



The Pulse

A compilation of news from around
Regional Health Command – Central (Provisional)

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Readiness

Internal Stories

Army.mil: VTF Staff provides care to donkeys, goats

<https://www.army.mil/article/173399/>

Vets help keep a herd of 50 goats and 10 donkeys healthy as part of the training environment at Fort Polk, Louisiana's Joint Readiness Training Center.

Army.mil: Soldiers tackle EFMB course

<https://www.army.mil/article/173468/>

More than 120 health care professionals engaged in the Expert Field Medical Badge (EFMB) Course, a two-week long field exercise which tests Soldiers on medical and combat-related tasks, at Fort Bliss, Aug. 12.

Health.mil: Exposure to mosquito-borne infections discussed at MHSRS

<http://health.mil/News/Articles/2016/08/17/Exposure-to-mosquito-borne-infections-discussed-at-MHSRS>

At the Military Health System Research Symposium (MHSRS) in Orlando, Florida, Air Force Capt. David Lindholm, of the San Antonio Military Medical Center discussed the chikungunya virus and other mosquito-borne illnesses have become considerable health threats.

People

Internal Stories

Army.mil: Commentary: Family Caregivers are nation's unsung heroes

<https://www.army.mil/article/173365/>

Stress and exhaustion take their toll on family caregivers, sometimes ending in suicide. As a society, we need to offer support, resources and appreciation to family caregivers so they never hit rock bottom.

Army.mil: BAMC optometry resident helps provide free vision care in Texas valley

https://www.army.mil/article/173545/bamc_optometry_resident_helps_provide_free_vision_care_in_texas_valley

Army Maj. Brad Cunningham, a Brooke Army Medical Center optometry resident, recently participated in the weeklong humanitarian Remote Area Medical mission to provide free medical, dental and optical care for residents in the Rio Grande Valley.

External News Stories

NWFDailynews.com: Determination: Amputee is first woman to return to military flight status

<http://www.nwfdailynews.com/news/20160816/determination-amputee-is-first-woman-to-return-to-military-flight-status>

As an amputee, Capt Christy Wise went through eight months of extensive physical therapy at Brooke Army Medical Center in San Antonio, Texas, and was able to return to the cockpit.

Corsicana Daily Sun: Road to Rio: Sgt. Joss takes shooting skills to Paralympics
http://www.corsicanadailysun.com/news/road-to-rio-sgt-joss-takes-shooting-skills-to-paralympics/article_9d834242-633c-11e6-9fab-ebd7da3c0b75.html

Sgt Joss, only the second active duty soldier to go to the Paralympics, received his treatment at Brooke Army Medical Center in San Antonio.

Mysanantonio.com: Wells returned from Vietnam to treat POWs, LBJ

<http://www.mysanantonio.com/obituaries/article/Wells-returned-from-Vietnam-to-treat-POWs-LBJ-9140042.php>

Former Army doc, returned from three Vietnam tours to become LBJ's physician, passes away

eMissourian.com: New Gastroenterologists join Mercy Clinic Four Rivers

http://www.emissourian.com/local_news/new-gastroenterologists-join-mercy-clinic-four-rivers/article_d3ca62f4-af9b-5b94-b00b-490e07286806.html

Dr. John R. Douglas Peterson, who completed his internship and residency training at SAMMC has joined Mercy Clinic Gastroenterology in Washing.

Access to Care

Internal Stories

Fort Leavenworth Lamp: Munson Notes

<http://www.ftleavenworthlamp.com/news/20160818/munson-notes/>

A consolidation of info/events happening at Munson AHC

Quality of Care

External Stories

Killeen Daily Herald: Data: Malaria pill could cause permanent PTSD-like symptoms

http://kdhnews.com/fort_hood_herald/data-malaria-pill-could-cause-permanent-ptsd-like-symptoms/article_e7669bda-672d-11e6-b399-cfb06264e259.html

Data shows there is a connection between mefloquine, a drug used to treat malaria, and long-term neurological effects on military members. In 2014, 27 Soldiers at Fort hood received mefloquine on post.

Safety

External News Stories

Associated Press/ US News & World Report : Colorado: Water contamination likely came from military base

<http://www.usnews.com/news/news/articles/2016-08-17/military-colorado-air-base-may-have-released-toxic-chemical>

Colorado health officials said it's highly likely that trace amounts of toxic chemicals found in three drinking water systems came from firefighting foam used at nearby Peterson Air Force base [which could affect many Fort Carson Soldiers].