

The MSC Today



Mission

To provide a diverse, competent, and multidisciplinary Team of professionals who strengthen the Military Health System through responsive and reliable clinical, scientific, and administrative services.

Vision

The keystone of the System for Health with highly trained and adaptive leaders successfully operating in complex environments.

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A Message from the Corps Chief



Greetings Fellow Medical Service Corps Officers.

In January I had the opportunity to speak with you during our DCS to the Field. I encourage you all to log onto the MSC website and review the minutes and slides as there is pertinent information regarding broadening assignments and effective talent management. I continue to stress how important it is for you to do the best you can at your current position and strive for success. Many of you asked some great questions, all highlighted in the minutes, and we appreciate this. The Office of the Chief team is here for you. Please do not hesitate to contact them as needed.

The United States Army Medical Service Corps is an important national resource with a long and distinguished history. During World War I, the requirement for a considerable number of officers who were not physicians resulted in the establishment of the ‘Sanitary Corps’ on 30 June 1917. This Corps modernized the Army Medical Department relieving physicians from a wide variety of administrative and scientific specialties. The war also demonstrated the need for a Medical Administrative Corps (1920) and a Pharmacy Corps (1943). On 4 August 1947, The Surgeon General, Major General Norman T. Kirk, proposed the establishment of a Medical Service Corps (MSC) that would consolidate the officers of the Sanitary Corps, Medical Administrative Corps, and Pharmacy Corps and on 24 September 1947, a board appointed by The Surgeon General selected Colonel Othmar Goriup, MSC, as the first Chief of the Corps. An unbroken chain from 1917 to present day links the Sanitary Corps as the oldest direct antecedent of the MSC and is the cause for our celebrating its establishment as the MSC birthday.

This year, 30 June 2017, marks the 100th Anniversary of our outstanding Corps. We are planning an entire day of events at Joint Base San Antonio to include a prayer breakfast that morning, followed by a MEDEVAC Demonstration on Mac Arthur Field. We will then move to the museum for our traditional cake cutting ceremony, and then immediately following everyone will be released to go get ready for the 100th MSC Ball at the Mc Nay Museum which will begin at 1700 with a cocktail hour. The event will be catered by Absolutely Delicious Catering, and I can tell you the food will be awesome. More details and times will be made available, but I just wanted to give you an idea of where we are headed. I look forward to hearing about the events you have planned at your installations and honoring the Corps as it deserves to be.

We truly have a remarkable story to tell because of you and the many sacrifices you make for our Soldiers, our Corps, and the Nation. Thank you!

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

Major General Patrick D. Sargent
18th Chief, Medical Service Corps

Order of Daedalians United States Army Exceptional Pilot Award



Congratulations to 1LT Matthew Norcia, Charlie Company, 3rd Battalion, 25th Aviation Regiment, 25th Combat Aviation Brigade, for being named the winner of the Order of Daedalians United States Army Exceptional Pilot Award for his outstanding performance in mission accomplishment and display of extraordinary leadership in support of air operations during Calendar Year (CY) 2016.

1LT Norcia served as a Forward Support MEDEVAC Platoon Leader and aeromedical evacuation pilot, in direct support of over 1,300 ground troops in Thailand (Operation Hanuman Guardian) and Indonesia (Operation Garuda Shield), during Pacific Pathways (PPW) 16-02. PPW is the Army's contribution to the nation's rebalancing to the Indo-Asia-Pacific region and typically consists of consecutive theater security cooperation (TSC) exercises in multiple countries, providing leaders at every echelon unique problem sets both in mission execution and logistical support.

Not only is 1LT Norcia an excellent pilot, but he is also a great mentor to his young Warrant Officers. He consistently works with junior pilots and crew to improve their aviation knowledge and skillsets. 1LT Norcia has recently been selected as a Pilot-in-Command (PC) as he prepares to take his Platoon to the Joint Readiness Training Center (JRTC) in Ft. Polk, Louisiana. His platoon is full of professional officers and NCO's capable of great things as they deploy for the second time in less than six months. The capability and professionalism of his platoon is a direct reflection of the high caliber of its leader. 1LT Matthew Norcia is undoubtedly a future senior leader within the ranks of Army Aviation and the Army Medical Department.



