



The Pulse

A compilation of news from around
Regional Health Command – Central
Nov. 14-20, 2016

DSG Sends: MEDCOM Regulation 40-50, Clinical Baseline Competencies for Enlisted Personnel Performing Direct Patient Care at the Military Treatment Facility, has been resurrected. It is effective immediately. See DSG's full comments below and the attached regulation.

Readiness

Internal News Stories

Medics operate in MOUT

http://www.myguidon.com/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=20602&Itemid=39

Soldiers assigned to General Leonard Wood Army Community Hospital and the Fort Leonard Wood Dental Activity tested their Army Warrior Training skills at the Military Police Military Operations in Urban Terrain site Nov. 4.

External News Stories

What's Up Pub: Army Wellness Center keeps Fort Bliss in shape

www.whatsuppub.com/news/local/article_e65e7678-a6d3-11e6-a588-4f5f0256b630.html

According to a 2015 Health of the Force Report, which compares overall health profiles of military bases across the country, Fort Bliss has an obesity rate of 12.9 percent, just slightly above the national average. It's a challenge many men and women must overcome, but they don't have to face it alone. There to guide them on their fitness journey is the staff at the Army Wellness Center, a team of dedicated health educators.

EDITOR'S NOTE: The following links are to articles covering the Carl R. Darnall Medical Center's mass casualty exercise

KCLC: Carl R. Darnall Medical Center holds mass casualty exercise

www.kplctv.com/story/33729573/carl-r-darnall-army-medical-center-holds-mass-casualty-exercise

KTRE: Carl R. Darnall Army Medical Center holds mass casualty exercise

<http://www.ktre.com/story/33729573/carl-r-darnall-army-medical-center-holds-mass-casualty-exercise>

Killeen Daily Herald: Darnall conducts mass casualty exercise

http://kdhnews.com/military/darnall-conducts-mass-casualty-exercise/article_0877594e-ac58-11e6-8446-7f37ee854b32.html

Quality of Care

External News Stories

Air Force Link: Unique rehab center gets injured Airmen back on duty

<http://www.af.mil/News/ArticleDisplay/tabid/223/Article/1006550/unique-rehab-center-gets-injured-airmen-back-on-duty.aspx>

The Center For the Intrepid uses a state-of-the-art setting and out-of-the-box thinking to get service members back on duty.

People

Internal News Stories

WBAMC doctor provides aid in Vietnam mission

www.dvidshub.net/news/215024/wbamc-doctor-provides-aid-vietnam-mission

During a recent temporary assignment with the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency to Vietnam, William Beaumont Army Medical Center's Maj. Aaron Pumerantz, D.O., contributed to the ongoing search to locate our service members and bring them back home.

Fallen Warriors

www.forthoodsentinel.com/news/fallen_warriors/fallen-warrios/article_87283e7e-ac1d-11e6-ba50-b38262c338b1.html

Sgt. Daniel Made Monibe, 32, whose home of record is listed as Carrollton, Texas, died of an illness Nov. 10 in Killeen. Monibe entered active-duty service in September 2009 as an operating room specialist. He was assigned to Medical Company A, Carl R Darnall Army Medical Center, Fort Hood since May 2015.

Welcome to Munson Army Health Center

www.ftleavenworthlamp.com/news/20161117/welcome-to-munson-army-health-center

Col. David M. Cassella of Munson Army Health Center provides readiness and access to care as the center's forefront objectives. MAHC is proud to serve the "Best Hometown in the Army," and Col Casella is an honored caretaker of this amazing asset.

Fort Carson WTB gets new leadership team

www.army.mil/article/178564

The Warrior Transition Battalion held a Change of Leadership ceremony November 16 at the William Reed Special Events Center on Fort Carson. Maj. Susan Tallman relinquished command to Lt. Col. Brenden Song, while at the same time Master Sgt. Paul Aguon turned over responsibility to Command Sgt. Maj. James Wheeler, Jr.

Chaffee County Times: Two physicians join HRRMC staff

http://www.chaffeecountytimes.com/free_content/two-physicians-join-hrrmc-staff/article_ded944f2-ac3a-11e6-8a7b-efcc39a3967c.html

Dr. Claud Bays, M.D., and Dr. Kendall Lee, M.D., have joint the medical staff at Heart of the Rockies Regional Medical Center. Bays also provides coverage at Evans Army Community Hospital.

Germans recognize National Day of Mourning

<https://www.dvidshub.net/news/214932/germans-recognize-national-day-mourning>

The German National Day of Mourning was recognized at Fort Bliss National Cemetery Nov. 13. Twenty-six Germans were buried in the cemetery after World War II. Two of those individuals died at William Beaumont Army Medical Center.

