

Pharmacy Chief's presentation recognized at Joint Forces seminar
Staff Report, Gen. Leonard Wood Army Community Hospital

FORT LEONARD WOOD, Mo. (Nov. 21, 2012) – The officer in charge of the Pharmacy at General Leonard Wood Army Community Hospital was recognized at an all-service seminar recently.

Captain Gregory Hare was awarded 1st place at the Joint Forces Pharmacy Seminar, held Oct. 28 in San Diego, for his poster entitled “The Medication Management Minute.”

Hare's poster was one of over 60 submitted by Army, Air Force, Navy, and Coast Guard Departments of Pharmacy worldwide.

The poster category was “Navigating the Seas of Opportunity,” and highlighted a new initiative by Hare and the hospital medication management committee to publish monthly updates for pharmacy staff.

Medication management is the process used to oversee the purchasing, storage and administration of all medications for patient care. The Medication Management Minute provides hospital and clinic staff with important information concerning local and national medication-related policies and procedures, such as patient safety issues, case reviews, Joint Commission best practices, and medication management “hot topics.”

Hare's timely effort with this poster was aimed at maintaining the hospital's continual accreditation readiness for the Joint Commission. Joint Commission periodic inspections occur about every three years.

“I put my poster together in order to facilitate continued knowledge and awareness of patient safety topics, Joint Commission practices, and local policies and procedures,” said Hare.

The Joint Commission is a national accrediting body that inspects all Army and civilian hospitals to ensure continuous improvement of healthcare for all patients. This certification is recognized nationwide as a symbol of quality that reflects an organization's commitment to meet the strict performance standards required by Joint Commission.