A Message from the Corps Chief

Greetings Fellow Medical Service Corps Officers and thank you for your continued service.

The Medical Service Corps (MSC) OPTEMPO remained high during 3rd quarter FY17 as we continued to be part of the integrated Joint Health Services Enterprise (JHSE), providing global support to Combatant Commanders across multiple continents. I am amazed on a daily basis at the remarkable work Medical Service Corps Officers are doing, and how we continue to positively impact the missions of the Army Medical Department and the Army.

June 30th, 2017 ushered in 100 years of service for our Corps and we celebrated the birthday with events around the globe. Here at Fort Sam Houston, the day began with a prayer breakfast at the golf club led by COL(R) Chaplain Edward Maney who spread the message of “resilience and regenerating the human spirit.” Following the prayer breakfast, we conducted a medical evacuation (MEDEVAC) demonstration; highlighting our ability to rapidly and decisively provide combat casualty care and evacuation on the battlefield. C/2-227th GSAB, 1st CAV out of Ft. Hood, TX stole the show as they provided air support during the demonstration with the HH-60M, Black Hawk MEDEVAC platform. The demonstration epitomized the exceptional professional capability the MSC provides routinely throughout our Army.

I also had the privilege of hosting our traditional cake cutting ceremony at the Ft. Sam Houston, AMEDD Museum. MG(R) Rubenstein, BG(R) Ursone, BG(R) Johnson, along with the 100th Anniversary Coin designer 1LT Warren Brooks joined me in cutting the cake. We concluded the evening with a spectacular ball at the McNay Art Museum where many retired and active duty MSC Officers came together for a night of good food, laughter, and mentorship. We were privileged to have in attendance several of our past Corps Chiefs and their spouses; MG(R) David and Pat Rubenstein (16th Chief), BG(R) Richard and Renee Ursone (14th Chief), BG(R) Walter and Doris Johnson (10th Chief), BG(R) Mack and Dale Hill (13th Chief), and BG(R) Bruce and Patricia Miketinac (11th Chief). I want to personally thank all who helped to make the day a huge success.

This is also a time of transition in the Office of the Corps Chief. Please join me in saying farewell to CPTs Christopher Glass, Glenn Canty, and Denise Quintana who did an outstanding job taking care of the MSC the past two years and are returning to the field ready to fan the flame and preserve the spirit of our Corps. We now welcome CPTs Justin Hell, Julie Fulton, and John Alderete onboard who have demonstrated they are motivated and ready to take on the challenges of the office in service of the Corps.

I challenge everyone to think beyond the ordinary, think different, reinvent, and reimagine the future of the Corps as we move into a new century of service. We can never be satisfied with our efforts and we must always push the envelope of excellence. Thank you for your hard work, sacrifice, and passion.

One Team...One Purpose! Conserving the Fighting Strength Since 1775!

Major General Patrick D. Sargent
18th Chief, Medical Service Corps
72D Breaks Barriers: Cover of Corrections Today

By 1LT Steven “Andrew” Satterlee, 508th Military Police Brigade

Environmental Science and Engineering Officer 1LT Steven “Andrew” Satterlee from the 508th Military Police Battalion (Detention) of the 42nd Military Police Brigade at Joint Base Lewis-McChord (JBLM) recently wrote an article which made the front cover of Corrections Today, a professional membership publication of the American Correctional Association (ACA). Correction’s Today boasts international readership by professionals involved in every sector of the corrections and criminal justice fields and is published six times annually.

1LT Satterlee’s article, “Buzzing with Activity: Beekeeping Pollinates a Second Chance for Inmates” was published in the March/April 2017 edition and highlights one of the many environmentally focused projects being conducted as part of a prison vocational and education program at the Northwestern Joint Regional Correctional Facility (NWJRCF) at JBLM. Although confirmation is being sought, it is believed that this represents the first time that the Department of Defense has made the front cover of this publication.

