



# The Pulse

A compilation of news from around  
Regional Health Command – Central  
Oct. 24-30, 2016

**TSG Sends:** Lt. Gen. Nadja West, surgeon general and MEDCOM commander encourages everyone to help build the Army Medicine Team.

**From the CG:** Six members of the New York University College of Dentistry Class of 2016 were commissioned into the U.S. Army during their graduation events. Maj. Gen. Tempel was also presented with the David B. Kriser Medal, the highest honor awarded by NYU College of Dentistry. (See the attached pdf for more).

## Readiness

### External News Stories

Westcentralsbest.com: Bayne Jones Army Community Hospital conducting 'Aircraft Egress Exercise' Thursday

[http://www.westcentralsbest.com/news/bayne-jones-army-community-hospital-conducting-aircraft-egress-exercise-wednesday/article\\_0a407e72-9b87-11e6-8249-ff18fe403b62.html](http://www.westcentralsbest.com/news/bayne-jones-army-community-hospital-conducting-aircraft-egress-exercise-wednesday/article_0a407e72-9b87-11e6-8249-ff18fe403b62.html)

BJACH alerts community of upcoming Aircraft Egress Exercise

Musculoskeletal symposium tears into grid-iron type injuries affecting readiness

<https://www.army.mil/article/177297/>

From preseason to the Super Bowl, NFL fans cringe when a player sustains an ACL or meniscus tear. They know their favorite player is going to see some serious down time. Similarly, healthcare providers at Fort Hood wince when a Soldier sustains any musculoskeletal injury because they, too, know the stakes are high. For the Soldier it's not all about "W's and L's" or championships; it's about military readiness.

PR Newswire: Military Medicine: 'Beyond the Battlefield' Airs November 9 at 10 p.m. on PBS

<http://www.prnewswire.com/news-releases/military-medicine-beyond-the-battlefield-air-november-9-at-10-pm-on-pbs-300351292.html>

Medicine reveals the lifesaving measures implemented as a result of the wars in Iraq & Afghanistan - including faster medical evacuations, the creation of critical care air transport teams that turn planes into flying intensive care units, and the increased use of tourniquets.

## People

### Internal News Stories

Soldier loses daughter to rare genetic disease; advocates search for cure

<https://www.army.mil/article/177201/>

These lyrics are from what was little Lexi Gordon's favorite song, "Blue Skies," by an American folk artist from New York who performs under the name Jaymay. But for blue-eyed Lexi, daughter of Fort Polk Soldier Sgt. 1st Class Timothy Gordon and his former wife Tracy, life ~ fate ~was tragically unkind.

WBAMC remembers babies lost

<https://www.army.mil/article/177207/>

William Beaumont Army Medical Center's Labor and Delivery ward held an observance in honor of Pregnancy and Infant Loss Remembrance Day outside St. Martin's Dining Facility, Oct. 15. The observance provided support to parents and families that have dealt with a miscarriage, stillbirth, or the death of a newborn.

Fort Hood WTU hosts 2016 regional Army trials

<https://www.army.mil/article/177305/>

More than 40 wounded, ill or injured Soldiers and veterans from Texas, Oklahoma, Missouri, Kansas Colorado and Washington were at Fort Hood last week to compete in Regional Medical Command Central's regional trials. Hosting the event was Carl R. Darnall Army Medical Center's Warrior Transition Unit. During the weeklong trials, which ran from October 16-22, the Soldier-athletes competed in archery, cycling, track and field, air guns and swimming to earn an invitation to the 2017 Army trials, a prelude to the Department of Defense's Warrior Games.

Butterflies take flight during annual CRDAMC infant loss Walk to Remember

[http://www.forthoodsentinel.com/news/butterflies-take-flight-during-annual-crdamc-infant-loss-walk-to/article\\_9d218598-9b9a-11e6-8496-63588de6bc10.html](http://www.forthoodsentinel.com/news/butterflies-take-flight-during-annual-crdamc-infant-loss-walk-to/article_9d218598-9b9a-11e6-8496-63588de6bc10.html)

The CRDAMC ministry team hosted a Walk to remember and a butterfly release event as part of the national day of remembrance raising awareness of pregnancy loss and infant death.

