

# 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.

## A Message from the Corps Chief



Greetings Fellow Medical Service Corps Officers and Happy New Year!

I hope that you were able to spend quality time with your loved ones and took time for yourselves to reflect, refresh, and reset in order to continue executing the Medical Service Corps mission. I am absolutely proud of all that you have accomplished, and I look forward to the great things you will do this year. Our OPTEMPO remains high and while this is also a time of change at the most senior levels of our government, I am confident that you will remain focused and ready. I want to urge you to participate in the upcoming DCS that I will host on 25 January, 1200EST. The DCS will give me an opportunity to hear your concerns regarding the future of our Corps.

2017 is a pivotal year for the MSC as we cross the 100 year mark of distinguished history; dating back to 1917 with the establishment of the Sanitary Corps. In recognition of this prestigious event, the Office of the Chief is planning an entire day of activities that will also include the traditional cake cutting ceremony. As is our custom, we will continue to highlight and facilitate your local birthday celebration events from around the globe.

On behalf of the entire Medical Service Corps, I want to congratulate the FY17 Iron Majors, Junior Officers, and CJ Ready Leadership Course selectees. I would also like to commend all of the officers who were selected for promotion, schools, and other training opportunities across the Corps. For those of you who have decided to retire, your service to this Corps, the Army Medical Department and the Army is much appreciated. I wish you well in your future endeavors!

I extend a personal thank you for your continued outstanding service and sacrifice to the Medical Service Corps, the AMEDD, and our great Army. Please continue to share your stories with us!

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

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

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## FY17 Iron Majors Week

On behalf of the Office of the Chief, Medical Service Corps, we are honored to announce the 2017 Medical Service Corps Iron Majors Week Selectees. Eight Active Duty Majors, one Reserve Component Major and one National Guard Major are invited to attend the event from 27-31 March 2017 in the National Capital Region. Congratulations on this outstanding achievement!

## Junior Officer Week

On behalf of the Office of the Chief, Medical Service Corps, we are honored to announce that 10 junior officers were selected to attend the 2017 Medical Service Corps Junior Officer Week. All individuals, to include one Reserve Component and one National Guard officer, are invited to attend the event from 1-5 May 2017 in the National Capital Region. Congratulations on this outstanding achievement!

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## FY17 COL(Ret) CJ Reddy Leadership Course

On behalf of the Office of the Chief, Medical Service Corps, we are honored to announce that two junior officers were selected to attend the 2017 Army Nurse Corps sponsored event, the COL(Ret) CJ Reddy Leadership Course. The two individuals are invited to attend the event from 3-7 April 2017 in the National Capital Region. Congratulations on this outstanding achievement!

## Branch Night, West Point

On Branch Night, 17 November 2017, cadets learned which of the Army's 17 branches they would be serving in for at least the next eight years. The buildup to this event is long and can be mentally taxing. Through military science courses, summer training events (particularly Cadet Troop Leader Training), and the annual "Branch Week" displays, cadets learn about the various equipment and duties involved with each branch. According to this year's satisfaction rates, the Branch Education and Mentorship Program is meeting its goals: 78 percent of cadets in the Class of 2017 received their top branch choice and 97 percent received one of their top five choices. Congratulations to the 19 cadets that branched Medical Service Corps!

MG Patrick D. Sargent, 18th Chief, MSC, attended the West Point Branch Night to congratulate the newly branched MSC cadets. During his visit, he had the opportunity to meet with the Army Football Team Sports Medicine staff.



## Tribute to a Fallen Officer...



LT Emily Perez graduated in the top 10 percent of her class and notably became the first minority female Cadet Command Sergeant Major in the history of The United States Military Academy at West Point. In the fall of 2005 she deployed to Iraq serving as a Medical Service Corps officer. At age 23, 2LT Perez became the first female West Point graduate to die in Iraq when a makeshift bomb exploded near her Humvee during combat operations with the 204th Forward Support Battalion in Al Kifl on Sept. 12,

2006.

The Smithsonian's National Museum of African American History and Culture opened on 24 September 2016 in Washington, D.C. and honors 2LT Emily Perez as part of their Military Exhibit. Along with her picture and 4th ID statue, both Emily's student bible and her saber are on display which was intentionally done to depict her love for God- the Word is sharper than a two edge sword. You can see her exhibit on the 3rd floor of the museum.



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## **Kharkiv Military Hospital**

The military Hospital is a large campus with multiple surgical and diagnostic capabilities and represents the major tertiary and receiving hospital facility throughout Ukraine. This is not only the core military resource hospital for the region, it is also in charge of medical resupply. Its supports five major hubs: Kharkiv, Voltan, Chernisia, Cherne Raj and Desna. Kharkiv Region boasts general, trauma, neuro, thoracic, abdominal, urology and hand surgical capability. There are approximately 150 doctors on site, 475 beds and one 16-slice Computed Tomography (CT). There are no Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI), x-ray (not for in-theatre or surgical use), ultrasound, or labs to include biochemistry, immunology and hematology. It was estimated by the medical director that roughly 60% of patients coming out of the Area of Tactical Operations (ATO) are sent to this facility.

Malyshev Factory, formerly the Kharkiv Locomotive Factory, is a state-owned manufacturer of heavy equipment in Kharkiv, Ukraine. It was named after the Soviet politician Vyacheslav Malyshev. The factory is part of the State Concern UkrOboronProm (Ukrainian Defense Industry). It produces diesel engines, farm machinery, coal mining, sugar refining, and wind farm equipment. It is best known, however for its production of Soviet tanks, including the BT tank series of fast tanks, the famous T-34 of the Second World War, the Cold War T-64 and T-80, and their modern Ukrainian successor, the T-84.



1LT Bryan Lunn, Aide-de-Camp to the CG, Regional Health Command-Europe and USAREUR Command Surgeon, poses in front of a tank that is currently being refurbished/updated and will ultimately be pushed back into the ATO.

## **Conquering the GRE!**

Scholar Warriors consistently strive to become well-rounded Soldiers and leaders. Whether it's a Master's or a PhD you are pursuing, the GRE or GMAT is required for Long Term Health Education and Training (LTHET). In Academic Year (AY) 2015, the Medical Service Corps offered 96 separate programs of study and 183 starts, with only a 75% fill rate. The greatest obstacle for applicants was the failure to obtain the minimal score on the GRE/GMAT. While not everyone is a standardized test taker, there are other ways to help you prepare such as online reviews and prep courses. The top 4 prep courses for 2017 include the Kaplan Review, Princeton Review, Manhattan Prep and PowerScore. These courses offer self-paced books, online tutorials, web conferences, and face to face learning to meet your educational needs. Between job assignments and families, timing also plays a critical role. Therefore, it is imperative to develop your five year plan to be able to 'predict' the best time for you to apply for LTHET. Many schools/programs offer graduate programs without GRE completion, however, LTHET requires either the GRE/GMAT to have been completed successfully. **BLUF:** Take the time to do your research before becoming discouraged. Remember, an officer in the right place, at the right time, with the right skill qualification can set him or her apart in terms of promotion and potential.