



# The Pulse

A compilation of news from around  
Regional Health Command – Central  
Nov. 7-13, 2016

## Readiness

### Internal News Stories

1<sup>st</sup> Engr. Bde. repeats as top retention unit

[http://www.myguidon.com/index.php?option=com\\_content&task=view&id=20580&Itemid=39](http://www.myguidon.com/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=20580&Itemid=39)

General Leonard Wood Army Community Hospital received recognition for exceeding or achieving their mission across all retention categories during the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter of fiscal year 2015.

### External News Stories

Military Medicine: Beyond the Battlefield (59:09 video only)

<http://www.pbs.org/video/2365886852/>

ABC News correspondent Bob Woodruff covers military medical advances and technology from the battlefield to the return home. Some video was filmed at the CFI, with interviews of LTC Yancosek, CFI director, and chief prosthetician, John Ferguson.

## Care of Soldiers, Civilians & Families

### Internal News Stories

Soldiers put to the test at Cowboys Military Combine

[http://www.forthoodsentinel.com/sports/soldiers-put-to-the-test-at-cowboys-military-combine/article\\_126b77f8-a6a6-11e6-9894-b7ef58e09a1f.html](http://www.forthoodsentinel.com/sports/soldiers-put-to-the-test-at-cowboys-military-combine/article_126b77f8-a6a6-11e6-9894-b7ef58e09a1f.html)

Spc. Raiquaichia Raybon, Company B, Carl R. Darnall AMC, was one of the few female Soldiers competing for a chance to announce the Dallas Cowboys' 2017 draft pick. The event provides opportunity for Cowboys to show appreciation for Soldiers.

### External News Stories

FoxSanAntonio.com: Governor Abbott honors veterans at ceremony in San Antonio

<http://foxsanantonio.com/news/local/gov-greg-abbott-to-spend-veterans-day-morning-at-center-for-the-intrepid-in-san-antonio>

KSAT 12: AT&T Texas contributes \$50,000 dollars to Center for the Intrepid

<http://www.ksat.com/news/att-texas-contributes-50000-dollars-to-center-for-the-intrepid>

Oaoa.com: OC student, veteran to emcee flag raising

[http://www.oaoa.com/news/education/odessa\\_college/article\\_d455c70c-a795-11e6-8c7f-f72ea33dffb.html](http://www.oaoa.com/news/education/odessa_college/article_d455c70c-a795-11e6-8c7f-f72ea33dffb.html)

Former hospital corpsman from BAMC will emcee a flag raising ceremony at Odessa College.

Kttl.com: Determined to live, part 2: Road to recovery

<http://kttl.com/news/local/determined-to-live-road-to-recovery>

James Oppelt, was injured when an explosive device was dropped in his Humvee in Iraq. He was treated at BAMC before moving on to Oregon, going to school and getting a job with the Fire Department.

Eden Prairie News: Eden Prairie resident to be part of NYC Veterans Day parade  
[http://www.swnewsmedia.com/eden\\_prairie\\_news/news/local/eden-prairie-resident-to-be-part-of-nyc-veterans-day/article\\_44898a6a-8f13-5691-8777-94a3c1011275.html](http://www.swnewsmedia.com/eden_prairie_news/news/local/eden-prairie-resident-to-be-part-of-nyc-veterans-day/article_44898a6a-8f13-5691-8777-94a3c1011275.html)

The Item: A miraculous recovery story  
[http://www.itemonline.com/news/local\\_news/a-miraculous-recovery-story/article\\_2c13154e-8eca-5169-b34a-89d7d50bfb0a.html](http://www.itemonline.com/news/local_news/a-miraculous-recovery-story/article_2c13154e-8eca-5169-b34a-89d7d50bfb0a.html)

Wes Glisson, a former Air Force officer, was shot in head during a deployment in Iraq. He uses his recovery story to encourage other injured veterans.

Ahwatukee.com: Wounded in war, Ahwatukee vet helps other injured warriors  
[http://www.ahwatukee.com/community\\_focus/article\\_e990beaa-a601-11e6-b39f-3f547460b104.html](http://www.ahwatukee.com/community_focus/article_e990beaa-a601-11e6-b39f-3f547460b104.html)

Veteran Anthony Ameen founded a non-profit called “Wings for Warriors.”

El Paso Times: New director to lead El Paso VA Health Care System  
<http://www.elpasotimes.com/story/news/military/2016/11/09/new-director-lead-el-paso-va-health-care-system/93498582/>

Retired Col. Michael Amaral, former chief of staff for William Beaumont Army Medical Center, has been named director of the El Paso Veterans Affairs Health Care System.

