Greetings Medical Service Corps officers! I hope that all of you had a happy and restful Thanksgiving Holiday. I want to wish my best to all of you as we approach the holiday season!

November was another great month for the MSC. On the 13th and 14th, the Corps Chief’s office hosted a Specialty Leader (SL) business meeting at BUMED. The meeting was attended by SLs or their assistants representing our active duty and reserve specialties. Our MSC Detailers, Officer Community Manager, and Recruiting Program Manager also attended. The meeting was a fantastic opportunity to bring together leaders of our Corps to discuss current and future issues affecting the MSC.

Topics discussed on the first day included manpower/personnel, promotion planning, recruiting, detailing, conference approval processes and a brief on the Defense Health Agency (DHA). The second day included breakout sessions for the Health Care Administrators, Health Care Scientists, and Clinical Care Specialties. I had the opportunity to spend time in each of the breakout sessions and discuss topics of interest with our SLs. Overall, the meeting went extremely well and our SLs left the meeting with very valuable information that will help them serve better as SLs.

As many already know, each SL is appointed by the Surgeon General for a three-year period. Serving as a SL is a collateral duty; so our SLs, and their assistants, perform their SL duties in addition to their “day jobs”. This is a testament to their dedication to Navy Medicine, the MSC and their specialties.

SLs serve as subject matter experts and advocates for their specialty to the Surgeon General and their Corps Chiefs. They are involved in all aspects of their specialties including accessioning, training, billet distribution, and counseling members regarding specialty-specific career needs, career development, and assignments. SLs advise the Detailers on requirements and officers within their community but they are not Detailers and do not detail officers. They are however, an important component of the career management triad that includes an officer’s mentors, SLs and Detailers.

It is extremely important that officers maintain a close relationship with their SLs. Officers should discuss their career aspirations and next

assignments with their SLs and mentors beginning about 18 months from their PRDs. After discussing potential next assignments with their SL, the next step is to discuss with your Detailer. Career management is an individual's responsibility, and your SLs and Detailers are your advocates in the process.

In closing, as we enter the holiday season, please take some time to relax, recharge, and spend time with your loved ones, and remember those of our MSC family that may be deployed far from home. Thank you for your service to our country, our Navy and our MSC! And remember to send your MSC holiday pictures to the Corps Chief’s office!

Happy holidays and all the best!

T. J. MOULTON
RDML, MSC, USN
From the Corps Chief’s Office

- **HOT! HOT! HOT!** New email addresses for BUMED! Please note that effective 3 Dec 2014, BUMED Headquarters has migrated to the Defense Enterprise email system. Consequently, email addresses for all BUMED HQ personnel have been changed. Please see contact information for the Corps Chief’s Office on the last page of the Update for the new email addresses. The MSC Corps Chiefs Office email is: usn.ncr.bumedchva.list.msc-corps-chiefs-office@mail.mil

- **Holiday Photos.** It is that time again! Please send your MSC Holiday photos to the Corps Chief’s office ASAP! Last year we received over 50 holiday photos from MSCs around the world, and hopefully we will surpass that number this year. Look for the second special holiday edition of the MSC update in December with all of your submitted holiday greetings!

- **MSC Retiree Distribution List.** The Corps Chief’s Office is currently working to reestablish our MSC Retiree Distribution email list. Please feel free to forward the monthly update to our MSC retiree family. For those that may not be part of the email list, please invite them to send their email address to LT Brown, lisa.a.brown179.mil@mail.mil (please note corrected email address).

- **Update on Audit Readiness.** Over the past several years, Navy Medicine has been actively and aggressively preparing for the Financial audit. The goal is an unqualified audit opinion in FY15. Such an opinion means an organization is accurately and comprehensively recording/documenting the management and use of all resources, without exception (or qualification). Preparing for these comprehensive audits has impacted every single member of the MTF fiscal and supply operations, and our fiscal and supply professionals are doing very well to become fully compliant. Up until now, few outside Comptroller and Materials Management work centers have been involved with meeting this important Congressional mandate. As Navy Medicine expands their effort to accurately record how all resources are consumed, including military labor, more and more staff members across the MTFs will become involved in audit readiness activities. Audit-ready documents "talk-on-their-own" and do not need a staff to explain the full story. Expect an increase in activity centered on accurately accounting for and recording resources, how/why resources are consumed and the benefits (i.e., productivity) gained. Audit readiness is an all-hands activity.

