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Corps Chief's Message



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From time to time, we need to take a break from our focus on work in order to appreciate the results of our efforts. This quarter, SGDetails does just that for the Air Force Dental Service, by highlighting our accomplishments. With a nod to social media, we have invited each clinic to share their successes in the form of a "tweet."

At this time of year, we certainly focus on educational accomplishments. It is, after all, graduation season and our residents and hygienists continue to represent us proudly with their honors and recognitions. We also know that each of you continue to work hard through achieving success in the dental care provided to our patients and in the professional development of our airmen.

We have a few members of our staff at SG1 and AFMOA departing this summer: Col Allen, Col Moritz, Col Montellano, and Lt Col Curry. Thank you for devoting your professional skills to the betterment of our Air Force. To all, I hope you have the opportunity to take some leave this summer while enjoying the fruits of your accomplishments. Please make safety your first priority

and continue to look out for your Wingmen!

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A Message from the Chief



CMSgt Carolyn Regan
Career Field Manager,
Dental Services

Greetings from San Antonio, I hope everyone is having a great summer. I'm excited to focus this article on **accomplishments of our enlisted personnel** because we have so many people doing great things each and every day.

I want to start with **SSgt Keesha Green** stationed at Lackland AFB, TX. (right photo). She was recognized by the Lackland Chief's Group as an "Exceptional Performer." I know many bases have these types of awards and SSgt Green is an example of one of our many enlisted members being recognized at the wing level for their outstanding performance. Well done!!!



Sometimes our accomplishments aren't in the dental arena but are still worthy of mentioning. **SMSgt Randy Lightsey**, stationed at Yokota AB Japan competed during the Armed Forces Bowling Tournament. He was a member of the Air Force team that came in 1st place. Great job!

One group of folks that deserve recognition for their accomplishments are: **TSgt McCain** at Barksdale AFB, LA, **MSgt Lisa Lund**, **Ms. Bridget Meyers** at Peterson AFB, CO and **SrA Lacey Magill** at AF Academy, CO. They all served as 2011 ADAA delegates and have taken the initiative to partner with their local ADAA chapters. They attended their local meetings, participated in continuing education and strengthened relationships with our civilian counterparts. This year's 2012 ADAA delegates are: **MSgt Francesca Seehausen**, **MSgt Cassandra Henderson**, **MSgt Yolanda Mickens**, **TSgt Marsha Pitts**, **TSgt Richard McCain**, **TSgt Odette Ramgeet**, **SSgt Alexander Pelante**, **A1C Scott Cross**, **A1C Morgan Rentfrow** and **SrA Krystle Lewis-Wayne**. These individuals are charged with representing and staying attuned to the needs of Air Force dental assistants.

MSgt Eric Anderson is another of our outstanding performers, who for the past two years, served as the Air Force Dental Hygiene Consultant. He was a mentor to our active duty hygienists and worked towards defining the roles of active duty hygienists and improving communication within the career field. He will be missed! **MSgt Crystal Jarvis** was selected as the next Dental Hygiene Consultant. Additionally, she is PCSing to Lackland AFB to take over as the OPA Course Director. Her exceptional duty performance, extensive experience as an active duty hygienist and demonstrated leadership earned her the selection as the newest consultant and I know she is ready for the challenge of both these roles.

Another group of individuals who deserve recognition are all dental assistant and dental laboratory instructors who work hard each and every day to make sure our clinics and labs receive the best trained Airmen. Thanks for all you do! Finally, with all our focus on certification, I don't want to forget our many certified lab techs and dental assistants. The AFDS currently has **41 Certified Dental Assistants (CDAs)** and **38 Certified Dental Technicians (CDTs)**. For all of you who have taken the extra step to become certified, you deserve special recognition for setting the example. You realize how important certification is to elevating the standard of care we provide our patients.

Don't forget, **all dental assistants** are now taking the Infection Control and Radiation Health and Safety certification examinations during technical training. I charge our clinic leaders to encourage these Airmen to continue their path towards certification. The ideal time for them to continue certification testing is right after they have completed their 5-level upgrade.

Our enlisted vectoring continues to be a successful. From last year's EDT, we have been able to fill seven MSgt leadership positions using our "vectored list" ensuring we are getting the right person in the right job at the right time! We will continue to vector all our MSgt and MSgt selects at our next Enlisted Development Team this fall.

I was only able to highlight a few of the many exceptional performers but I know we have many more. I want to close with thanking everyone for your professionalism, hard work and dedication in making the Air Force Dental Service such a great organization. Keep doing what you do and enjoy your summer!



"Tweet" Success

Air Force Dental Service Accomplishments



7 AMDS (Dyess) Implemented Tm Dentistry; visits up 11%/Dental Class 1 70%; 1st time f/Dyess--beat AF goal 5%; 97% readiness/830 prsnl deployed/ 0 delays-only 1% req AOR care



10 DS (USAF) Hosted a dental CE day in March. Invited docs from Ft Carson, Peterson AFB, and retired military dentists for table clinics, lunch & great CE.

18 DS (Kadena) 18 DS leads the way in Airmen professional development with CLEP PREP seminars--99% pass rate! 12 Graduated CCAF this year!

21 DS (Peterson) Resounding success of 41st Area Dental Laboratory Workshop hosted by the Peterson ADL,39 hands on courses/24 lectures/274 attendees, an \$800K educational value

31 DS (Aviano) Supported Libya Ops/Mali dental trng mission; launched nicotine cessation prgm/Facebook pg/1st Aviano Dental Seminar; 100% CFC participation

35 DS (Misawa) Neither earthquakes, tsunamis nor resultant 3 weeks on generator power slowed this dental juggernaut -2x MDG annual, 3x MAJCOM AFMS winners!

52 DS (Spangdahlem) Forged on-site care 260 PRP Amn @ 2 GSUs; rcv'd SecDef Special Rec Awd; rdy'd 873 OOD deployers in 96 hrs; treated 297 kids @ 3 wknd clinics

56 DS (Luke) @56DS suppt'd humanitarian msn 4 #OpAlabamaBlackBelt; tx 8.2K ppl/generat'd \$600K. Worked #56FWAmnsAttic/96hrs/32AD; kept pgm alive. #Swag.

59 DG (Lackland) State of the art Postgraduate Dental School - educational flagship! AF's Stereolithography lab - global support! Dentally process 40K BMTs/yr

66 MDS (Hanscom) Joined w/USA to tx 4 MWD w/oral trauma received in AOR / DNA cheek swabs/bite ID - 175 children / Fabricated face masks on 3 deployers; all mbrs RTD/Fly status

75 DS (Hill) Outstanding HSI/AAAHC '11; AFMC Medium DC '11; MDG/ABW Tm '11; Striving for excellence in patient care and in all we do!