KRWG: El Paso VA appoints new director  
<http://krwg.org/post/el-paso-va-appoints-new-director>  
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Insider: 13 signs you grew up in a military family  
<http://www.thisinsider.com/mil-brat-2014-2>  
Author of this article was born at William Beaumont Army Hospital.

Leavenworth Times: Veterans Day Parade scheduled for Friday  
<http://www.leavenworthtimes.com/news/20161110/veterans-day-parade-scheduled-for-friday>  
Local Veterans Day Parade was led by Munson Army Health Center color guard

## **Access to Care**

### ***Internal News Stories***

WBAMC sponsors health fair in observance of The Great American Smokeout  
<https://www.dvidshub.net/news/214064/wbmc-sponsors-health-fair-observance-great-american-smokeout>

William Beaumont Army Medical Center’s Nutrition Care Service and the Health Promotion and Wellness Service will celebrate the 36th anniversary of the American Cancer Society sponsoring the Great American Smokeout.

WBAMC group helps manage fibromyalgia

<https://www.dvidshub.net/news/214371/wbamc-group-helps-manage-fibromyalgia>

WBAMC's Interdisciplinary Pain Management Center has formed a support group for individuals diagnosed with fibromyalgia.

Retirees can now schedule optometry appointments

[http://www.myguidon.com/index.php?option=com\\_content&task=view&id=20579&Itemid=39](http://www.myguidon.com/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=20579&Itemid=39)

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

Texasports.com: Texas Lottery Veteran Recognition: David DeTuccio

<http://www.texasports.com/news/2016/11/9/longhorn-sports-marketing-img-college-texas-lottery-veteran-recognition-david-detuccio.aspx>

Retired Spc. David DeTuccio, former patient at BAMC is being honored before the Texas Longhorns game against West Virginia.

Expressnews.com: Veteran shares tale of PTSD treatment

<http://www.expressnews.com/militarycity/article/Veteran-shares-tale-of-PTSD-treatment-10604566.php>

Army Sgt. 1<sup>st</sup> Class Callich participated in BAMC's Intensive Outpatient Program for PTSD.

KHOU.com: S.A. mom arrested after 3-year-old suffers severe burns

<http://www.khou.com/news/local/texas/mother-arrested-after-3-year-old-suffers-severe-burns/350991841>

A 3-year-old was brought to BAMC for burn care on her feet.

Shreveporttimes.com: Rep. Fleming: The VA is not sufficiently accountable

<http://www.shreveporttimes.com/story/opinion/2016/11/11/rep-fleming-va-not-sufficiently-accountable/93664420/>

Rep. Fleming addresses his role in an amendment that was passed into law to prevent the Army from closing Bayne-Jones Army Community Hospital.

## **Quality**

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

NBC Washington: Congressional Investigation: Army Needs to Do Better Job Caring for Injured Soldiers

<http://www.nbcwashington.com/news/national-international/Congressional-Investigation-Army-Needs-More-Care-for-Injured-Soldiers-400814341.html>

Congress orders report after news group reveals hundreds of injured soldiers complained of harassment, abuse and lack of care from WTU commanders.

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

News4sanantonio.com: Fatal car accident claims the lives of 5 San Antonio residents

<http://news4sanantonio.com/news/local/fatal-car-accident-claims-the-live-of-5-san-antonio-residents>

KSAT 12: Police seek answers for 2 far NE Side shootings

<http://www.ksat.com/news/police-man-shot-in-back-in-critical-condition>

Foxsanantonio.com: Police: Man shot in the face after speaking to group of people inside car

<http://foxsanantonio.com/news/local/police-man-shot-in-the-face-after-speaking-to-group-of-people-inside-car>

Foxsanantonio.com: Man shot in back drives himself to gas station for help

<http://foxsanantonio.com/news/local/man-shot-in-back-drives-himself-to-gas-station-for-help>

Mysa.com: Police search for suspects in overnight shooting that left four wounded

<http://www.mysanantonio.com/news/local/crime/article/Police-search-for-suspects-in-overnight-shooting-10611431.php>

News4sa.com: Four shot during party at NE side apartments

<http://news4sanantonio.com/news/local/four-shot-during-party-at-ne-side-apartments>

MySA.com: Motorcycle accident involving Bandidos support club leaves man in serious condition

<http://www.mysanantonio.com/news/local/traffic/article/Accident-involving-Bandidos-support-club-leaves-10610326.php>

News4sa.com: Man shot while standing outside food mart

<http://news4sanantonio.com/news/local/man-shot-while-standing-outside-food-mart>

News4sanantonio.com: Man found shot inside van

<http://news4sanantonio.com/news/local/man-found-shot-inside-car>

KSAT 12: Man charged with murder in hit and run

<http://www.ksat.com/news/man-charged-with-capital-murder-in-hit-and-run>

News4sa.com: Suspect faces murder charge after allegedly killing man with car

<http://news4sanantonio.com/news/local/man-dies-after-being-hit-by-car-3-suspects-arrested>