- **Medical Service Corps Social Media Update**
  - Coming Soon: Social Media Platforms & eMentoring - exclusively on milSuite! The MSC eMentoring milBook page is currently under development and should be ready for release soon. eMentoring on milSuite will give members the ability to seek advice, learn about duty stations, and identify educational/leadership opportunities in an interactive forum behind a firewall setting. However, we cannot fully develop the program without MSC participation! All MSCs should go to milSuite and complete a milSuite profile as soon as possible. Go to this link to complete your milSuite profile: [https://www.milsuite.mil/book/welcome](https://www.milsuite.mil/book/welcome).
  - A member's profile will serve as their on-line business card, clearly identifying who they are, where they have been and what they have done. To enhance the interaction, it is highly recommended that each member post a good picture of themselves. Members should be prepared to actively engage eMentoring participants via posting of blogs, sharing of ideas, initiating discussions, uploading videos, etc.
From the Corps Chief’s Office

• From the Career Planner

  – What’s new! As promised, please see the new Medical Service Corps Leadership / Career Development Course Guide posted on milsuite under my Career Planner page https://www.milsuite.mil/book/groups/medical-service-corps-career-planner. This “one-stop shopping” guide is a living document that will be updated quarterly. Suggestions and ideas are welcome; please forward any courses that might enhance this document.

  – The MSC Corps Chief's office held a successful two-day Specialty Leader Business meeting on November 13-14, 2014 at the Bureau of Medicine and Surgery. Suggest you take a few minutes to review the agenda and slides also posted on the milsuite link above.

  – Career Development Tip - Networking! Talk to co-workers, friends, and colleagues, they may know of open positions you may be interested in. Many times the best career moves are ones that are unexpectedly presented to you. You may not have been looking for a particular job or position, but the opportunity presents itself through the network you have created. Learn from your fellow MSC officers as everyone has different experiences and they may be able to teach or show you easier ways of getting the job done.

Have a great month and don’t hesitate to call or email me if you need assistance!

CAPT Mike Bridges, MSC Career Planner
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• Bravo Zulu!

  – LT Jose Pulido was selected as the Navy Junior Pharmacist of the Year for fiscal year 2014. LT Pulido serves as the outpatient and branch health clinic division officer and has been assigned to Naval Hospital Camp Pendleton for 18 months.

  – CDR Katie Shobe and LCDR Justin Campbell, research psychologists, were selected to membership in the Defense Acquisition Corps by the FY-16 Acquisition Corps Selection Board, the only Medical Department officers designated of the 154 officers selected.
LT William Walders received the 2014 Merit Award for Public Service. The Merit Awards recognizes Federal leaders who perform extraordinary work in general public service, big data, cloud computing, cyber security, data center, or mobility/telework. LT Walders is the Chief Information Officer at Walter Reed National Military Medical Center (WRNMMC), where his leadership skills, unprecedented vision, and innovative ideas continue to push the organization forward. Through his leadership, LT Walders reduced IT trouble tickets by 95 percent; centralized data management and analytics; implemented wireless networks for patients, families, doctors, and staff; and enhanced IT efficiency with virtualization. LT Walders’ accomplishments establish a model for government IT transformation and potential cross-agency collaboration, while significantly supporting the military medical community and overall operational readiness. For more information on the 2014 Merit Awards, see: http://www.meritalk.com/merit

• Congratulations to the Selectees from the FY-15 Supplemental DUINS Board!

Financial Management Full-Time In-service (FTIS), MBA at Naval Postgraduate School (NPS) LTJG Thomas Driscoll

Manpower/Personnel FTIS - MS- NPS LT Patricia Opokuamoabeng LCDR David Robison

Medical Technology Fellowship with the College of American Pathologists CDR Debra Baker

Microbiology PhD in Microbiology LT Irina Roman

Patient Administration Fellowship at the Veterans Administration LT Alisha Webb LT Nadege Whitfield (alternate)


Physician Assistant Fellowship in Emergency Medicine - NMC San Diego LT Michelle Miller

Plans, Ops, & Medical Intelligence Fellowship at the National Center for Medical Intelligence LT Susan Hinegardner