78 DS (Robins) 1st vol Habitat for Humanity/helped construct \$50K home. Sra Justin Re-scina handpicked to escort 78 ABW CC / Emmanuel Cruz designed 78 MDG webpage/FB page

95 MDOS (Edwards) Process Improvement for pre-procedure site marking: Dev Blue Local Tx Planning Form w/ tooth diagram, eliminates need to continually erase and bring forward





"Tweet" Success

Air Force Dental Service Accomplishments



96 DS (Eglin) Winning hearts/teeth Army 7th SFG soldiers--best dentistry ever! Assisted Hurlburt dental; decreased PSC referrals by 10%/treated 570 dental patients

366 AMDS (Mountain Home) Sq deactivated-- LtC Reynolds - CDS. MSgt Boyles - AMDS Sup. MSgt Padilla out of lab - NCOIC. SSgt Belgarde - our rep at DANB. 3 docs into residency

375 DS (Scott) Ten dental tm mbrs, to include 3 AEGD residents, volunteered/completed humanitarian deployment to Honduras 28 May - 9 June...1,178 patients/1,554 extractions

377 DS (Kirtland) Extracted \$750K in ADDP savings compared to last year...kicked NSI in the teeth scoring a "SAT" for the wing and no discrepancies for MDG PRP

423 MDS (Upwood) USAFE's largest LSMTF, dental sup for 3 installations/6.5K beneficiaries/ Sports day—supported med staff/physicals for >80 children, handed out 45 mouth guards

470 ABS (Geilenkirchen) 190 rated personnel; sup AWACS NATO msn in Libya & Afghanistan-- 99.5% flyers rdy/Opened access 2 PRP GSU bases; 1st dentist to attend Lead CMA training

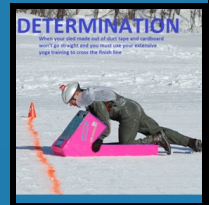
509 MDOS (Whiteman) AFGSC Med Dental Clinic OTY '10 & '11/Regina Civilian Assoc OTY 509 MDG/509 BW/2 individuals awarded CCAF/SrA Coleman&SrA Poling-Achievement Awd at BOH

579 DS (Bolling) SSgt Chris T. Pearson 2012 American Legion Spirit of Service winner #Air ForceLevel #WOW #Bolling Prev Dent Team of the Quarter #AFDW #MajCom #Bolling

628 AMDS (Charleston) Hails Maj Courtney Schapira as first ever Dental Advisor to the Afghan Hospital. She played a vital role in bringing the Afghan facility into the 21st century.



673 DS (Elmendorf) Starships Were Meant To Fly; Col Cocklin thought he could too! He competed in the Cardboard Sledge Race/won 1st place for best costume.



779 DS (Andrews) Home to Air Force 1, AF dental Corp Chief, & largest AF aeromedical staging facility-- youngest residency program/oldest AF clinic, rocked NCR tri-service conference



Message from AF Dental Corps Director



Col James King currently serves as the Director of the Air Force Dental Corps and Chief, AFMS, Recruitment/Force Sustainment Division

Greetings from the Defense Health Headquarters Building and the National Capital Region. Having arrived 3 weeks ago, I am glad to be here to represent you as your new Dental Corps Director. Col Roosevelt Allen has moved over to AETC and let me say what a great job he has done in looking out for your interests. Keeping focused on the future by ensuring the continued development of the Air Force Dental Corps is critical during these lean economic times. We need to continue to be smart in how we take care of our most important assets, each of you. My goal is to continue to improve on our force development opportunities.

In keeping with the theme of this SGDetails, there have been numerous accomplishments over the past several years which have affected many of you. As was mentioned in the last newsletter, our new AEGD Residents participated in the first Resident Leadership Course, getting them ready for their first assignment after their initial year of training. Over the last several years, our AEGD programs grew to absorb the increase in HPSP sponsored dental accessions. With their residency graduations this summer, a fresh, energetic crop of dental professionals are headed to your bases.

The other opportunity for our dental CGOs concerns military education. The first in-residence developmental education (DE) training slots for SOS/BDE were made available to our CGOs this year. This is a great opportunity that has not been afforded to our new dental officers. For our more senior dental officers, additional opportunities to attend SDE in residence and fellowship

equivalency have been approved. It is important to plan early to complete your rank appropriate DE as you meet education, promotion and command boards.

The spring Dental Developmental Team met in May and reviewed Airman Developmental Plans (ADP), SURFs and OPRs to vector officers for clinical, academic and leadership paths. Make sure your ADP is up-to-date and discuss it with your commanders! I also hope you took advantage of the post DT Telecon that took place. Both NCO and Officer developmental programs help make our Corps strong and prepare our future leaders. Speaking of that, command opportunities were also discussed at the DT. Squadron and Group command positions need our best leaders. Prepare now and review your records so they reflect your qualifications. Information should be provided soon on group command opportunities.

Clinical education and training continues to be available to those interested in furthering their development. The Air Force has world class training programs. Make sure you are aware of application deadlines and prepare your packages well in advance. The Graduate Dental Education Board will be meeting in October in conjunction with the Fall DT.

Pays are almost a daily subject here in the office and we will continue to work on your behalf. FY13 pay plans are on track and contracts are on schedule to be posted at the KX site in September. The Consolidated Pay Plans (CSP) program continues to mature so please let us know if you have any questions. The Active Duty Health Professions Loan Repayment Program (ADHPLRP) continues to be popular. This plan is generally for two years and has a \$40,000 dollars per year maximum. Those officers with less than a 4-yr HPSP may be eligible.

Look for opportunities to broaden your horizons. Professional military education, clinical specialty training, Dental Leadership Course (DLC), IES, JMESI Healthcare Management Course, Interagency Institute for Healthcare Executives, and fellowships are all available for your career development. I look forward to helping you achieve your goals. My contact number here is 703-681-6845, DSN 761, jamese.king@pentagon.af.mil.

Message from AFMOA/SGD



Col Grant Hartup is the Director of Air Force Dental Operations, Dental Directorate, AFMOA/SGD

I am pleased that this issue of SGDetails focuses on “celebrating our accomplishments.” As a former commander and member of the Air Staff, I believe that people often have a tendency to focus on what’s wrong within an organization. They don’t spend enough time focusing on what’s positive and celebrating their successes. Make no mistake—the United States Air Force Dental Service is arguably the finest large group practice in the world—bar none! Our record of achievement in the delivery of quality oral health care, establishment of oral health and readiness for our patients, provision of unmatched postdoctoral education/career development for our people and steadfast support to the Line of the Air Force are unsurpassed! Lest this be construed as an “opinion,” let’s take a look at our numbers as of 1 June 2012:

We should all be justifiably proud of these accomplishments and take time to celebrate them. It is particularly noteworthy that our in-house care has increased (both patient encounters and DWVs provided), while our use of the private sector has been reduced by over 10%. While perhaps this was to be expected with improvement in our manning, it’s great to see it come to fruition! Well done!

Work certainly remains to be accomplished, and there are always ways to improve the quality of our practice and the way we deliver care. AFMOA/SGD will be standing by to meet the challenge. Thanks for all you do—and congratulations!

