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### **GLWACH gets \$140,000 in MEDCOM awards**

**FORT LEONARD WOOD, Mo.** – General Leonard Wood Army Community Hospital placed first in the Western Region, and second in Medical Command netting a \$140,000 award at the 2012 Military Health System Conference held Jan. 30 through Feb. 2.

GLWACH leadership attended the conference at the Gaylord National Convention Center in National Harbor, MD., and returned with an oversized check for the combined \$80,000 and \$60,000 for inpatient and outpatient service awards, respectively, in the bedded facilities category.

"GLWACH was recognized for nearly 20 percent growth in both inpatient and outpatient productivity," said Col. Kirk Eggleston, GLWACH commander. "That means we provided 20 percent more care to our Soldiers, retirees and their Family members. This level of increase requires the combined dedication, creativity, hard work, and caring of the entire hospital team. No section or individual could have done this alone," said Eggleston.

"The MEDCOM Winter Performance Award money is significant because it recognizes the outstanding work and achievements of the GLWACH team and allows us to further invest in our 'system of health' for our patients and all other stakeholders," said Maj. Walter Hawkins, GLWACH Resource Management Division Chief.

The 2012 Military Health System Conference provided a platform for the Military Health Team to share knowledge and best practices, according to the conference website.

The overall conference agenda reflected the current portfolio of strategic initiatives designed to achieve Quadruple Aim Performance Goals by improving medical readiness, health care, and population health, while responsibly managing costs. By engaging approximately 4,000 MHS leaders, and providing them with the tools to harness the power of an additional 130,000 MHS health care professionals, better execution of MHS initiatives can achieve breakthrough performance, the website stated.

"The Military Health System is not immune to the budget cuts taking place across the U.S. government, so this additional funding mitigates some of the limitations being encountered due to the reductions in spending", Hawkins said.

"The money is nice, but the true value of this accomplishment is measured by the people whose lives were improved by our efforts," Eggleston said.

For more information, contact the General Leonard Wood Army Community Hospital at 573-596-9632.

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