Plans, Ops, & Medical Intelligence Fellowship at the Joint Staff (J4) LT Tammi Lawler
From the Corps Chief’s Office

- Reserve Update

  - LCDR Geoffrey Cheng and LT William Legg are the first two reserve pharmacists to serve at the NATO Role 3 Multinational Medical Unit (MMU) in Kandahar, Afghanistan. The Role 3 Pharmacy Department consists of 2 Navy Pharmacists, 3 Navy Pharmacy Technicians and one Army Pharmacy Technician. Together they support an 11 bay trauma unit, a six bed intensive care unit, a 22 bed intensive care ward, and 4 operating rooms. In addition, they provide vital support to the outpatient primary care clinic, a dental clinic, and a behavioral health clinic averaging over 400 patients monthly. In the first month of deployment to Kandahar, the two Pharmacists filled over 1200 outpatient prescriptions and made over 900 inpatient IV orders. Patients treated at the Role 3 MMU span the entire spectrum of the area of operation’s population: US Military and Coalition Nation troops to include, Australians, Belgians, British, Republic of Georgia, Romanians, Slovaks, UAE, and DOD civilians, and Afghan National Security Forces.

  - Congratulations to CDR Brian Foor upon being selected as the Reserve Component Assistant Specialty Leader for the Physician Assistant community. He is relieving CDR John Western who is retiring after many years of dedicated and honorable service to his community, the Medical Service Corps and the United States. Thank you CDR Western!

Kandahar, Afghanistan - LCDR Geoffrey Cheng and LT William Legg, the first reserve pharmacists to be assigned to the NATO Role 3 Multinational Medical Unit.

Congratulations to CAPT Patricia McCafferty, Dietician and Clinical Care Specialty Leader for the Reserve Component, on her recent promotion! Shown here is CAPT McCafferty at her promotion ceremony with her children: Erin, Helen, Harry, Mary, Jack, and Grace, and her husband, Dr. Ryan McCafferty.
From the Corps Chief’s Office

- **Call for nominations - 2015 ACHE Regent Awards**
  - The Lewis E. Angelo Professional Symposium (LEAPS) Committee is in the initial planning stages for the 2015 eLEAPS event and an integral part of this event is the presentation of the ACHE Navy Regent’s awards.
  - The following provides guidance for the Navy Regent’s awards to be given during the 2015 eLEAPS. This is a great opportunity to recognize fellow colleagues for their outstanding contributions to Navy Medicine and a forum to showcase your literary skills. We need your support to ensure a competitive field!
  - **Charles R. Loar Literary Award:** Authors should be members of ACHE. Present your ideas and thoughts on healthcare administration, leadership, and management, particularly of interest to Military or Navy Medicine, and compete for the annual Charles R. Loar Literary Award for excellence in professional and technical writing. Papers should be submitted in PDF format via email to LT Michael Schwartz at Michael.Schwartz@med.navy.mil no later than 25 February 2015.
  - **Early Career Healthcare Executive:** Nominee should be a member of ACHE, of the rank O4 or below, be of meritorious performance and over the past year exhibited innovative management techniques or practices, having achievements (in classical management functions of planning, organizing, staffing, directing, and controlling) with noticeable impact in the command system, claimancy, professional, or service levels. Recognition period is previous calendar year (CY 2014). Nomination packages should be forwarded via email to LCDR Daren Verhulst at Daren.Verhulst@med.navy.mil no later than 25 February 2015.
  - **Senior-Level Career Healthcare Executive:** Nominee should be a Fellow of ACHE, of the rank O5 or above, and fill an appropriate executive level position. Qualified nominees shall have demonstrated continuous excellence or notable achievements as an executive, leader or manager; demonstrated innovative and creative management and contributed to the development of other health care professionals; participated in civic/community activities, civilian health care professional associations, and college activities. Recognition period is a minimum of three years of continuing contributions. Nomination packages should be forwarded via email to LCDR Daren Verhulst at Daren.Verhulst@med.navy.mil no later than 25 February 2015.
  - Please visit the LEAPS Facebook page https://www.facebook.com/NavyLEAPS or our web page http://www.navyleaps.com for updates and new information regarding the eLEAPS

- **From the Officer Community Manager (OCM)**
  - The NAVADMIN announcing the FY-16 selection board schedule and zones is scheduled to be released in mid-December. The message will establish the FY-16 promotion board zones by announcing the senior in-zone, junior in-zone, and junior eligible for the upcoming promotion selection boards.
  - The Medical Service Corps (MSC) In-Service Procurement Program (IPP) board was held on 20 November 2014. Previously, MSC IPP boards were usually held in October vice November, with results usually released in early December. However, since the board convened in November, expect the board results in the late December or early January timeframe.
From the Corps Chief’s Office

Click to read the Surgeon General’s blog:
A message from the Surgeon General: Defend against Ebola.