AFDS Status Report: 1 June 2012

SHARP:

Satisfaction:

2nd Qtr 2011: 95.4%
2nd Qtr 2012: 97.0%

Health: 31 May 2012

Overall Class 1 = 64.3%
Flyers Class 1 = 73.3%

Access:

General Dentistry
May 2011: 11.5 days
May 2012: 13.8 days
Specialist:
May 2011: 12.1 days
May 2012: 14.7 days

Readiness: 31 May 2012

Class 1 + 2 = 93.2%
Flyers Class 1 + 2 = 97.6%

Productivity/Private Sector Utilization:

DWV comparison
1 Jun 11—31 May 12 = 381.6M DWVs
3.9% increase over same period year prior (+14.4M DWVs)

Patient encounters
1 Jun 11—31 May 12 = 1.5M encounters
7% increase over same period year prior (+103K encounters)

Total Private Sector Care
1 Jun 11—31 May 12 = \$34.2M
12.8% reduction versus same period year prior (-\$4.9M)

DTF Referred Private Sector Care only
1 Jun 11—31 May 12 = \$26.2M
9% reduction versus same period year prior (-4.6M)

Total Dental Manpower (All Panels):

FY14:

O = 949
A = 2,121
C = 521
K = 62 (MTF Funded)
K1 = 233 (HQ Centrally Funded)
Total = 3886

FY13:

O = 949
A = 2,121
C = 526
K = 64
K1 = 233 (HQ Centrally Funded)
Total = 3893

Dental Ops Panel TOA:

FY 13: \$66,368,248
FY 14: \$67,088,322

SG3D Update: Dental Programs and Resources



Col Bannister is the Director of Dental Programs and Resources, HAF/SG3D



Welcome from the NCR and our new location, the Defense Health Headquarters, affectionately known as the DHHQ (yes, another acronym to remember). This campus offers many advantages in that the

Air Force, Army, Navy and TMA Health Care leaders are now co-located, facilitating communication and face to face interaction. It's hard to believe I've been in the seat almost 2 months, but in keeping with this SGDetails theme of "accomplishments," I've managed to: 1-get through the FY14 POM cycle without losing all of our people and money with less than a week to prepare for the AFMS wide panel presentations (thanks to wonderful partners both here and at AFMOA); 2-find my way out of the DHHQ at the end of the day (something you will understand when you stop by to visit); and 3-reacquaint with comfortable shoes as I explore the many amazing sites that DC has to offer.

I must admit I've been drinking from a fire hose to take over the responsibilities for a \$68.8M budget and 3408 manpower authorizations. As alluded to above, part of my job is to work the dental PPB portion of the AFMS PPBE (planning, programming, budgeting, and execution). In other words, planning future needs with help from AFMOA and the field, programming/prioritizing needs and deciding where to accept future risk, and budgeting for what we are able to put resources against now. Because the process takes a significant amount of time, we have to be strategic by anticipating our needs several years in advance. As chance would have it, my arrival to the NCR was "perfect"...Col Tom Grace had retired and departed several weeks prior and we were 5 duty days away from the most important part of the POM (Program Objective Memorandum). In short, the POM is a budget exercise in which we change the contents of the FYDP (Future Years Defense Plan) through disconnects, initiatives, and offsets. That means, I needed to brief the AFMS Senior Leadership on Dental Corps requirements while convincing them they were important enough to resource.

So what does this mean to you? We just finished the FY14 POM which will now be passed to OSD and incorporated into the FY14 President's Budget. So far, we appear to have successfully been able to push our initiatives and manning shifts forward to the next level. Unfortunately, though, this is a never ending cycle. We will get our Surgeon General guidance for next year's POM in the July/August timeframe and start the whole process over again. The key to a successful POM is communication...communication from flight commanders to squadron commanders, squadron commanders to group commanders, group commanders to MAJCOMs and our team at AFMOA, and obviously communication to your SG3D team of one (me!). It is my job to make sure that our requirement requests are valid and then work to incorporate our dental priorities into those of the rest of the AFMS. This communication starts with all of you. All leaders at the operational level must know their programs and how to balance resources to maximize capabilities. If you don't understand the current manpower standard, ask! Be sure you know what authorizations (spaces) are in your Unit Manpower Document (UMD). Understand that your UMD is different than your Unit Personnel Management Roster (UPMR) which reflects the "faces." When you help build your budget, know what you cost and be sure to track it. Remember to track EVERYTHING including equipment, supplies, utilities, automatic data processing equipment, personnel, facility costs, and TDYs.

Bottom line, prioritize resources...they are limited, maximize capabilities, know what's "most dear", and eliminate inefficiencies. Even as a graduated Residency Training Officer, Squadron Commander, and Group Commander (both stateside and deployed), I can honestly say there are parts of this process I didn't understand. Please remember that we never stop learning! Whether it is through PME, OJT, or DoD sponsored courses (I just went through a week of PPBE), all knowledge helps us to do our jobs better. In return, this helps the Airmen who work with us and ultimately the patients we strive to serve. I am here to help, and welcome the opportunity to work one on one with anyone who would like to know more!

Air Force Post Graduate Dental Education

June is traditionally a festive month for those assigned to the 59th Dental Group. Along with the anticipation of summer leave and spending quality family time, there is a small group of dentists and their families that have an additional reason to celebrate.

The 20th through 22nd of June was graduation week for 26 Air Force Comprehensive Dentistry, Endodontics, Maxillofacial Prosthetics, Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery, Orthodontics, Periodontics, and Prosthodontics residents and fellows. Major General Caron arrived on Tuesday in order to speak at the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for the recently opened Air Force Postgraduate Dental School and Clinic. That ceremony was conducted on 20 June and is described in a separate article in this edition of SGTDetails.

The resident graduation ceremony was preceded by continuing education lectures given by multiple residents, which showcased some of the best presentations given over the past academic year as part of the 59th Dental Group Senior Resident Lecture Series. The session began with Major General Caron coining Major James Piper (2012 Joseph A. Barron Award nominee), Capt Sara Cushen (Academy of Prosthodontics Research Competition winner), Capt Andrew Baker (2012 John F. Prichard Graduate Research Award winner), and Capt Peter Pedalino (2011 John F. Prichard Graduate Research Award winner). Following a poster presentation session given by the residents, Dr. Robert Langlais, former Air Force Civilian Consultant for Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology for over 20 years, delivered the first lecture. At the conclusion of his lecture, Maj General Caron presented Dr. Langlais with the Exemplary Civilian Service Medal.

The Graduation Ceremony celebrating residents and their families was held on Thursday evening, as 26 happy graduates walked the stage and received certificates of completion for their specialty training. This year's class put together an impressive record of accomplishments. Included in their long list of successes were: 21 Masters of Science degrees earned, 100% pass-rate on board exams challenged, 5 Humanitarian Deployments supported, 64 lecture presentations delivered, 31 manuscripts and abstracts submitted for publication, and 5 research competitions won. Dental Corps Chiefs or their representatives from the Army, Navy, and Canadian Forces Dental Services were in attendance to help award diplomas to graduates from their respective service. In addition, Major General, USA (retired), Patrick Sculley, Executive Dean of the Postgraduate Dental College for the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences (USUHS) awarded Masters of Science Degrees in Oral Biology to graduates of the Comprehensive Dentistry and Tri-service Orthodontics Residency Programs. This group of 15 graduates was the first to be awarded Masters Degrees under the 2010 collaboration between the 59th Medical Wing and USUHS.

The highlight of the ceremony was Major General Caron's delivery of the keynote graduation address, sharing his congratulations and best wishes to graduates and family members. He also gave his thoughts on service and leadership opportunities that will undoubtedly be available to our graduates during their careers. He ended his remarks with an invitation to the grads and families to join him the following day at the Basic Military Trainee (BMT) Graduation Parade. The following day, over 80 graduates, family members and 59th Dental Group teaching staff attended the BMT graduation parade and watched the Air Force's newest Airmen, their future patients, march with pride and take the oath of enlistment.

The event was a fitting conclusion to a week that highlighted new beginnings for an Air Force clinic dedicated to excellence in education and graduates, both officers and enlisted, that represented our future Air Force leaders.



