



Newsletter of the IPAP Phase 2 WAMC site (Fort Bragg, NC)

America's Finest



National PA Week

Points of Interest

- National PA Week
- "One-On-One" preceptor interview
- "Just for Fun" - Bowling 5th Wed/ Hail and Farewell
- MC4 AHLTA-T
- Journal Club and Softball Game
- (SEP/JAN)Birthdays:
 - 20 SEP OC Mueller
 - 08 OCT CPT Smedick
 - 15 NOV OC Witte
 - 09 DEC CPT Smith
 - 11 JAN 1LT Davis
 - 17 JAN 1LT Sandoval

Fort Bragg, Fayetteville and Durham, North Carolina –

The Fort Bragg PA week events from 06-12 OCT not only provided public awareness of what physician assistants are and what they do for the Fort Bragg community through flyers, brochures, public announcements and immediate release documents in the importance of preventive care, the events also highlighted and provided awareness to existing PAs and current Womack Army Medical Center Interservice Physician Assistant Program (WAMC IPAP) physician assistant students a historic perspective of our profession.

Our visit at the Stead Center and Duke University PA Program in Durham, NC showed us first hand the proud history of the physician assistant profession. Notably, Dr. Eugene Stead, Jr., the founder of the PA profession, used former military corpsmen as his first physician assistant students at Duke University who graduated on October 6, 1967 which is why October 6 was initially celebrated as "PA Day" and October 6 was also serendipitously Dr. Stead's birthday. Furthermore, our continued collaborations with the Methodist University PA Program give a sense of community by sharing our experiences with fellow and future PAs in Fayetteville.

Our Fort Bragg PA luncheon at the Womack Army Medical Center dining facility showed the continued commitment and support of our Commander, COL Brian Canfield, and the WAMC IPAP Medical Director, Dr. Y. Sammy Choi. *Cont pg 2*



Duke University



Stead Center



IPAP/Methodist PA History Quiz Bowl and Luncheon

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“One-on-One”

with Mr. Charles “Chuck” Reimers, Fast Track PA Preceptor
Interview by OC Penebacker, Class 2-10



*Keys to success during the
Emergency Medicine Rotation:
Be humble and be teachable*

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This interview was with Mr. Charles Reimers, PA-C, from the ED Fast Track. Mr. Reimers has been a PA for 6 years. He was the guest speaker for the Class 3-09 graduation.

1. What do you like about your job?

-The fulfillment I get from taking care of sick patients relating and connecting to people when they are at their weakest wages amount of time I still get to spend with my family

2. What do you feel about the PA profession?

-I love this profession. PAs are my brothers and sisters in this "family." I want our patients to think, "Awesome. A PA will be taking care of me today." I also feel that it is extremely important for us to continually strengthen our profession NOW so that in 10 years it will be

something more amazing than it already is today.

3. What is rewarding about being a PA preceptor?

-The two-way street where I get to both mold and teach PA students and learn from them as well. It is a wonderful feeling helping students with different techniques in suturing or helping them to think critically to expand their differential diagnoses. One of the best feelings is seeing a PA who I have mentored in the past, taking care of his/her unit with maturity and compassion.

4. Do you feel our Emergency Medicine rotation is meeting expectations to produce competent PAs?

-Yes.

5. What are the keys to success in the Fast Track?

-1) being humble and teachable
2) allowing yourself to learn from nurses and medics
3) a maturing knowledge in the diagnosis, the differential, and treatment of common diseases

6. What do you recommend they should have for equipment?

-A humble heart and a teachable mind...do they issue these?

7. What do the students need to know prior to coming to Fast Track?

-That they are still students and it's ok to not know everything. We are here to help...to fill in the gaps... to help you become a more well rounded thorough provider.

Thank you Mr. Reimers for your continued support of IPAP!

Fort Bragg PA Week ...continued

The PA students and potential PA students in attendance learned directly from these leaders what they needed to do in order to succeed as PAs and as Army leaders in general. Non-military personnel who were able to see the physician assistants and students throughout the week were able to know what we do and what is required to become a military physician assistant

so we basically became recruiters for the week which will benefit our program in the long run especially when we continue to do these events.

You can see more pictures during our events along with other PAs all over the country on the **AAPA Facebook Page** at <http://www.facebook.com/AAPA>



WAMC DFAC



PA Week Booth



“Just For Fun”

We had our second 5th Wednesday event on 31 AUG at the Dragon Bowling Alley and our Hail and Farewell at one of the housing area complex. We hailed Class 3-10 and bid farewell to Class 3-09 with great food, friends, family and camaraderie. The third 5th Wed event is on 30 NOV at the Spring Lake Indoor Shooting Range.



THE GATEWAY
ARMY TACTICAL HEALTH INFORMATION SYSTEMS RESOURCE



MC4 AHLTA-T Training

Mr. Raymond Sterling visited the PA students on 07 SEP in order to provide training on the Medical Communications for Combat Casualty Care (MC4) AHLTA-T which allows medical staff to digitally document outpatient and simple inpatient visits while in theater. Mr. Sterling also showcased future electronic equipment that the students may use when they are deployed.

With internet capability, the system forwards the information through the Theater Medical Data Store (TMDS) to allow access to authorized personnel worldwide. Mr. Sterling is also a retired Army PA who provided words of wisdom to the students and the importance of documentation. To find out more, visit their website at:

<http://www.mc4.army.mil/apps/AHLTA-T>



Journal Club and Softball Game at Methodist University

We had our Journal Club and Softball event with the Methodist PA students on 28 SEP. The Methodist staff hosted the events where we discussed several journal articles regarding Cardiology. The staff and students had a great time playing a friendly game of softball thereafter.





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UPCOMING EVENTS:

- 16 NOV — Brown Bag Lecture: Antibiotics by Mr. Reimers, Fast Track ED PA-C
- 23 NOV—Journal Club, Theme: Pulmonology, WAMC DFAC 0800 hours
- 23 NOV— Master Presentation OC Sandoval, Wound Vac
- 30 NOV—5th Wed, IHOP Breakfast and Indoor Range
- 14 DEC—Christmas Party, Location TBD
- 18-31 DEC— Holiday Break
- 04 JAN—Graduation Dress Rehearsal
- 06 JAN— Class 1-10 Graduation McKellar's Lodge 1200 hours
- 11 JAN—Brown Bag Lecture: Diabetes Management by Mr. Cucura, Diabetes Clinic
- 18 JAN—ER Grand Rounds, topic TBD
- 25 JAN—Journal Club, location TBD



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DID YOU KNOW?

Most of the Army PA programs such as IPAP and LTHET are now requiring mentorship and shadowing hours. The Fort Bragg PA community and IPAP students have been proactive in mentoring future PA applicants.

Find the latest announcements regarding the above and other headlines that affect you by signing up for a MilBook account and request access to the SP Corps and PA (65D) Groups.
<https://www.kc.army.mil/suite>

We are on the web:

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

Phase 2 Students

These are our current students:

Class 01-10 graduation 06 JAN 2012

- OC Marshall Healy
- CW2 William Kilgore-Overall 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
- OC Christopher Mueller
- OC Brandon Penebacker-Class Leader

Class 03-10

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

Class 01-11 (arrive MAY 2012) TBD



Sim Training WAMC HESD

Phase 2 Preceptors

- Allergy— Dr. (MAJ) Jacob Turnquist
- Anesthesia-LTC Anthony Peverini, CRNA
- Cardiology—Dr. (MAJ) John Thomas
- Dermatology— Dr. (CPT) Erin Spillane
- EDC— Mr. Robert Oyler, PA-C
- 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