BOSS starts program with local school

<http://www.ftleavenworthlamp.com/news/20161117/boss-starts-program-with-local-school>

Article introduces a new BOSS mentoring initiative. It also includes Spc. Benjamin Watts, BOSS program vice president and Munson radiologist, joined BOSS to get involved in community service.

External News Stories

Stars and Stripes: Fort Hood Soldier dies day before Veterans Day

www.stripes.com/news/us/fort-hood-soldier-dies-day-before-veterans-day-1.439828

Just shy of Veterans Day, Sgt. Daniel Made Monibe, assigned to Medical Company A, Carl R. Darnall Army Medical Center in Fort Hood since May 2015, died.

Dallas News: Fort Hood Soldier dies day before Veterans Day

<http://www.dallasnews.com/news/news/2016/11/16/fort-hood-soldier-diesday-veterans-day>

Killeen Daily Herald: Post identifies Soldier who died of illness

http://kdhnews.com/military/post-identifies-soldier-who-died-of-illness/article_63fd302a-abab-11e6-9565-c796b2f4a2e6.html

Leesville Daily Leader: Polk EMT hits 20-year mark

<http://www.leesvilledailyleader.com/news/20161118/polk-emt-hits-20-year-mark>

Roy T. Johnson, a paramedic with the Bayne-Jones Army Community Hospital Ambulance Service, was recognized for achieving 20-consecutive years as a nationally registered EMT.

EDITOR'S NOTE: The following links are to stories generated from Secretary of Defense Ash Carter's visit to Joint Base San Antonio, to include Brooke Army Medical Center.

KSAT: Secretary of Defense Ash Carter visits San Antonio Wednesday

www.ksat.com/news/secretary-of-defense-ash-carter-visits-san-antonio-on-wednesday

KSAT: Secretary of Defense committed to 'building the force of the future'

www.ksat.com/news/secretary-of-defense-committed-to-building-the-force-of-the-future

AF.mil: SecDef ensures future military readiness during JBSA visit

<http://www.af.mil/News/ArticleDisplay/tabid/223/Article/1008316/secdef-ensures-future-military-readiness-during-jbsa-visit.aspx>

Military.com: Carter 'We have to be concerned about' pilot shortage

<http://www.military.com/daily-news/2016/11/17/carter-we-have-to-be-concerned-about-pilot-shortage.html>

KHOU: Secretary of Defense visits with San Antonio military

<http://www.military.com/daily-news/2016/11/17/carter-we-have-to-be-concerned-about-pilot-shortage.html>

KTSA radio: Defense Secretary visits SA
<http://www.ktsa.com/defense-secretary-visits-s/>

WOAI: Secretary of Defense Ash Carter visits San Antonio bases
<http://news4sanantonio.com/news/local/secretary-of-defense-ash-carter-visits-san-antonio-bases>

TPR: Defense Secretary Ash Carter visit San Antonio amid Trump transition
<http://tpr.org/post/defense-secretary-ash-carter-visits-san-antonio-amid-trump-transition#stream/0>

ExecutiveGov: Ashton Carter: Recruitment, training key to future force development
<http://www.executivegov.com/2016/11/ashton-carter-recruitment-training-key-to-future-force-development/>

EIN News: Carter meets Air Force Instructors in Texas, discusses future force
http://www.einnews.com/pr_news/354378009/carter-meets-air-force-instructors-in-texas-discusses-future-force

Access to Care

Internal News Stories

Exceptional Family Member Program helps families

<http://www.ftleavenworthlamp.com/news/20161117/exceptional-family-member-program-helps-families>

An overview of the services offered through the Exceptional Family Member Program.

External News Stories

Kiowa County Signal: MAHC laboratory provides variety of services, tests

<http://www.kiowacountysignal.com/news/20161117/mahc8200laboratory-provides-variety-of-services-tests>

An overview of services provided at the Munson laboratory

Leavenworth Times: Pharmacy staff working to reduce wait

<http://www.leavenworthtimes.com/news/20161117/pharmacy-staff-working-to-reduce-wait>

Pharmacy staff at Munson Army Health Center have made pharmacy-wide changes to ensure patients have the shortest wait times without compromising patient safety.

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

Sequin Gazette: Officers seek motorist who fled scene after striking bicyclist

http://seguingazette.com/news/article_4d87c61a-b04d-11e6-ba43-57f683d5f498.html

KKTV: Wife of severely burned Air Force sergeant: 'He's like Superman'

<http://www.kktv.com/content/news/-Wife-of-Severely-Burned-Air-Force-Sergeant-Hes-like-Superman-401386156.html>

Bustle.com: Is Swagger from 'Shooter' a real person?