Comprehensive Dentistry Class

Front: Lt Col Todd Lincoln, Maj William Dickson, Maj Peggy Dickson, Lt Col Anthony Presicci, Lt Col Inaam Pedalino, Rear Admiral Elaine Wagner (USN Dental Corps Chief)
Back: Maj Gen Gerard Caron, Maj Christopher Nuttall, Maj Michael DiFelice, Maj Nicholas DuVall, Lt Col Andrew Stoy, LCDR Harold Zald, Maj Gen USA (retired) Patrick Sculley



Maj Gen Caron, Maj Gen USA (retired) Patrick Sculley, Major David Servello (Tri-service Orthodontics Residency Program Graduate), Maj Gen Byron Hepburn (59 MDW/CC)

Thomas R. Schneid, Col, USAF, DC
Dean, Graduate Dental Education
59th Dental Group

Air Force Post Graduate Dental School and Clinic

LACKLAND AIR FORCE BASE, Texas – On 20 June 2012, Airman First Class Chelsea Huff, the youngest airman in the 59th Dental Group, marked a new era in Air Force Dental Service education, training, and operational dentistry as she cut the ribbon spanning the main entrance of the Air Force Post Graduate Dental School and Clinic. The new 32,000-square foot state of the art facility replaces the venerable MacKown Dental Clinic built in 1965. The new building houses the USAF's Graduate Dental Education Programs for Endodontics, Maxillofacial Prosthetics, Periodontics, Prosthodontics, and the Tri-Service Orthodontic Residency Program. Additionally, the general dentistry clinic is located in the south wing of the building. Dunn Dental Clinic on the west side of base will continue to house the Advanced Education in General Dentistry Two Year Program, base dental services, and will welcome the Advanced Oral Hygiene Program relocating from Kelly Dental Clinic.

Some of the Air Force Post Graduate Dental School and Clinic's highlights include sixty-nine treatment rooms, 5400 square feet of laboratory space which includes the Brig Gen Theodore Almquist Medical Modeling center, and the MacKown Conference Room. The new conference room will allow the 59th Dental Group to accommodate in-house residency lectures, the weekly Senior Resident Lecture Series, and thirteen centrally funded continuing education courses that graduate over 250 DOD dentists per year.

While patient care started in mid-April of this year, the June ceremony commemorated the official opening. Major General Byron Hepburn, Commander, 59th Medical Wing, officiated the ceremony and hailed the day as one of celebration and thanked everyone involved in the development of the new 38 million dollar facility including the Army Corp of Engineers, J.E. Dunn Construction, DOD colleagues in Washington DC, and congressional leaders in San Antonio for their contributions. Distinguished guest Major General Gerard Caron, Commander, 79th Medical Wing and Assistant Surgeon General for Dental Services also spoke. Maj Gen Caron recollected the conceptual birthing process of the building in 2001 when he served as the 59th Dental Squadron Commander and related some of the stepping stones along the path to completion. "Today I am enjoying the rarest of all blessings that could possibly come to a senior military commander, and that is to actually see a project that I had some hand in starting actually finish... For me to be here today is a tremendous thrill." Major General Caron expressed his thanks to all those who came after him for their part in "advancing the organization 10 yards" at a time. In personally thanking the members of the MacKown family in attendance, he added he felt the Air Force Post Graduate Dental School honored not only Colonel John L. MacKown, but also served to "remember all residents, program directors, and dental educators who made their mark on improving the dental health of our Air Force."

Additional distinguished guests in attendance included Major General Patrick Sculley, Senior Vice President, University Programs and Executive Dean, Postgraduate Dental College, Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences; Rear Admiral Elaine Wagner, Commander Navy Medicine East, Commander Naval Medical Center Portsmouth, Chief Navy Dental Corps; Brigadier General Gary Murray, Retired Assistant Surgeon General for Dental Services; Colonel James McClain, Vice Commander, 59th Medical Wing; Chief Master Sergeant Rick Robinson, 59th Medical Wing Command Chief Master Sergeant; Colonel Craig Willard, representing Major General Ted Wong, Chief of the Army Dental Corps, Commander of Southern Regional Medical Command, Commander Brooke Army Medical Center; Col Retired Carlos Esquivel, Chief of Dental Services, Veteran Administration, South Texas Veterans Healthcare System; Lieutenant Colonel Dwayne Lemon, representing Colonel James Taylor, Canadian Defense Forces Dental Corps Chief; Mr. Terry Dunn, President and CEO of J.E. Dunn Construction; Dr. Ronald Rupp, representing the American Dental Education Association; Dr. Maxine Feinberg, representing the American Dental Association; Dr. Lisa Masters, Honorary 59th Dental Group Commander; Mrs. Molly MacKown and members of the MacKown family.

Immediately following the ribbon cutting ceremony Major General Sculley unveiled the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences plaque in the main lobby surrounded by all guests in attendance.



Standing in the window-fronted two storied lobby as the sheet fell from the plaque, the future looked bright for Air Force Dental Education to this Airman.



Clifton W. Bailey, Maj, USAF, DC
Director, Operative Dentistry, AEGD-2
Dunn Dental Clinic, Lackland AFB TX



(left to right) A1C Chelsea Huff, Maj Gen Gerard Caron, Maj Gen Byron Hepburn, CMSgt Richard Robinson



Upcoming Graduate Education Selection Board

The 2012 USAF Graduate Dental Education Selection Board will convene on 22 Oct 2012. There are 15 programs accepting applicants for specialty training this year for training starts in 2013 and 2014. The authorized funded and unfunded residency positions are as follows:

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Dental Education & Assimilation
Officer HQ AFPC/DPAMD

FUNDED RESIDENCY PROGRAMS

Residency Programs/ Fellowships	FY Starts	Total Residents	Prerequisites
Advanced Clinical Program in Implant Dentistry	FY 13	1	47G3 or 47G3C
Comprehensive Dentistry Residency (AEGD-2)	FY13	6	47G3, B, C or specialist
	FY14	6	
Dental Health Informatics Fellowship (AFIT)*	FY 13	1	47G3, B, C or specialist in the rank of O-5 or O-4
Masters of Public Health (International Health Specialist/ USUHS)*	FY 13	1	47G3, B, C or specialist
Hospital Dentistry Fellowship	FY 13	1	47G3A
	FY14	1	
Periodontics Residency	FY13	3	47G3, B, C or specialist
	FY14	4	
Prosthodontics Residency	FY13	4	47G3, B, C or specialist
	FY14	4	
Prosthodontics Residency (AFIT)*	FY13	2	47G3, B, C or specialist
Prosthodontist--Dental Materials Fellowship	FY13	1	47P3
Orthodontics Residency	FY13	2	47G3, B, C or specialist
	FY14	1	
Orofacial Pain Residency(AFIT)*	FY14	1	47G3, B, C or specialist
Endodontics Residency	FY14	4	47G3, B, C or specialist
Maxillofacial Prosthetics Fellowship	FY13	1	47P3
	FY14	1	
Pediatric Dentistry Residency (AFIT)*	FY14	3	47G3,B, C or specialist
In-residence Advanced Clinical Preceptorship, 1-year program (Graduates awarded AFSC of 47G3B)	FY13	5	47G3 or 47G3C
Dental Materials Fellowship (AFIT)*	FY14	1	47G3A

Upcoming Graduate Education Selection Board

AUTHORIZED BUT *UNFUNDED* RESIDENCY PROGRAMS

Residency Programs/ Fellowships	FY Starts	Total Residents	Prerequisites
Periodontics (AFIT)*	FY 14	1	47G3, B, C or specialist
Prosthodontics Residency (AFIT)*	FY 14	2	47G3, B, C or specialist
Prosthodontist--Dental Materials Fellowship	FY 14	1	47P3
Advanced Clinical Program in Implant Dentistry	FY 14	1	47G3 or 47G3C

**Applications are accepted, but board selectees enter training only if funding becomes available*

Please go to the Knowledge Exchange (KX) to get additional information on all of these wonderful educational opportunities.

https://kx.afms.mil/kxweb/dotmil/kj.do?functionalArea=Dental_Graduate_ContinuingEd

As a reminder, the 2012 Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Selection Board takes place on 13 July 2012. Results will be available in the next edition of SGDDetails. Be sure to notify me, Maj Shelrethia Battle-Siatita, if you plan to apply at the Fall Graduate Dental Education Selection Board. Applications are now available on the KX. Contact me by e-mail at shelrethia.battlesiatita.1@us.af.mil or by phone at (DSN: 665-0645 Comm: 210-565-0645) with questions.