• Recent Messages of Interest
  – UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS BIRTHDAY 2014
  – 2014 ARMY NAVY GAME SPIRIT SPOTS
  – FY-15 MEDICAL DEPARTMENT OFFICER SPECIAL PAYS

• Navy News and Information (click on caption links for more information)

Click to read the CNO’s Position Report:

Commandant of the Marine Corps 2014 Marine Corps Birthday Message

Navy Preventive Medicine Unit Receives Community Service Award

2014 Health, Safety, and Fitness Flagship Awards
Career Management

- **From our Detailers**

  - Your detailer is here to support you and your career! Don't wait to utilize this valuable service.

  - The following are recommended steps to prepare your record for a promotion board:

    1. Download or request your OSR (officer summary record) and PSR (performance summary record), from BUPERS on-line.

    2. Make sure you have a current official photograph in your record; photograph must be in your current rank. Ref: NAVADMIN 103/07 and MILPERSMAN 1070-180.

    3. Ensure FITREP continuity (PERS policy is for no gaps greater than 90 days, HOWEVER, Detailers recommend that you correct all gaps in your record).

    4. If you are in zone or above zone for the current fiscal year, request a complete record review with your detailer and at least two other senior officers/mentors. 

       **NOTE:** *If you are above zone, a letter to the board is strongly recommended; detailers are available to assist with your letter to the board.*

  - Remember, your record is the representation of your career that board members utilize to determine promotion status. While multiple Additional Qualification Designation codes (AQDs) and awards demonstrate your experience and accomplishments, sustained, superior PERFORMANCE, PERFORMANCE, PERFORMANCE documented in your FITREP is the recipe for success. Don't rely on others to manage your career; take control of your own career and record management.

  - It is important to familiarize yourself with BUPERSINST 1610.10C (Navy Performance Evaluation System) to understand the rules of forced distribution and trait marks. BUPERSINST 1610.10C is your starting point if you have questions regarding FITREPs. If after reviewing the instruction you still have questions, contact your detailer for further assistance.

  - Detailers are often asked for points of contact via email or phone to get answers to questions pertaining to records management, retirement calculations, transition from active duty to Reserves, etc. Although detailers are always available to assist, we will often refer officers to another office to ensure they have accurate information for their specific circumstances. Navy Personnel Command (NPC) has a web directory with links to all codes that we use on a daily basis and is found at:


  - Looking for information about your PCS entitlements or directives that guide our detailing processes? The Military Personnel Manual (MILPERSMAN) can be found at:

The Navy Medical Service Corps Resource Management Community is a small group consisting of approximately 72 Financial Management experts. These positions are high profile and unique leadership opportunities including Comptrollers, Budget Analysts, Program Managers, Analytics Specialists, and Professors. Each role has a meaningful impact and considerable responsibility within Navy Medicine.

Comptrollers are proven experts in Financial Management, analytics, acquisition, and logistics enabling them to provide "total" resource services and value to Navy Medicine. These are the team members who monitor resource execution, track and report Command metrics, and ensure the Commands are operating within higher statutory authority and appropriation law.

Comptrollers are critical special advisors to Commanding Officers, and bring an analytical skill set that is instrumental and beneficial to all Command business topics. Resource Managers are necessary to gather, analyze, manage, report, and communicate the operation's impact to stakeholders.

For these reasons, maintaining a fresh supply of Comptrollers and Financial Managers is crucial. However, they are not recruited into Navy Medicine the same as other specialties. Financial Managers are usually Healthcare Administrators who make the effort to expand their role once they are already MSCs. Already having proven healthcare experience is beneficial as they make the shift to the financial management field.

