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THOR3 Site Visit

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- “Just for Fun” - Stryker Golf 5th Wed
- Professional Development
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- Jul/Aug Birthdays:
 - OC Allmon-30 JUL
 - OC Allman- 06 AUG
 - Oc Hyten -17 AUG
- Upcoming (Sep/Oct)Birthdays:
 - OC Penebacker—14 SEP
 - OC Mueller—20 SEP
 - 1LT Milton—03 OCT
 - CPT Smedick- 08 OCT

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Fort Bragg, North Carolina –

Fort Bragg is the epitome of available resources when identifying how the Army can best provide the warfighters optimal training and state-of-the-art facilities.

The WAMC IPAP students conducted a site visit at the USASOC Tactical Human Optimization Rapid Rehabilitation Reconditioning Program. This program also showcased what other SP Corps officers such as physical therapists and nutritionists are doing in the field.

MAJ Jessica Orth, the physical therapist assigned to the program, provided a tour of the facility and provided insightful information on her role. She also allowed us to speak to the nutritionist and the strength and conditioning specialist. The students saw first hand on what equipment and methodologies were implemented by the program.

More importantly, the site visit showed the importance of knowing what capabilities are available to the PA students. It also emphasized on how the other AOCs in the SP Corps contribute to the overall management of our Soldiers.

Thank you MAJ Orth!





“Operation Vibrant Response 12.1”



Camp Atterbury, Indiana-

MAJ George Barbee, PA-C, MAJ Amelia Duran-Stanton, PA-C, and MAJ (Dr.) John Thomas (Cardiology preceptor) who are PROFIS'ed (Professional Filler System) to the 550th Area Support Medical Company (ASMC), participated in a U.S. Army North field training exercise in Camp Atterbury Joint Maneuver Training Center from 18 to 25 AUG 2011.

The PROFIS providers participated in real world medical training, simulated decontamination operations, and several simulated MASCAL operations that included joint military and civilian agencies.

During down times, Dr. Thomas provided training on EKGs, MAJ Barbee on primary and secondary surveys on emergency patients and MAJ Duran-Stanton on the TC3 concept of knowing how to use the supplies in the IFAK in order to save lives in the battlefield especially the use of the tourniquet to control bleeding, the NPA for the airway and needle decompression for tension pneumothorax. They also provided mentorship for those who were interested in the physician assistant program.

In turn, the exercise was also beneficial for the PROFIS providers in knowing their roles within the ASMC which will be useful for real world missions in the future. *Renegades!*

Hot Topic: Master Presentations



MAJ Amelia Duran-Stanton implemented higher standards when the students are presenting for their Master Presentations. We have had a few iterations which allow the students to be mentored in the planning and executing in a professional atmosphere. Students prepare a one-page abstract, poster, announcement flyer and they schedule and present either at

the Weaver Auditorium or the Emerson Conference Room in their Class A's or ASU's. They are given professional feedback by Dr. Y. Sammy Choi, our medical director, in order to improve their research and presentation skills. We also now offer CME 1 credit for providers who attend the presentations through MODS.

<https://education.mods.army.mil/cme/secured/>



“Just For Fun”

We had our first 5th Wednesday event at the Stryker Golf Course on 29 JUN. OC Marshall Healy did an outstanding job organizing and planning the event. This was also our first outing with the Methodist University Physician Assistant Program. The students had a great time being away from the hospital and meeting other Methodist PA students. The next 5th Wednesday is planned for 31 AUG which will also be our next Hail and Farewell at the Dragon Bowling Center and Twin Lions Pool.



Professional Development Topics

The IPAP WAMC students attended MAJ Robert Heath's PA Luncheon at the XVIII Airborne Corps Surgeon's Office. MAJ Heath provided information that was previously presented by MAJ Amy Jackson from Human Resources Command regarding the status of physician assistant promotions.

He emphasized the need for all PA's to be their own career managers and keeping their own documents updated. He also talked about several different career paths that the students can choose based on their specific interests. He also provided guidance for those who wanted to remain in Fort Bragg for Phase III.



