are offered counseling services through Fort Polk's Family Advocacy program ... People assume PTSD is to blame, but there can be a variety of factors.

EDITOR'S NOTE: The following links are stories related to the Fort Bliss hospital construction delays and its cost overages.

El Paso Times: Fort Bliss hospital behind schedule, \$22M over budget

<http://www.elpasotimes.com/story/news/2016/10/21/el-paso-army-hospital-construction-health-care/91942414/>

Task and Purpose: This Fort Bliss Hospital is Behind Schedule and \$22M Over Budget

<http://taskandpurpose.com/fort-bliss-hospital-behind-schedule-22m-budget/>

Becker's Hospital Review: New Fort Bliss hospital behind schedule, \$22M over budget

<http://www.beckershospitalreview.com/facilities-management/new-fort-bliss-hospital-behind-schedule-22m-over-budget.html>

EDITOR'S NOTE: The following links are stories in which victims were treated at SAMMC following accidents and incidents.

Fox29: One man in critical condition after getting hit by truck

<http://foxsanantonio.com/news/local/one-man-in-critical-condition-after-getting-hit-by-truck>

News 4 San Antonio: Motorcyclist in critical condition after South Side crash

<http://news4sanantonio.com/news/local/motorcyclist-in-critical-condition-after-south-side-crash>

KSAT: SAPD investigating 3 separate overnight stabbings

<http://www.ksat.com/news/violent-night-sapd-investigating-3-separate-overnight-stabbings>

Fox 29: Police: Stabbing victim waited 45 minutes before calling for help

<http://foxsanantonio.com/news/local/police-stabbing-victim-waited-45-minutes-before-calling-for-help>

Fox 29: Car slams into Southwest Side business, two hurt

<http://foxsanantonio.com/news/local/car-slams-into-southwest-side-business-two-hurt>

KSAT: Driver killed in head-on collision with concrete mixer truck identified

<http://www.ksat.com/traffic/driver-of-pickup-truck-airlifted-to-hospital-after-head-on-collision-with-cement-truck>

Victoria Advocate: 2 hurt seriously in 1-vehicle crash

<https://www.victoriaadvocate.com/news/2016/oct/23/2-hurt-seriously-in-1-vehicle-crash/>

Victoria Advocate: Mother organizes domestic violence event for daughter

<https://www.victoriaadvocate.com/news/2016/oct/18/mother-organizes-domestic-violence-event-for-daugh/>

Quality of Care

Internal News Stories

WBAMC streamlines discharge for inpatient services

<https://www.dvidshub.net/news/212606/wbamc-streamlines-discharge-inpatient-services>

External News Stories

KBTX: Widow: an early diagnosis from VA could have prevented husband's death

<http://www.kbtx.com/content/news/Widow-says-an-early-diagnosis-from-the-VA-and-Army-could-have-prevented-her-husbands-death-397861071.html>

Safety

Internal News Stories

Community Events beginning Oct. 20

http://www.myguidon.com/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=20507&Itemid=40

Community events at Fort Leonard Wood include the 2016 Drug Take Back Day.