The Finance Community continually faces challenges such as sequestration, continuing resolutions, furloughs, lapses in appropriation, and numerous other statutory speed bumps. Aside from normal tasks, FY15 brings two major changes to combat, the first of which being military medicine on the receiving end of a major congressionally mandated audit. The Comptrollers will be leading the effort to ensure Navy Medicine succeeds. The other task is all military officers working in finance will be required to achieve a new congressionally mandated certification validating their training and expertise in resource management.

In conjunction with meeting day-to-day financial requirements, there are understandable military deployment obligations to consider. As demonstrated by a Financial Manager who is currently in Liberia in support of the Ebola mission. This officer leads a Detachment in providing Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) training to local healthcare and first responders.

Financial Management professionals continue to perform in varying roles, such as Director for Resource Management and in staff positions including with OSD Health Affairs, Defense Health Agency, SECNAV, OPNAV and BUMED. The Comptroller education and experience provides a proven segue into Executive Medicine and positions, as many Comptrollers currently or have successfully served in these leadership positions. The Finance Community is a small group that continues to play a vital role in supporting the mission of Navy Medicine.
Defense Health Headquarters (DHHQ), Falls Church, VA - RDML Moulton and the Corps Chief’s office hosted a business meeting for MSC Specialty Leaders (SL) at BUMED on 13 & 14 November. The meeting included the Corps Chief’s Office staff, Detailers, Officer Community Manager, Recruiting Program Manager and Active and Reserve SLs representing all MSC specialties. The two-day meeting was held to update the SLs on topics that impact their specialties and the entire Corps. Below are pictures from the meeting.
Specialty Leader Business Meeting
13-14 Nov 2014

Falls Church, VA - RDML Moulton with Health Care Science (HCS) Specialty Leaders, HCS Detailer, and Corps Chief’s office staff during the HCS breakout session.

Falls Church, VA - RDML Moulton with Health Care Administration (HCA) Specialty Leaders, HCA Detailer, and Corps Chief’s office staff during the HCA breakout session.

Falls Church, VA - RDML Moulton with Clinical Care Specialties (CCS) Specialty Leaders, Detailer, and Corps Chief’s office staff during the CCS breakout session.
MSCs In Focus

San Antonio, TX - MSC Officers attended the 2014 San Antonio Navy Birthday Ball on Saturday, 25 October, at the OMNI San Antonio Hotel at the Colonnade. Naval Medical Research Unit San Antonio was the host of this year's birthday event and VADM (ret.) John M. Bird, U.S. Navy was the guest speaker. There were approximately 400 in attendance and it was considered one of the most successful birthday events in recent history for the region. Front row (L to R): CDR Nora Perez, LCDR Shawna Lawson, LT Rachel Knightdeer, LCDR Michael Knoell, and CAPT Derek Clay. Back row (L to R): LTJG Craig Wilcox, CDR Gerald Burke, LTJG Katherine Castillo, CAPT Rita Simmons, LT Bridget Ruiz, CDR Francis McLean, CDR Angelica Klinski, LCDR Russell Braden, LTJG Prender Alderson, LT Daniel Garcia, LT Alistair McLean, LT Kerry Miller, LCDR Elizabeth Smith, LT Jeffrey Vixon, LCDR Mary Graves-Harewood, LCDR Victor Inniss, CAPT James LeTexier, CAPT Corazon Rogers, and LCDR Garth Aldrich. Not in the photo (photographer): LTJG Robert Stubbs.

Camp Pendleton, CA - Naval Hospital Camp Pendleton MSCs have their annual photo taken at the Medal of Honor Mall and show their excitement for the coming holiday season. From left to right front row: LT Paul Kim, HCA, LT Brian Howard, Information Management, CDR Rona Green, DFA, LT April Allen, Patient Administration, LTJG Jason Johnson, Medical Logistician. Left to right back row: LT Jon Davis, Manpower Management, LCDR Balderamo Sagrado, Pharmacist, LTJG Angela Warner, POMI, LT Cassie Montalvo, HCA, LCDR Ramaud Love, Medical Logistician, LT James Tarr, Radiation Health Officer. Photo taken by Mr. Doug Allen, PAO, on November 20th, 2014.
Naval Hospital Bremerton, WA - NH Bremerton MSCs show their support for the “Movember” Foundation, a global organization committed to changing the face of men’s health. “Mo Bros” take action by changing their appearance by growing a moustache for the 30 days of Movember, to spark conversation and raise funds. “Mo Sistas” commit to supporting men in their lives while helping to promote men’s health. Back row (from left): LCDR Eric Parsons, Pharmacist, CDR Jeff Klinger, DFA, LT Larry Middleton, HCA, LTJG Travis Kelley, HCA. Front row (from left): CDR Dave Hardy, Pharmacist, LTJG Ebonee Ferguson, HCA, LTJG Tammy Nguyen, Medical Technologist.