2012 Dental Hygiene Graduations



(Left to Right) Col Roosevelt Allen, MSgt Denise Tobin, TSgt Susan Liebig, TSgt Elizabeth Kiernan, SSgt Amanda Colavlope, SSgt Claudia Pedorza, TSgt Tamara Hennis, and CMSgt Carolyn Regan

I would like to congratulate this year's nine Dental Hygiene graduates. As always our Air Force members do exceptionally well during their time as students and this year was no exception.

TSgt Denise Tobin received the Faith Van Professionalism Award for her can-do attitude, quiet confidence and friendly demeanor with her patients and fellow students.

TSgt Amanda Colavolpe and **TSgt Susan Liebig** were inducted into the Sigma Phi Alpha, National Dental Hygiene Honor Society based on their academic excellence, service, leadership and potential for professional growth. Membership is limited to 10% of each class.

SSgt Claudia Pedroza was awarded the first Tami Grzesikowski Visionary Award named in honor of Dean Grzesikowski whose dedication to the hygiene profession allowed the students to grow, feel confident and think beyond the classroom. This is awarded to the student who looks into the future to see something not as it is, but as it can become.

TSgt Catherine Ramiso received the Golden Scaler Award, which is given to the top graduate of each class.



Graduates (left to right) TSgt Catherine Ramiso, SSgt Joy Marr, and SSgt Breeanna Thompson

CMSgt Carolyn Regan
Career Field Manager, Dental Services

Expeditionary Dental Operations



Col Robert E. Langsten,
SG Dental Consultant
for Readiness,
Langley AFB VA

Greeting dental warriors! For this issue, I wanted to review some of the great steps forward the Air Force Dental Corps has made over the last few years in the field of expeditionary dentistry. Everything from the equipment we take to the field, the procedures we do, the places we go and the training we provide has changed dramatically in our recent history. These technological advances have brought cutting edge dental treatment to some of the most remote areas of the world and could not have been accomplished without the continuing work efforts from everyone in the AFDC.

Less than 5 years ago, the primary dental equipment we were using for expeditionary operations consisted of a large bulky compressor, foldable chairs and flashlights with instruments that were primarily extraction kits. Today we deploy to the field with compact dental units comparable to our in-garrison equipment. This has opened up our procedural capabilities and in many missions this year, the restorative and preventative procedures were almost as many as the extractions provided. In addition, sterilizers, infection control procedures and radiology instruments have improved. In some of the most remote areas, we are now using sterilization measures that no longer require cold sterile soaks. Instrument sterility, full PPE, and supply packaging for transportation have all lead to improvements for our patients and deployed providers. This summer, DDRS was completed at all deployed locations and all humanitarian missions had digital radiology. This huge capability has allowed us better diagnostics and safer treatment of any condition in an expeditionary environment. With the data collected from the EMEDS HRT deployment to Peru this summer, we will have proven field tested equipment that rivals equipment in any clinic across the Air Force resulting in true “trusted dental care anywhere”

Not only are our treatment capabilities increasing but thanks to the efforts of our International Health Specialist, we have better information about diseases in the areas where we deploy. For the last 2 years, the AFDC has had dentists working closely with over 26 nations to improve our understanding and cooperative efforts in improving global health. This year we established an International Masters in Public Health Program at USUHS that will train all future dental IHS folks prior to assignment in an operational billet. This program also counts towards in residence PME and promises to offer great potential in global dental health. I am currently working on trying to establish an enlisted dental position within the AF IHS program. As a first for the AFDS this month, through the coordinated efforts of LtCol Brett Chung, 13th AF, and East Meets West, I presented a lecture using video teleconferencing to Vihn Medical University in Vietnam as part of PACANGEL-Vietnam.



Lt Col Brett Chung at Vihn Medical University in Vietnam conducting an educational web cast during PacAngel mission.

This will hopefully open up the possibilities for future subject matter expert exchanges using current technologies for future humanitarian and operational missions.



SSgt Brylie Reeves, working in first field deployment of new EMEDS HRT— New Horizons Peru

For future operations we are working on surgical lasers, portable oxygen generation, reconstitutable IV fluids, realistic mannequin training and improved sheltering for expeditionary operations. It is an exciting time to be part of all this and the AFDC. Thanks to everyone who has been part of an expeditionary mission and keep the feedback, pictures and stories flowing through my office so we can continue to improve future missions! If you have any questions regarding expeditionary dental operations please contact anytime and thanks to everyone that has participated in an expeditionary mission. Your efforts have strengthened our service and corps while improving global dental health!

From Residency to Retirement Developing the Next AF Leader

I clearly remember my first day at Yokota Air Base, Japan when I met my new commander. Dressed in my nicely ironed service uniform with my one ribbon, I knocked on the door twice, entered his office, and then delivered a sharp salute while stating “reporting to duty.” I recently graduated from my AEGD-1 program so I was ready to use my newly acquired dental skills and be the best dentist possible. Unfortunately, my commander had other plans for me. Most of our discussion involved additional duties, career development, PME, mentorship opportunities, and my role as an officer. I proudly stated to my new commander **“I just want to be a dentist.”**

The reality is that every dentist- from our most junior dentist to our General- has had the “I just want to be a dentist” moment. We hear the words **“you are a leader”** and **“you are an officer”** but only fully appreciate the attached responsibilities as we progress through our careers. As a newly graduated resident, our primary expectation is to provide clinical care, but we quickly realize that has to be balanced with additional duties, PME, and other officer developmental opportunities.

To meet this need, the inaugural one-day Resident Leadership Course (RLC) was instituted at the Hinman and California Dental Meeting providing officer development for 86 AEGD-1 residents. This was a unique opportunity to train residents from 13 different AEGD-1 programs during a scheduled TDY, providing maximum benefit with minimum cost. The post-critique survey from the course was overwhelming positive with 98% of participants agreeing that the course will help them in their AF career.

From Airman to Chief and Captain to Colonel, our focused developmental courses are crucial in developing our next leaders. For our enlisted, the process of becoming a leader starts in Airman Leadership School and continues to Senior NCO Academy. For our officers and enlisted, we have the dental leadership and intermediate executive skills course to provide that additional leadership training. For our clinic commanders and other leaders, we offer CDS workshops, Squadron/Group Commander courses, and other advance senior leadership courses. These courses coupled with professional military education (PME) provide the foundation for future success.



AEGD Residents attended the Resident Leadership Course (RLC) at the California Dental Association meeting in Anaheim.