1LT Satterlee will travel to the ACA 2017 Summer Congress of Corrections in St. Louis, MO to present this work alongside the Deputy to the Commander of the NWJRCF, Mr. Ennice Hobbs, and the 508th MP BN (D)’s Operations OIC, MAJ Elizabeth Womble. 1LT Satterlee will also serve as a speaker alongside the Ohio Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation on a panel discussing how to develop and direct environmentally focused projects in prisons. This will mark 1LT Satterlee’s third consecutive attendance of the ACA’s summer and winter meetings where he has presented alongside the 508th MP BN (D)’s Battalion Commander, LTC Stephen Newman, the Deputy to the Commander, and the Operations OIC on various programs involving environmentally focused projects at the NWJRCF.

Professional Development In the Nations Capital

By COL Derek Cooper, Commander, 6th Medical Logistics Management Center

On April 24, 2017, 18 members of the Fort Detrick Silver Caduceus Society (SCS) attended a professional development staff ride to Washington, D.C. The group visited the Pentagon where they received a tour and a historical account of the events of September 11, 2001, provided by a member of the Army Chief of Staff’s office. The group also visited the U.S. Capitol to learn about the origins of our government and to see some of the history associated with one of the most iconic symbols of our democracy. A special thanks to MAJ Laura Wang, current SCS chapter treasure, for coordinating the trip.
28th CSH teaches lifesaving skills to Elite Iraqi Soldiers

By CPT Erick Thornton and MAJ Steven Schauer, 28th Combat Support hospital, Fort Bragg, NC

The Iraqi military has been in a nearly 3-year long bloody battle to retake their country from the Da’esh terrorist organization – the Arabic acronym for the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL). Da’esh has claimed the deaths of thousands worldwide, carrying out near-daily bombings along with several high-profile terror attacks.

The Iraqi Special Operations Forces (ISOF) elite Counter-terrorism Service (CTS) is on the forefront of the fight to destroy the militant group. They have also borne the brunt of this violent organization and have suffered significant casualties. Some unofficial estimates place the casualty rate for CTS in its Mosul campaign at nearly 50%; they are taking casualties faster than the unit can train replacements.

Improvements in pre-hospital medical care were a major factor contributing to high survival rates during Coalition operations previously in Iraq. Soldiers of the 28th Combat Support Hospital, Emergency Medical Treatment section, sought to bring US lessons-learned to members of the CTS as part of a series of battlefield first-responder (BFR) course.

MAJ (Dr.) Steven Schauer and CPT (RN) Erick Thronson led the training in collaboration with U.S. Army Special Forces advisors, focusing on honing skills the Iraqi soldiers had already learned, using only the equipment they carry with them during combat operations. The courses emphasized hands-on practice and demonstration of their skills. Perfecting these basic skills will save lives on the battlefield. CTS soldiers asked questions, discussed combat trauma they had seen, and reviewed lessons learned from past experiences. Army medics SPC Kyle Bosco and SPC Jacob Herrick, along with MAJ (Dr.) Jon Weise and CPT (RN) Krista Wellein assisted MAJ Schauer and CPT Thronson, providing close instruction and hands-on training to bring their BFR-skills to battlefield-ready status. Over 3 days, 66 CTS soldiers successfully completed the training and left with renewed confidence in their life-saving skills in preparation for the fight against Da’esh.

70B Represents 3rd ID at 2017 Best Ranger Competition

1LT Matthew Gooch, Medical Operations Officer for the 603rd Aviation Support Battalion, represented the Corps as the only MSC officer to compete in the 2017 Best Ranger Competition at Fort Benning, GA. 1LT Gooch and his team member, 1LT Frances Beaudette beat out 15 other 3ID teams to be selected for the prestigious Best Ranger Competition. Congratulations 1LT Gooch and 1LT Beaudette!
MG Patrick D. Sargent addresses the MSC during the Traditional Cake Cutting Ceremony of the MSC 100th Birthday Celebration.

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BG(R) Walter F. Johnson stands next to his official photo as the 10th Corps Chief of the US Army MSC.

MG Sargent introduces Chaplain, COL(R) Edward Maney during the MSC 100th Birthday Prayer Breakfast.

BG(R) Richard L. Ursone stands next to his official photo as the 14th Corps Chief of the US Army MSC.

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This year's Cake for the MSC 100th Birthday Celebration.

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