Newport, RI - CDR Al Bransdorfer, Aerospace Operational Physiologist, recently traveled to Newport, RI to commission his son, Erik, as an Ensign. ENS Bransdorfer now heads to Pensacola to enter the aviator training pipeline.

Near NAS Fallon, NV - US Olympic Ski Team Downhiller, Stacey Cook, receives a Public Affairs FA-18 flight out of NAS Fallon. Shown behind her in an F-16 adversary aircraft is CAPT Rebecca Bates, Aerospace Operational Physiology Specialty Leader.
MSCs In Focus

Naval Medical Center (NMC) Portsmouth, VA - Medical Technologists from NMC Portsmouth dress up for Halloween. From left to right: CAPT Debra Soyk, LTJG Juan Alvarez, LT Sarah Jenkins, and ENS Alisa Agey.

Monterey, CA - Three MSC's recently graduated from the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey. From left to right, graduating with a Master of Human Systems Integration degree is LCDR Tom Jones, Aerospace Operational Physiologist, LCDR Alice Moss, Pharmacist, and LCDR Justin Campbell, Research Psychologist, both completing an Executive Masters of Business Administration degree.

Naval Air Station Jacksonville, FL - LT James Harwood, Entomologist, performing an experiment to determine the efficacy of different larvicide applications. Entomologists at NECE test and evaluate the efficacy of new equipment and products that keep us in the lead in the fight against diseases like Malaria, Dengue and Chikungunya.
MSCs In Focus

Naval Air Station Pensacola, FL - Optometrists from NAS Pensacola with Blue Angel's Fat Albert Air Crew during the recent air show. Center from left to right - LCDR Tom Zurakowski, CAPT Richard Hetrick, LT Jenalyn Jotie.

Naval Health Clinic New England, Newport, RI - Officer Development Class 15010 that graduated on 7 Nov 2014. The class included 4 Physical Therapists, 3 Physician Assistants, 1 Health Care Administrator, 1 Pharmacist and 1 Environmental Health Officer.
MSCs In Focus

Camp Lejeune, NC - RDML Moulton with LCDR Jerry Bailey (left), Executive Officer of 2d Medical Battalion, at the Eastern North Carolina 67th Navy Medical Service Corps Ball.

Camp Lejeune, NC - The Eastern North Carolina 67th Navy Medical Service Corps Ball. From left to right: LT Lauren Lazzaro, NC, CAPT Michael Sokolowski, Commanding Officer, LCDR Jerry Bailey, Executive Officer, LT Neelam Panchal, HCA, and LT Michael Kimbrell, Environmental Health Officer.

USS NIMITZ (CVN-68) - In front of the F-35C Joint Strike Fighter after its first landing aboard USS NIMITZ. Left to right: LT Chris Conboy, Physician Assistant, LT Clark Hartley, Health Care Administrator (HCA), LT James Barlow, HCA; LT Dan Conley, Radiation Health Officer, CDR Laura Wegemann, Physical Therapist, and LT Erin McKee, Clinical Psychologist.
MSCs In Focus

Fort Sam Houston, TX - Navy Medicine Information System Support Activity (NAVMISSA) recently afforded LT Jeffrey Dixon, IM/IT, the opportunity to attend the Army’s 70 Delta Medical Information Management Course (MIMC), which is given semiannually to future Army CIO’s and healthcare information managers. The course consisted of a 185 hour training plan online that included Microsoft applications, Cisco networking, security, acquisitions, and information management and leadership. This was followed by a 6-week residency course that integrates multiple aspects of IT technical training; clinical informatics; and information management and leadership to include business process re-engineering, Lean Six Sigma, Information Technology Infrastructure Library (ITIL) certification, supervisory training, and enterprise architecture in our military health system (MHS). At the end of the 6 weeks, the students travel to Camp Bullis where they are challenged in their knowledge of cybersecurity, leadership, and their abilities to set up and configure an entire network with theater applications such as AHLTA-T in a Combat Support Hospital (CSH) such as the one pictured above.