Accomplishing the task of providing officer development from residency to retirement, the newly developed residency leadership course completes the cycle by offering entry level training for our AEGD-1 residents. When our graduates meet their new commanders this summer, we still expect they will greet them with “I just want to be a dentist” but will quickly add “I’m also ready to be a leader and an officer.”

Lt Col Amar Kosaraju
Asst Chief, Senior Ldr Management Div
Associate Director, Dental Corps

Plans & Programs 2012



In April 2012, the Air Staff invited many of the AFDS leadership and all of our new Dental O-6s to Washington DC to be a part of Plans & Programs 2012. It was a great three days, packed full of informative lectures. This year, the focus was on leadership. Much of this discussions hinged on the responsibilities of being a Colonel, not just in the Dental Corps, but in the Air Force. The workshop was kick started by a briefing from the incoming Air Force Surgeon General, Major General Thomas Travis. Gen Travis gave an insightful look at what the future holds, concerning looming budget cuts and changes in AFMS governance. All of the speakers received rave reviews from the 29 participants. Topics included: AF Dental Corps Update by Col Allen, AFMOA overview by Col Hartup, IT/IM update by Lt Col Baez, Legal Issues for Senior Leaders by Lt Col Reiter, AFPC Update by Col Cunningham, Enlisted Overview by Chief Regan, Expeditionary Dentistry by Col Langsten, Dental Resourcing and Manpower by Col Bannister, and an Overview of the AFMS Flight Path by Col Allen. In addition, our new Air Force Dental Colonels were able to here from the Lt Col Donna Smith, of the Colonels Group, to try and understand that mysterious Col assignment process.

A definite highlight of the week was the excellent tour of the pentagon. Thanks to Lt Col Robert Peltzer, MSC. The group was able to get a rare visit to both the office of the Chief of Staff of the Air Force and the Secretary of the Air Force.

Another major highlight was spending Wednesday at Andrews AFB, where the group joined in on the NCR Tri-Service Dental Meeting to gain Dental CE hours and connect with friends and colleagues. The group also had the privilege to spend quality time with Major General Caron and be inspired by his vision for the AFDS and the expectations that come with being a Colonel. In addition, they had the opportunity to here from two experienced Squadron Commanders, Col John Kresin and Col Kevin Noall.



I have no doubt that this group of Colonels are now better prepared to assume the leadership responsibilities commensurate with their new rank and that benefits from this course will be seen across the AFDS for years to come.



Keith L. Clark, Lt Col, USAF, DC
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AGD - 60th Annual Meeting & Exhibits



Congratulations to the AF members that surmounted the difficulties of time and effort necessary to achieve the AGD Mastership, Fellowship, and the Lifetime Learning and Service Recognition Award. The awards were presented during the Annual Meeting held in Philadelphia, PA 21-24 June 2012. Congratulations to a well deserving Dr. Harry Richter for receiving the Lifetime Learning and Service Recognition Award. Doctors Brent McClenny, and Martin Giacobbi were named AGD Masters. Doctors Haeoh Choe, Amar Kosaraju, Dragos Stefan-Dogar, Shelrethia Battle-Siatita, Benjamin Gantt, and Christopher Jordan were awarded the prestigious Fellowship Award. These are impressive people receiving the recognition they deserve from the Academy.

The AF talent in teaching was manifested with the number of lectures given by AF experts in dental care. AF lecturers included: Col Chris Lauritzen (patient risk management/safety/infection control), Col William Dunn (restorative dentistry), Col(s) Bogart (oral medicine/oral pathology/pharmacology/medical emergencies), Col Mike Wajdowicz (esthetics), and Col Jon Dossett (biomaterials/fixed and removable prosthodontics), LtCol Amar Kosaraju (sample exam questions), Maj John Brewster (pediatric/orthodontics/special care dentistry), Maj Benjamin Gantt (dental imaging) and Maj Shelrethia Battle-Siatita (periodontics/implantology).



Pictured left to right: Maj Dragos Stefan-Dogar, Lt Col Martin Giacobbi, Maj Shelrethia Battle-Siatita, Lt Col Christopher Jordan, Lt Col Amar Kosaraju, and Maj Benjamin Gantt

Of course, there was time to enjoy ourselves in the beautiful City of Philadelphia. We all had an enjoyable time renewing friendships and gaining new acquaintances at the Region 17 Social held at the Fieidhouse Sports Bar. The food was delicious, the atmosphere was exciting, and the company was tremendous. Many of us also had a great time at the numerous events and socials enjoyed at the convention, to include the Fun run.

Col Chris Lauritzen, LtCol Martin Giacobbi, Capt Melissa Candella, and Capt Evan Yutaka Masunga served as delegates for the constituency and Col Grant Hartup flawlessly lead Region 17 as its director during the conference. I would like to congratulate our newly elected officers for Air Force region 17; LtCol Karyn McKinney, president elect and Major Shelrethia Battle Siatita, secretary. Be sure to make plans now to join us in Nashville, Tennessee for the Annual Meeting to be held 27-30 June 2013.

Martin F. Giacobbi, Lt Col, USAF, DC
355th Dental Squadron (ACC) SGD

DECS - the Year in Review



Col William Dunn
Commander, Dental Evaluation and Consultation Service

After a year of transition, moving from Great Lakes, IL to Brooks AFB, TX, and then again up the road to Ft. Sam Houston, DECS has found its home at the Institute for Surgical Research (ISR) on the San Antonio Military Medical Center (SAMMC) campus. Major changes have taken place: a large increase in providing assistance to dental graduate research to both the Air Force and the Army, an increased level of participation in animal research with the Army's Dental and Trauma Research Detachment (DTRD), increased participation in the American Dental Association's Standards Committee on Dental Products, and new official collaborations with the American Dental Association's Professional Product Review.

DECS is a \$5 million laboratory asset located on the grounds of the military's largest level I trauma center and DoD's only burn center and the largest medical training facility in the US. Much of our instrument inventory is the envy of most major universities and medical centers. This didn't happen overnight—through the efforts of Col Howard Roberts and Col Kraig Vandewalle, an impressive materials laboratory has grown since the early 2000's. Dental research and evaluations has taken on a new level of sophistication and DECS has kept pace with technology and evidence-based dentistry. One notable example includes an X-Ray Diffraction system used to perform qualitative phase analyses of various materials. This instrument is one of only a very few in the world with a 50 micron spot size for small scale materials characterization. For quantifying chemical composition and analyzing molecular structures, DECS uses both Mass Spectrometry and Fourier Transform Infrared Spectrometry (FTIR). With the recent addition of the state-of-the-art Spotlight Image Scope to the FTIR device, DECS is now able to perform two-dimensional surface mapping for molecular analysis. DECS Materials Laboratories also use Micro-Computed Tomography (Micro-CT) for generating high quality three-dimensional images and for determining specific characteristics of a wide variety of materials. In support of our global mission, we are also able to measure the effects that various environmental and storage conditions may have on product performance by using a custom-made environmental chamber. Performance studies of this type allow us to control parameters such as humidity, pressure and temperature to simulate the austere conditions that military and humanitarian operations may face. In total, there are over 30 technical instruments and devices in the DECS Materials Laboratory that provide unique and innovative capabilities which are fundamental to dental materials science.

The US Army collaborates with DECS on instrumental analysis issues related to animal research, specifically mandibular bone regeneration. This kind of joint collaboration with the Army and the 59th Medical Wing at Lackland is becoming commonplace. DECS has stepped up to chair three subcommittees on the ADA's Subcommittees on Dental Products. Currently, DECS scientists chair the subcommittees on dental units, chairs and stools, dental field units, and dental investments.