<https://www.bustle.com/articles/195230-is-swagger-from-shooter-a-real-person-ryan-phillippes-character-is-larger-than-life>

KSAT: Investigation underway into officer-involved shooting at Northeast Lakeview College

<http://www.ksat.com/news/investigation-underway-into-officer-involved-shooting-at-northeast-lakeview-college>

Fox29: Man hit by two cars while changing tire on I-35 at Walzem

<http://foxsanantonio.com/news/local/man-hit-by-two-cars-while-changing-tire-on-i-35-at-walzem>

KSAT: Man changing tire hit by two cars

<http://www.ksat.com/news/man-changing-tire-hit-by-two-cars-1>

KSAT: Shooting victim found in gas station parking lot

<http://www.ksat.com/news/shooting-victim-found-in-gas-station-parking-lot-1>

KSAT: SAPD takes precautions for officers after officer killed in line of duty

<http://www.ksat.com/news/sapd-takes-precautions-for-officers-after-officer-killed-in-line-of-duty>

ijr.com: 'Everyone's Worst Nightmare': Police Officer gunned down while writing a routine traffic ticket

<http://ijr.com/2016/11/740419-everyones-worst-nightmare-police-officer-gunned-down-while-writing-a-routine-traffic-ticket/>

Victoria Advocate: Medical examiner: Methadone caused jailed teen's death

<https://www.victoriaadvocate.com/news/2016/nov/16/medical-examiner-methadone-caused-jailed-teens-dea/>

KSAT: Man stabbed under bridge seeks help at Starbucks

<http://www.ksat.com/news/man-stabbed-under-bridge-seeks-help-at-starbucks>

WOAI: Investigators: Suspect shot by concert-goer with concealed handgun license

<http://news4sanantonio.com/news/local/investigators-suspect-shot-by-concert-goer-with-concealed-handgun-license>

WOAI: Man found shot inside truck in convenience store parking lot

<http://news4sanantonio.com/news/local/man-found-shot-inside-suv-in-convenience-store-parking-lot>

mysanantonio.com: Police seek suspects, leads in pair of Saturday morning shootings that wounded 2

<http://www.mysanantonio.com/news/local/crime/article/Police-seek-suspects-leads-in-pair-of-Saturday-10625155.php>

Safety

Internal News Stories

Evans OR recognized for medication safety

https://www.army.mil/article/178273/evans_or_recognized_for_medication_safety

U.S. Army Medicine named Evans OR the 2016 winner of the Medication Reconciliation Improvement/Innovation Award in October.

Note: Full text of all stories follow.

DSG Sends: MEDCOM Regulation 40-50

In a perfect world, we will have continuous connectivity and access to all levels of care on the battlefield. However, as we look at the future of the multi-domain battlefield, we can see vulnerabilities of our support and enablers (expeditionary mission command, cyber, electromagnetic, etc) and easily find ourselves maneuvering with little higher support over long periods of time. Therefore, we must train our medics to optimize capability on the austere battlefield now!

Enhancing the skill sets of our combat medics is paramount to the future of combat casualty care. A critical enabler to this juncture is the resurrection of MEDCOM Regulation 40-50 (Clinical Baseline Competencies for Enlisted Personnel Performing Direct Patient Care at the Military Treatment Facility). This newly updated regulation is signed by the MEDCOM Chief of Staff and is effective immediately. This regulation provides policy, assigns responsibility, and identifies clinical baseline competency tasks for enlisted personnel who perform direct patient care and are identified under the career management field (CMF) 68, military occupational specialty (MOS), and/or additional skill identifier (ASI).

This regulation will help ensure that Army Medicine is postured and ready to support our Army as well as supported joint/combined force commands with health services across the full range of military operations. This regulation update is imperative in developing operationally proficient technical Soldiers, (as well as Sailors, and Airmen that may exist in our formation) while organizing trained and equipped teams with advanced expeditionary tools and a common understanding of techniques. These clinical baseline competency tasks will greatly contribute to Army Medicine's responsive medical capabilities, our Ready Medical Force.

This training must occur daily as we perform our critical mission. This guidance presented assists the local commander in determining those patient care activities that require direct and indirect supervision and those activities that could be delegated. Again, the regulation applies to all CMF 68 Soldiers, within all COMPOs, who perform direct patient care duties within the military treatment facility (MTF), their supervisors, and the MTF commander. Leaders within facilities that employ enlisted Service members in a multi-service environment have an additional responsibility to know and meet those Services' skill competency requirements, IAW their Service policies and procedures (provided they do not conflict with MEDCOM standards).

This is yet one more step in fulfilling our TSG/CG's Vision and ensuring that Army Medicine is the Nation's premier expeditionary and globally integrated medical force ready to meet the ever-changing challenges of today and tomorrow. To that end, let me know where OTSG or MEDCOM can help.

One Team, One Purpose.

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