Naval Air Station Fallon, NV - LT Joe Pratt, Occupational Audiologist from Naval Medical Center San Diego, on a training evolution with the Navy SEALs to evaluate noise exposure and hearing protection practices and requirements.
Quang Binh Province, Vietnam - Colonel Lin (left) from the Peoples Republic of Vietnam Army and LTJG Andrew Darrah, Physician Assistant from Naval Branch Health Clinic Everett, WA, working as a member of the 14-3 Vietnam Recovery mission.

Navy Medicine Operational Training Center's (NMOTC) Det -- Naval Expeditionary Medical Training Institute (NEMTI) - Officer-in-Charge CAPT Patrick Paul, POMI observes a Sunday morning Mass with members of the United Kingdom's 2nd Medical Brigade aboard Camp Pendleton, CA. More than 200 UK service members participated in Exercise Integrated Serpent, a joint training effort hosted by NEMTI during which UK service members received instruction on erecting and staffing a field hospital.

Defense Institute for Medical Operations (DIMO), San Antonio, TX - Students and DIMO staff from the recent Executive Health Resource Management course. The course included key leaders from partner nations that included Switzerland, Serbia, Jamaica, Tonga, Lebanon, and Malawi. Seated front row from left: MAJ Charla Tully, USAF, CAPT Mary David, POMI, DIMO Deputy Director, COL Rachelle Paul-Kagiri, USAF, DIMO Director, LCDR Bill Newman, Education & Training, Course Director. Shown in the back row are DIMO cadre and partner nation students.
Oberammergau, Germany - CDR Byron Wiggins and LCDR Drew Stegall, Plans, Operations and Medical Intelligence Officers (POMI) recently completed the NATO Medical Planners Course that included 22 Medical Planners representing military services from 13 countries.

OPERATION UNIFIED ASSISTANCE, Gbarnag, Bong County, Liberia - LCDR Benjamin Espinosa, Microbiologist, meets with COL Sazzad, Commander of the Bangladesh contingent of the UN Military forces in Liberia. LCDR Espinosa is deployed as part of Naval Medical Research Center’s Mobile Laboratories that are providing assistance in responding to the Ebola outbreak.
Sasebo, Japan - Naval Branch Health Clinic Sasebo’s EDIS department coordinated various events around Command Fleet Activities Sasebo aimed at highlighting disabilities awareness for the month of October. LTJG Jennifer Chery, Licensed Social Worker (above), LT Stephanie Perez, Occupational Therapist (below left), and HM2 Jasmine Davila, Occupational Therapy Assistant (below right) put on assemblies at local elementary schools to show kids what it might be like to complete everyday tasks with a disability. The children were lead in a discussion of what they think it means to have a disability, and lead through various activities that simulated a visual impairment, upper extremity impairment, and communication disorders.
USNS Bruce C. Heezen (T-AGS 64) - LCDR Veronika DiMeo, Industrial Hygienist from Navy Environmental and Preventive Medicine Unit SEVEN (NEPMU-7) performs exposure monitoring aboard the Military Sealift Command’s Special Missions program oceanographic survey ship during an underway period. This represents one of the first IH missions of NEPMU-7 since it was re-established in Rota, Spain in June 2014.

Mount Kilimanjaro, Tanzania - LT Nathan Uzas, Radiation Health Officer, at the summit of the highest peak of Mount Kilimanjaro, Uhuru peak.

Naval Air Station Pensacola, FL - CDR Robert Higgins, Aviation Physiologist, Director of NAS Pensacola's Aviation Survival Training Center, explains escape techniques from submerged aircraft to a group of senior military officers from Indonesia.
The Medical Service Corps supports Navy Medicine’s readiness and health benefits mission. It is the most diverse Corps in Navy Medicine with 31 specialties organized under three major categories: Health Care Administrators, Clinical Care Specialties and Health Care Scientists. The over 3,000 active and reserve MSC officers serve at Military Treatment Facilities, on ships, with the Fleet Marine Force, with Seabee and special warfare units, in research centers and laboratories, and in a myriad of staff positions with the Navy and Marine Corps, and with our sister services around the world.

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