1LT Norcia and his crew conducting a real world MEDEVAC of an injured US Soldier, ultimately saving his life while ensuring a full recovery.

The MSC Leader Development FaceBook Page: Social Media as a Force Multiplier

The Medical Service Corps Leader Development Facebook page provides a network of ideas that enhance collective knowledge and understanding of our world and profession. Specifically, it addresses leadership development, military history, strategy, current events, military writing, geopolitics, and issues impacting the medical community. The page also introduces a myriad of tools for MSC officers to remain abreast of world events, current TTPs, lessons learned, and evolving doctrine. This content, coupled with unit and individual participation and engagement, creates a forum of professionals who learn and collaborate routinely to build a more professional, capable Corps.

Facebook is a common social media platform that reaches the scope of the corps. There is no learning curve or indoctrination process required to convince officers to check Facebook; they already do it. Great ideas and functional knowledge are useless if no one shares or learns it. Individuals and official unit pages can easily and rapidly share content posted by the Medical Service Corps Leader Development page. This enables leaders to easily integrate the content into self-development plans, mentorship plans, and unit Leader Development Programs with minimal effort.

Army Medicine Comptroller Leadership Summit

The job of a 70 Charlie/Health Service Comptroller cannot be taken at face value. Tasks include reviewing the organization's mission, identifying external environmental factors, assessing internal capabilities and seeking innovative opportunities to find efficiencies to sustained health services. Research is also necessary to support the Total Force in enabling readiness, conserving the fighting strength and caring for our Soldiers for Life and Families. In order to remain relevant and learn from the industry, the 70C community coordinated the first annual Army Medicine Comptroller Leadership Summit. MAJ Philip Kaberline, a 70C and Baylor resident, originally thought of the idea. COL Derrick Flowers immediately put things in action to gain support from both the AMEDD and Methodist Healthcare Leadership.



On 7 February 2017, six aspiring comptroller interns received briefings from MHS leaders on their best practices in the following areas: Next Generation of Growth (MHS \$100M plan for market expansion), Supply Chain Management, the Operating Budget Analysis Tool and an explanation of MHS's Baldrige Journey. The exchange of information was both enlightening and inspiring. CPT Peter Houloulis, 70C intern, stated Jaime Wesolowski, the CEO of MHS, inspired him. Mr. Wesolowski said, "If we find an effective, evidenced based best practice at one facility, it is immediately implemented across the entire system." During the tour at Stone Oak, the interns witnessed an executive huddle, where representation from the entire hospital's leadership openly discussed targets and objectives for that particular day. Dr. Bob Griffith, the 70C Intern Program Manager stated, "I was amazed to see the synchronization across all levels, from the national headquarters all the way down thru the divisions (our regions) to their individual employees-everyone knew what needed to be done, they were in agreement and knew their place".

This synchronization and focus on mission was evident during the afternoon sessions where the MHS President and Chief Financial Officer (CFO) spoke to the interns about the balance of taking care of patients and meeting financial obligations. The 70C Consultant and CFO for Army Medicine, COL Derrick Flowers stated, "It's amazing how the 'for-profit' motive eliminates bureaucratic processes, achieves synchronization and emphasizes a focus on what's important-taking care of patients, minimizing costs, and maximizing revenue." MAJ Philip Kaberline stated, "the Methodist Healthcare System has treated me like a family member since day one of my arrival and they are a role model organization. I coordinated this event to highlight some of the 'best practices' that the commercial sector is doing, so we can infuse and leverage them back into Army Medicine."

The event culminated with MG Patrick Sargent, the Deputy Command General for Operations and 18th Chief, MSC, presenting a certificate of appreciation to both the CEO and CFO. The certificate celebrated their military counterparts and their support in this event that allowed the civilian and military financial management community to merge.