Finally, DECS and the American Dental Association signed a formal agreement to collaborate on dental product evaluations to be published in the Professional Product Review supplement to the Journal of the American Dental Association (JADA). Many thanks to all of the military installations who participated in this multi-site evaluation. We are currently evaluating Filtek Supreme, Scotchbond Universal, Onset anesthetic buffering system, SonicFill, Isolite systems, new Impregum impression material, Physics extraction forceps, Proximator oral surgical instruments, Planmeca's ProMax 3D Max cone beam CT, Kodak's 9300 3D cone beam CT, and non-electric field instrument sterilizers, plus a variety of equipment synopses and updates to our library of continuing education modules to ensure CERP compliance. Plus we have completed the first dental equipment survey since 2005 and the very first dental materials usage survey. These usage trends give the dental corps insight into what clinics are using.

Finally, we had an opportunity to promote Math and Science to middle school children as part of the Gains in Education in Math and Science (GEMS) program. DECS staff had the opportunity to educate 72 middle school children about dental research. This nationally recognized program will remain a part of the summer intern program at the ISR. We have been asked to reconstruct a crime scene for bite mark analysis at next year's program. We enjoy your emails and our aim is to personally answer every question you have. Let us know how we're doing!





Corporate Dental Application: Lot's Done, More to Come

TSgt Lisa Chloros, NCOIC, Air Force CDA

It's hard to believe that it has been a year since we transitioned to full CDA utilization. I think that we would all admit that entering workload into CDA has turned out to be much easier than we had all first imagined it would be. The 1 May 2011 transition from our 29-year-old system called DDS-W to CDA went smoothly, and the visibility on patient scheduling, workload, population health and readiness metrics we now have integrated into our system is tremendous. Additional data mining capabilities, patient history access, and report functionality has given us a broader view over our overall dental readiness and patient needs. We have experienced a transition to under 24-hour readiness reporting time to PIMR which impacts our AF mission globally. What a great achievement!

During our first calendar year of use, we captured the following AF totals in CDA: 1.4 million appointments; 3.6 million clinical procedures; 380 million DWVs; 1.1 million laboratory procedures; 2.8 million CLV's.

Although we are all doing a great job using CDA, the support office at AFMOA/SGD will continue to focus on the existing platform to make process improvements as we can. Process improvement ideas may come from leadership and CDA staff, but most importantly from YOU the users - you are the experts that use the program day-in and day-out. No, you may not know all the bells and whistles CDA has to offer, but you know what it takes to get your job done and if there is anything that we can do to expedite the process so that you can focus on the important stuff - like patients. Please feel free to share your ideas with us at any time.

If you have an idea you would like to submit to the CDA Team for consideration, please post it in the CDA Suggestion Box on the CDA Web Home Page - your idea will then be consolidated and reviewed for possible implementation. Remember: you, the user, are the key to CDA success!

UPDATED RESERVE COMPONENT

DENTAL CARE ELIGIBILITY FLOWCHART NOW AVAILABLE

A new flowchart and eligibility grid guiding dental clinic and ADDP care for Reserve and National Guard personnel has been published.

For further information go to: https://kx.afms.mil/kxweb/dotmil/file/web/etb_215496.pdf

AF Dental Digital Imaging Archive: A Milestone Reached

Col David Stanczyk, Chief, AF Medical Service Research & Innovations, AFMSA

Col Alan Moritz, Chief, Dental Support Division, AFMOA

We've come a long way since launching Air Force Digital Dental Radiology (DDR) in 2006. Since then, all 79 AF Active Duty dental clinics, all 43 AF Reserve clinics, and approximately 30 of the 89 Air National Guard clinics have deployed DDR. Since the very beginning, our ultimate goal has been to be able to take patient images at any DoD clinic (Army, Navy, or Air Force) to include deployed locations anywhere in the world, and make them available to the end user (you) in a timely manner, at any time, regardless of your location.

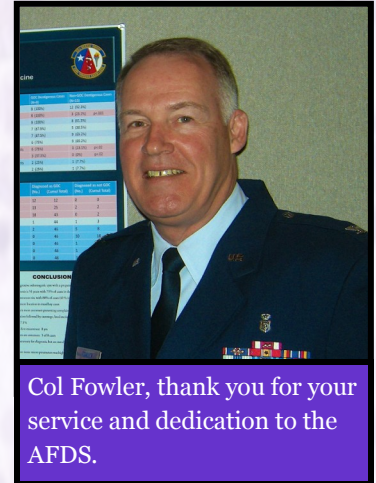
In February 2012, this vision took one step closer to becoming a reality when all Active Duty Air Force Dental Clinics were fully bi-directionally connected to the dental digital image archive server at Wright Patterson Air Force Base and began transmitting images from their local MiPACS servers to the archive as well as receiving images from the archive. Thirty-three AF Reserve clinics co-located with AD clinics are also automatically having their images transferred. The remaining AF Reserve clinics are non-located with AD clinics and have been connected to the backup archive at Robins AFB, however work is currently underway to connect these AF Reserve clinics to Wright Patterson. In addition we are connecting the ANG clinics as they come on line. Also, progress is being made in channeling images taken at deployed locations to the archive. Finally, the three services are actively working to get full access to each other's DDR systems so that no matter which military clinic sees a service member or beneficiary they have access to any existing digital radiograph - truly, worldwide access to images "Anytime and Anyplace."

According to Mr. Ed Gallacher, the Senior DDR Systems Administrator at Wright Patterson AFB who oversees the archive, the current server has a capacity of 16 Terabytes (one million million or 10^{12} bytes of data) with about 7 Terabytes of space now being used up by images. The archive will soon be upgraded to allow for 50 terabytes of storage capacity plus an offsite backup of 50 terabytes, which should give us years of growth and we have capacity to add additional storage later if needed. Currently, approximately 7 million images representing over 750,000 patients are available on the archive and on a daily basis, almost all of the 100+ connected clinics query the archive as they retrieve images for use. You may also be interested to know that our DDR system has been listed as the largest (geographically) radiology PACS (Picture Archive and Communications System) in the DoD. While our DDR journey hasn't always been completely smooth, it is definitely satisfying when an overall plan comes together as well as it has with DDR.

Oral Pathology Update

David L. Wells, Col, USAF, DC
AF/SG Consultant, Oral & Maxillofacial Pathology

The last several months have seen some changes in Air Force Oral Pathology. In December of last year, Col Craig Fowler retired after more than 27 years of active duty service. Those of you that received specialty training in an Air Force residency in the last 25 or so years, as well as generations of AEGD-1 residents, know the professionalism and excellence, both in teaching and microscopic pathology, that Col Fowler provided. I had the great fortune to work with Dr. Fowler over the past 7 years, and his service, leadership, and mentorship were on the highest level. Craig and Jenny have moved to Lexington, Kentucky, where Craig is on the faculty at the University of Kentucky College of Dentistry.



This summer will mark several personnel moves in AF Oral Pathology. Lt Col David Klingman has finished residency training at Long Island Jewish Medical Center, Hyde Park, New York. Dr. Klingman will be stationed at Wright-Patterson AFB. Maj Brent Martin completed residency training at Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio and will be reactivating the oral pathology billet at Travis AFB. Congratulations to both Drs. Klingman and Martin on passing the rigorous fellowship examination of the American Academy of Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology. Additionally, Dr. Klingman won the prestigious Schafer award for the highest score on the examination. Kudos! Drs. Klingman and Martin will sit for the specialty board examination in Oct.