Medical Topics

Dr. Eric Horowitz, a WAMC Staff Pediatrician, visited the IPAP WAMC students to provide them a lecture on the “Critical Care of Pediatric Patients.” Dr. Horowitz's presentation was not only useful for the students' Pediatrics rotation but also for the PA's role as a primary care provider in austere environments.

Dr. Horowitz talked about the importance of properly assessing a pediatric patient. He also provided information on what PA's should have in their aid bags and how to modify adult equipment that can be used in pediatric patients when there are no supplies available. His presentation was also useful when assessing adult patients as well.





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UPCOMING EVENTS:

- 31 AUG—5th Wednesday— Bowling Alley; Hail and Farewell Luncheon
- 01-05 SEP—Labor Day Weekend
- 06 SEP—Class 3-10 Officially arrive to Phase 2
- 07 SEP- MC4 AHLTA T Training/Graduation Rehearsal/OC Healy Master Presentation
- 09 SEP- Class 3-09 Graduation, Weaver Auditorium, 1300h, Reception McKeller's Lodge 1430h
- 28 SEP—4th Journal Club, location TBD, Theme: Cardiology
- 06-12 OCT—PA Week
- 24-27 OCT— MAJ Oliver Site Assistance Visit
- 26 OCT—Fort Bragg MSTC Training Event Class 2-10
- 11 NOV- Veteran's Day
- 23 NOV– 5th Journal Club,WAMC DFAC Theme: Pulmonary/ OC Sandoval Master Presentation



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<http://www.wamc.amedd.army.mil/dme/GME/ipap/Pages/default.aspx>

DID YOU KNOW?

The Master in Physician Assistant Studies degree is currently tied for #1 according to Forbes Magazine (tied with “Computer Science”) “long-term opportunities, based on salary and employment outlook”:
<http://blogs.forbes.com/jacquelynsmith/2011/06/06/the-best-and-worst-masters-degrees-for-jobs>

Mid-career median pay: \$101,000

Projected employment increase: 39%

Phase 2 Students

These are our current students:

Class 03-09 ; graduation 09 SEP 2011

- OC Lucas Allmon—Overall Class Leader
- OC Matthew Hyten
- OC Sandra Milton

Class 01-10

- OC Marshall Healy
- CW2 William Kilgore-Class Leader
- OC Luar Sandoval
- CPT August Seeber
- CPT Brian Smedick
- CPT Christopher Smith

Class 02-10

- OC Andrew Allman
- 2LT Steven Davis
- 2LT Garrett Latham -Class Leader
- OC Christopher Mueller
- OC Brandon Penebacker

Class 03-10

Officially arrive Sept 2011

- OC Jason Adams
- OC Donald Grambusch— Class Leader
- OC Stephen Witte

Phase 2 Preceptors

- Allergy— Dr. (MAJ) Jacob Turnquist
- Anesthesia-LTC Anthony Peverini, CRNA
- Cardiology—Dr. (MAJ) John Thomas
- Dermatology— Dr. (LTC) Denise Ladd
- Emergency Medicine—Dr. Paul Kleinschmidt
- ENT—Dr. (MAJ) Matthew Grafenberg
- FM— Dr. Jennifer Yates
- GI—Dr. (COL) Joseph Perry
- Internal Medicine—Dr. Neelima Kamineni
- Long Term Care—Dr. Kimberly Baptiste
- Neuro—Dr. (MAJ) Steven Lewis
- OB/GYN—CPT Jennifer Byer, PA-C
- OMFS— Dr.(COL) Jeffery Almony
- Ophthalmology—Dr. (COL) Robert Carroll
- Orthopaedics— Mr. Joseph Cohen, PA-C
- Pediatrics— Dr. (CPT) Nichelle Maraventano
- Podiatry—Dr. Asim Raja
- Pulmonology—Dr. (LTC) Carol Young
- Behavioral Health—Dr. (MAJ) Al Tsai
- Radiology— Dr. (MAJ) Daniel Martin
- General Surgery— Dr. (LTC) Peter Deveaux
- Urology—Dr. (MAJ) William Kizer