### ***External News Stories***

San Antonio Magazine: A new lease on life

<http://www.sanantoniomag.com/November-2016/A-New-Lease-on-Life/>

When Levi Rodgers survived an IED blast that killed his comrades, he knew he was left behind for a reason. After a lengthy recovery at Brooke Army Medical Center and the Center for the Intrepid, he set about helping other veterans find homes and promising futures.

mySA.com: San Antonio veteran competes on TV's 'Power Triumph Games'

[http://www.mysanantonio.com/entertainment/entertainment\\_columnists/jeanne\\_jakle/article/San-Antonio-veteran-competes-on-TV-s-Power-10418280.php](http://www.mysanantonio.com/entertainment/entertainment_columnists/jeanne_jakle/article/San-Antonio-veteran-competes-on-TV-s-Power-10418280.php)

Michael Gallardo, former patient at BAMC, is taking on a variety of challenges during the 2016 Power Triumph Games on CBS Sports Network

WRIC.Com: Dinwiddie football team honors Marine hero alum at game

<http://wric.com/2016/10/28/dinwiddie-football-team-honors-marine-hero-alum-at-game/>

Marine Sgt. Matt Bradford was honored during the Dinwiddie football game Oct. 28. Bradford received care at BAMC.

El Paso Times: Dr. Sharma: Living with multiple sclerosis

<http://www.elpasotimes.com/story/life/columnists/2016/10/30/dr-sharma-living-multiple-sclerosis/92799264/>

Dr. Sharma discusses a patient with MS who was seen at WBAMC during her illness.

Vietnam War tribute wall opens at Park

<http://www.leavenworthtimes.com/news/20161027/vietnam-war-tribute-wall-opens-at-park>

Military servicemen killed in the Vietnam War, including 10 from Leavenworth, were remembered Thursday during the opening ceremony of the American Veterans Traveling Tribute at Ray Miller Park. Includes photo of MAHC commander, Col. David Casella.

## **Access to Care**

### *Internal News Stories*

Pharmacists are your leading medication advocates

<https://www.army.mil/article/177215/>

Pharmacists have an expanded role in healthcare delivery today by providing a wide range of patient-oriented services to maximize medication effectiveness. After six years of college devoted to learning medicine and how medicine affects the body, pharmacists truly are medication experts who practice clinical services with emphasis on diabetes, hypertension, cholesterol, anticoagulation, pain management, and asthma. (Also ran in the Oct. 27 issue of the Guidon.)

RACH reminds all to schedule mammograms

<https://www.army.mil/article/177115/>

October is National Breast Cancer Awareness Month and the staff at Reynolds Army Community Hospital (RACH) is excited for the opportunity to increase awareness regarding screening mammography and breast health.

### *External News Stories*

Military Medicine: Photo Gallery of the Medical Frontier

<http://www.thirteen.org/blog-post/military-medicine-photo-gallery-of-the-medical-frontier/#7>

Preview of photos and information on the program “Military Medicine: Beyond the Battlefield”

**EDITOR’S NOTE:** The following links are stories regarding the delays in the construction of William Beaumont Army Medical Center.

Another government hospital runs over budget, repeating a wasteful pattern

<http://watchdog.org/280211/army-medical-center/>

FoxNews.com: Another government hospital runs over budget, repeating a wasteful pattern

<http://www.foxnews.com/politics/2016/10/31/another-government-hospital-runs-over-budget-repeating-wasteful-pattern.html>

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

Man critically injured in South Austin house fire has died

<http://keyetv.com/news/local/man-critically-injured-in-south-austin-house-fire-has-died>

KSAT: Man hit by 2 vehicles, killed while directing traffic around crash scene

<http://www.ksat.com/traffic/man-hit-by-two-vehicles-in-critical-condition>

News4SanAntonio.com: Man hit by two passing cars was trying to direct traffic around crash scene

<http://news4sanantonio.com/news/local/man-hit-by-two-passing-cars-was-trying-to-direct-traffic-around-crash-scene>

550 KTSA: Man warning drivers of crash run over twice

<http://www.ktsa.com/man-warning-drivers-crash-run-twice/>

Fox 29: Man found shot on the Northeast Side, dies at hospital

<http://foxsanantonio.com/news/local/man-found-shot-on-northeast-side-dies-at-hospital>

mySanAntonio.com: Man fatally shot on Northeast Side identified

<http://www.mysanantonio.com/news/local/crime/article/Man-fatally-shot-on-Northeast-Side-identified-10416184.php>

KSAT: On-going feud leads to shooting on East Side, police say

<http://www.ksat.com/news/several-injured-in-shooting-on-citys-east-side>

Fox 29: Suspect shoots man following argument over a girl

<http://foxsanantonio.com/news/local/suspect-shoots-man-following-argument-over-a-girl>