Lt Col Mikelle Kernig will be PCS'ing from Wright-Patterson AFB to join the Oral Pathology Dept, 59th Dental Training Squadron at Joint Base San Antonio. She joins Col Donald Tyler, Jr. and Capt Mitzi Palazzolo in the largest oral pathology service in the Air Force, with 3 board certified oral pathologists providing service at Wilford Hall Ambulatory Surgical Center and San Antonio Military Medical Center, as well as handling biopsy specimens via the mail-in service from DOD installations world-wide.

As for me, I leave San Antonio in a few months for Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson, in a primarily administrative capacity.

Lastly, for those of you that may remember Col (ret) Robert Brannon, our Civilian National Consultant to the Air Force Surgeon General, he had been very ill and passed away on 10July12. Col Brannon was professor and Division Head in the Department of Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology, LSU Health Sciences Center School of Dentistry, New Orleans, Louisiana. Col Brannon was a recognized expert in oral pathology and forensic odontology. He served on forensic identification teams involving several high profile mass disasters, including the 1978 Jim Jones mass suicide of 913 people in Jonestown, Guyana, and the 1983 terrorist bombing of the U.S. Marine Headquarters in Beirut, Lebanon. He authored or co-authored over 130 scientific articles and abstracts. Please keep his wife, Julie, in your thoughts.

Air National Guard News

The ANG has been quite busy trying to equip the remaining 65 out of 89 units with DDRS. So far, 14 units have had the installations complete since the beginning of the year. The MOA with AFMOA and the ANG outlining the agreement to store ANG images at Wright Patterson is in it's final stages and some units have already started sending images to the central archive. By mid 2013, we hope to have all units digitally equipped and have global access to all AF members' images.

The ANG Dental Corp attended the ANG Medical Training Symposium, called Readiness Frontiers, on June 9-12, 2012 in Jacksonville FL. LTC Patrick Racz, 157 MDG, New Hampshire ANG received the ANG Outstanding Dental Officer of the Year Award.

We have several new vacancies as follows:

Alaska 168th Air Refueling Wing 47GX	California 144th Fighter Wing 47GX
Delaware 166th Airlift Wing 47GX	Guam 254th Air Base Group 47GX
Louisiana 159th Fighter Wing 47GX	Maine 101st Air Refueling Wing 47GX
New Mexico 150th Wing 47GX	New York 174th Fighter Wing 47GX
Massachusetts 102nd Intelligence Wing 47GX	

Contact numbers for these units can be obtained at 1 800-TO-GO-ANG or www.GoANG.com

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Air Force Reserve Openings IMA Vacant Positions

Rank	Title	Location	Requirements	AD Counterpart
SMSgt	IMA to Dental Career Field Manager	AFMOA	Significant Experience	Dental Career Field Manager

Rank	Position Description	Military Location	Functional Alignment	General Position Requirements	Active Duty Supervisor
COL	TMA	OSD	Policy/prog. mgmt, Clinical Practice Mgmt	Treatment plan/ethics/SOP	TMA, Dental Director
COL	IMA to Director, Dental Corps	SGD1/FOA, (DC)	A1/DP function/ Dental ops/Program/Budget, requires AFRC Development Team Recommendation	Policy, Joint, NGO, Excel, POM	Dental Corps Director
COL	IMA to Dental Informatics and Technology	AFMSA SG9Z	IT/IM Dental Technology	IT, DDR, CAD/CAM	SG9Z
Up to O6	Oral Surgeon	Scott and Wright Patt	Dental Squadron	Oral Surgeon	Squadron Commander

Traditional Reserve Officer Positions

[For those interested in Traditional Reserve Positions, please contact:](#)

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Award Winners

April - June 2012

Rank	Name	Type	Award	Location
A1C	Sharla Vega	Group	Airman of the Quarter	Davis-Monthan AFB
SRA	Jasmine Davis	Group	Airman of the Quarter	Aviano AFB
SRA	Amanda Heck	Group	Airman of the Quarter	Hill AFB
SRA	Melinda Horvath	Group	Airman of the Quarter	Hurlburt AFB
SRA	Ambir Moore	Group	Airman of the Quarter	Misawa AFB
SRA	Terrilyn Green	Group	Airman of the Quarter	Spangdahlem AFB
CIV	Shelly Atkinson	Group	Civilian of the Quarter	Bolling AFB
CIV	Matthew Plendl	Group	Civilian of the Quarter	Hill AFB
CIV	Dan Sgambelluri	Group	Civilian of the Quarter	Ramstein AFB
CIV	Brenda Cook	Group	Civilian of the Quarter	Shaw AFB
CIV	Jasmin Duerr	Group	Civilian of the Quarter	Spangdahlem AFB
CAPT	Benjamin McKinley	Group	Company Grade officer of the Quarter	Davis-Monthan AFB
CAPT	France Nielson	Group	Company Grade officer of the Quarter	Mtn Home AFB
CAPT	ARCHIE COOK	Group	Company Grade officer of the Quarter	Seymour-Johnson AFB
CAPT	Jessica Isenberg	Group	Company Grade officer of the Quarter	Spangdahlem AFB
MAJ	Jennifer Bein	Group	Field Grade Officer of the Quarter	Hurlburt AFB
MAJ	Dragos Stephan-Dogar	Group	Field Grade Officer of the Quarter	Shaw AFB
CAPT	Ross Yost	Group	Junior Officer of the Quarter	Eielson AFB
SSGT	Tatiana Swann	Group	NCO of the Quarter	Offutt AFB
TSGT	Celeste Okokon	Group	NCO of the Quarter	Dyess AFB
TSGT	Emily Jones	Group	NCO of the Quarter	Hill AFB
TSGT	Marylyn Bergmann	Group	NCO of the Quarter	MacDill AFB
TSGT	Jamie Meadows-Valley	Group	NCO of the Quarter	Mtn Home AFB
TSGT	Jane Knight	Group	NCO of the Quarter	Spangdahlem AFB
MSGT	Daniel Island	Group	SNCO of the Quarter	Aviano AFB
MSGT	Davina Armbruster	Group	SNCO of the Quarter	Bolling AFB
MSGT	Michelle Long	Group	SNCO of the Quarter	Elmendorf AFB
MSGT	Tracie Diamond	Group	SNCO of the Quarter	Hill AFB
MSGT	Cassandra Henderson	Group	SNCO of the Quarter	Hurlburt AFB
MSGT	Charity Phillips	Group	SNCO of the Quarter	Vance AFB
SRA	Seung Choe	PME	Distinguished Graduate	F.E. Warren AFB
SRA	Erika Hutchinson	PME	Distinguished Graduate	Keesler AFB
SRA	Joseph Moore	Promotion	BTZ Promotion	Hurlburt AFB
SRA	Joshlynn Brown	Wing	Airman of the Quarter	Bolling AFB
CIV	Matthew Plendl	Wing	Civilian of the Quarter	Hill AFB
CIV	Dan Sgambelluri	Wing	Civilian of the Quarter	Ramstein AFB
TSGT	Sanya Bell	Wing	NCO of the Quarter	Bolling AFB
TSGT	Celeste Okokon	Wing	NCO of the Quarter	Dyess AFB
MSGT	Charity Phillips	Wing	SNCO of the Quarter	Vance AFB
SMSGT	Laniere King	Wing	SNCO of the Quarter	Little Rock AFB