KSAT 12: Police: Man dead, 3 in custody after possible drug deal, hit-and-run

<http://www.ksat.com/traffic/man-dead-3-in-custody-following-hit-and-run-on-sw-side>

News4sa.com: Police: Driver arrested after hit and run crash

<http://news4sanantonio.com/news/local/police-driver-captured-after-hit-and-run-crash>

Foxsanantonio.com: Man attacked and stabbed while attempting to help men with car trouble

<http://foxsanantonio.com/news/local/man-attacked-and-stabbed-while-attempting-good-deed>

News4sa.com: Woman shot while dropping off co-worker at East Side home

<http://news4sanantonio.com/news/local/woman-shot-while-dropping-off-co-worker-at-home>

KSAT 12: Police: Man shot 3 times in critical condition at SAMMC

<http://www.ksat.com/news/police-man-shot-3-times-in-critical-condition-at-sammc>

KSAT 12: Man killed in East Side hit-and-run identified

<http://www.ksat.com/traffic/man-leaving-bar-hit-killed-in-hit-and-run-accident>

San Angelo Live: Two lives lost on wet Kimble County Highway

<http://sanangelolive.com/news/crashes/2016-11-09/two-lives-lost-wet-kimble-county-highway>

**Note: Full text of all stories follow.**

# 1<sup>st</sup> Engr. Bde. Repeats as top retention unit

By Stephen Standifird



Maj. Gen. Kent Savre, MSCoE and Fort Leonard Wood commanding general, presents Col. Dale Snider, 1st Engineer Brigade commander, the MSCoE Excellence in Retention streamer, following the brigade being identified as the unit with the best retention percentage for fiscal year 2015. U.S. Army photo

The 1st Engineer Brigade was recognized as the unit that best exceeded its fiscal year retention goals for the second fiscal year in a row, at the Maneuver Support Center of Excellence and Fort Leonard Wood retention awards ceremony held Nov. 1 in Lincoln Hall Auditorium.

The 14th Military Police Brigade, 3rd Chemical Brigade, 43rd Adjutant General Battalion, MSCoE Noncommissioned Officers Academy and General Leonard Wood Army Community Hospital also received recognition for exceeding or achieving their mission across all retention categories during the 4th quarter of fiscal year 2015.

“It is through the retention of our young Soldiers we maintain unit readiness and develop our Army’s future leaders,” said Maj. Gen. Kent Savre, MSCoE and Fort Leonard Wood commanding general. “The units, career counselors and retention NCOs who are recognized today have put in their time and effort in meeting the mission and selecting the best. We are doing this better than ever before.”

Sgt. 1st Class Richard Fiorucci, career counselor for the 1st Engr. Bde., said it was an honor to be recognized for the efforts throughout the fiscal year, but it’s not just about him.

“It’s a representation of the quality of unit we have and the quality of Soldiers we have in the engineer regiment,” he said. “It’s not about winning the awards, but keeping the quality of Soldiers we have in the Army.”

Fiorucci added, it is personal for him to find the best Soldiers to stay in the Army.

“When I see good NCOs and good junior enlisted, I want them to be the next leaders in the Army,” he said. “It’s personal to me to keep them in the Army when they are the type of Soldiers I would want my brother or sister or child to be led by.”

In addition to the top organizations receiving awards, Staff Sgt. Jason McBride, 43rd AG Bn.; Staff Sgt. Donald Manhalter, 14th MP Bde.; Staff Sgt. Ryan McCarthy, 1st Engr. Bde. and Sgt. Joshua Chester-Johnson, 3rd Chem. Bde., reenlisted as part of the ceremony.

“Our team of teams will continue to thrive with you in our formations,” Savre said to those Soldiers. “The sacrifices that you have made, and will continue to make, really reflect on your dedication to duty and your selfless service.”

Five Fort Leonard Wood career counselors and retention noncommissioned officers; Fiorucci; Sgt. 1st Class James Eadie, 3rd Chem. Bde.; Staff Sgt. Michael Ramos, GLWACH; Staff Sgt. Matthew Acosta, NCOA and Sgt. Daniel Trujillo, 14th MP Bde., were recognized for their work in managing their unit retention programs.

Savre highlighted the importance of the Soldiers choosing to remain in the Army and the job the career counselors do.

“Here at the Maneuver Support Center of Excellence and Fort Leonard Wood, our mission is to provide capabilities, train and ready Soldiers and develop adaptable leaders who possess unique skills and tools,” Savre said.

“Thank you for your continued good judgment, mentorship and most importantly, your determination in sustaining our Army and ensuring that our smaller Army will be a better Army.”

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