News4SA.com: Stabbing victim fires gun in attempt to defend himself

<http://news4sanantonio.com/news/local/stabbing-victim-fires-gun-in-attempt-to-defend-himself>

KSAT: Man recovering in hospital after being stabbed during argument

<http://www.ksat.com/news/man-recovering-in-hospital-after-being-stabbed-during-argument>

Mysanantonio.com: Man arrested in fatal September shootout over woman, drugs

<http://www.mysanantonio.com/news/local/article/Man-arrested-in-fatal-September-shootout-over-10416180.php>

News4SA.com: Deputy accidentally shoots himself in hip at gun range

<http://news4sanantonio.com/news/local/deputy-accidentally-shoots-himself-in-the-leg-at-gun-range>

KENS5.com: SAPD: Officer 'forced to fire' at armed suicidal man

<http://www.kens5.com/news/sapd-officers-secure-scene-involving-armed-suicidal-man/340811847>

San Antonio Express News: Police shoot armed mechanic described as 'suicidal'

<http://www.expressnews.com/news/local/article/Police-shooting-1024-10202834.php>

KXAN: Deadly South Austin fire was started by victim

<http://kxan.com/2016/10/26/man-severely-burned-in-south-austin-house-fire-dies/>

KEYE TV: S. Austin house fire that left one dead ruled arson, fire possibly started by victim

<http://keyetv.com/news/local/s-austin-house-fire-that-left-one-dead-ruled-arson-fire-possibly-started-by-victim>

KVUE: Fire Marshal: Man killed after S. Austin house fire set the blaze intentionally

<http://www.kvue.com/news/local/fire-marshal-man-killed-in-s-austin-house-fire-set-the-blaze-intentionally/342372191>

News4SA.com: Drive-by shooting leaves man with wounds to the back

<http://news4sanantonio.com/news/local/man-shot-after-drive-by-shooting>

## Quality of Care

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### *Internal News Stories*

Military docs using less invasive treatments to fight cancers

<http://health.mil/News/Articles/2016/10/27/Military-docs-using-less-invasive-treatments-to-fight-cancers>

Military doctors have more tools in their kit in the fight against cancer. One area showing good results is interventional oncology that focuses in the treatment of various cancers.

### *External News Stories*

KDLT: Medicine made to combat malaria haunts area vets

<http://www.kdlt.com/news/local-news/medicine-made-to-combat-malaria-haunts-area-vets/42277634>

For some it began with physical side effects ... For others, it affected their mind ... While their symptoms may have started differently, both South Dakota veterans believe the cause is the same ... The pill they were given was Mefloquine, also known as Lariam.

MilitaryPress: Broken Trust offers glimpse into police life

<http://www.militarypress.com/broken-trust-offers-glimpse-into-police-life/>

Q&A session with author William Butterworth IV who discusses a visit to BAMC and the quality of care they provide.

## Safety

### *Internal News Stories*

Post Halloween hours set

[http://www.myguidon.com/index.php?option=com\\_content&task=view&id=20531&Itemid=40](http://www.myguidon.com/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=20531&Itemid=40)

GLWACH will X-ray candy to check for foreign objects for Trick or Treaters.

### *External News Stories*

The Gazette: Test wells may determine path of water contamination south of Colorado Springs

<http://gazette.com/test-wells-may-determine-path-of-water-contamination-south-of-colorado-springs/article/1588835>

Drilling has begun on a test well near Peterson Air Force Base to assess how military firefighters contributed to water contamination south of Colorado Springs, and an investigation into a recent, massive release of water tainted with toxic firefighting foam at the base remains ongoing.

# TSG Sends: Everyone is a recruiter

Army Medicine Team,

I want to take this opportunity to remind all members of the Army Medical Department (AMEDD) that every one of us is a healthcare recruiter.

While we do have a Medical Recruiting Brigade assigned this unique task, it takes the entire AMEDD Team to accomplish the mission. Each of you are important force multipliers in attracting and recruiting the talent we need to sustain and improve the ready medical force.

If you know someone who has the desire to serve, and who can meet the moral, academic, professional, mental and physical requirements to serve, make that important referral.

Visit [healthcare.goarmy.com](http://healthcare.goarmy.com) for more information on AMEDD recruiting programs, and to help locate a healthcare recruiter.

Click here to view video: <http://dvidshub.net/r/2w5amg>

One Team...One Purpose!

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