

The JTF CAPMED

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VOICE

Social Media: Joint Task Force CAPMED recently launched several social media initiatives in order to expand reach to our audiences. The JTF Marketing cell, part of the JTF STRATCOMM cell has established a presence on social networking sites, FaceBook and Twitter, and Flickr, a web based social media site dedicated to photo sharing. Flickr is an ideal way to see recent photos of activities related to Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) and the construction of Walter Reed National Military Medical Center (WRNMMC) and Fort Belvoir Community Hospital (FBCH), as well as many other JTF related activities. Interested parties may also view a JTF video on YouTube that articulates who we are and why we were established by the Secretary of Defense.

JTF CAPMED is following a recent surge in Department of Defense and Federal agencies embracing social media as a communication tool to reach audiences that receive their news and information outside of traditional media. For additional information on use of social media within DoD see: www.defense.gov link.mil and read recent articles on the effective use of social media by EU-

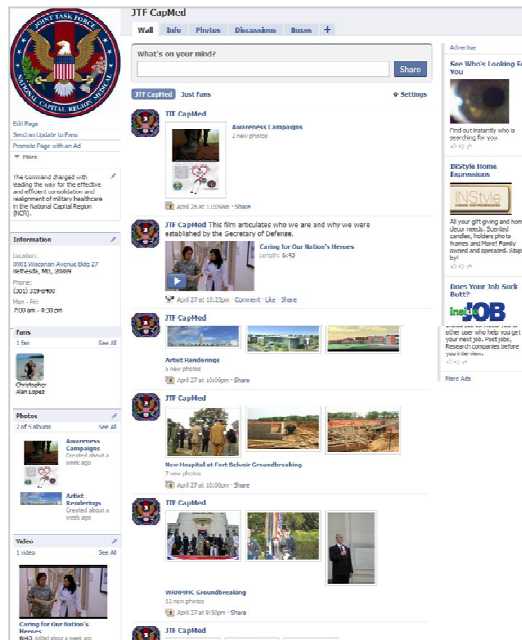


Image: JTF CAPMED on Facebook

JTF Social Media Links:

- Twitter: <http://www.twitter.com/jtfcapmed>
- YouTube: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=myDNmNgDnU>
- Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Bethesda-MD/JTF-CapMed/88920054179>

COM, Joint Chiefs of Staff and CENTCOM in addition to many other agencies. ■

JTF LEADERSHIP



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International Visiting Scholar to South Africa

By: Colonel John Murray

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa — Earlier this year, Colonel (Dr.) John Murray, J7 – Director of Education, Training & Research for Joint Task Force National Capital Region Medical (JTF CapMed) was selected as a visiting scholar to South Africa.

Visiting areas of the country such as Cape Town, Johannesburg, Soweto and Hazyview, he had a once in a lifetime opportunity to explore healthcare delivery and health professions education at a number of hospitals, clinics and universities. Colonel Murray met with healthcare professionals from across the country to explore the most challenging healthcare issues facing South Africa such as HIV, AIDS, and TB as well as see firsthand the devastating impact these diseases have on people living throughout South Africa.

Colonel Murray received a comprehensive look at South Africa's health care system, services provided and factors influencing the South African population's medical needs from Dr. Mark Bletcher the Director of Social Services for South Africa. One of



Acts Clinic
Photo: Colonel John Murray

the key projects Dr. Bletcher is working on includes developing a healthcare financing strategy for HIV/AIDS. An overview of HIV in South Africa was provided by Dr. Najma Shaikh, a public health specialist and infectious disease epidemiologist who is the HIV/AIDS Epidemiologist in the HIV/AIDS Directorate of the Western Cape Department of Health. Dr Shaikh's main research areas center on the epidemiology of HIV, HIV surveillance, monitoring and evaluation of programs in the public health sector.

Two days of Colonel Murray's visit were spent learning about educating, training and preparation of healthcare as a visiting scholar, Colonel Murray spent three days working behind the scenes at hospitals and clinics to observe dedicated, skillful healthcare professional in their interactions with patients. This experience provided an up-close look at the challenges facing South Africa. Experts also

discussed the rituals of traditional healing. It is estimated that as much as 80% of South Africa's native population use traditional medicine to treat ailments. The popularity of traditional medicine has caused concern that many plant species across South Africa may be endangered.

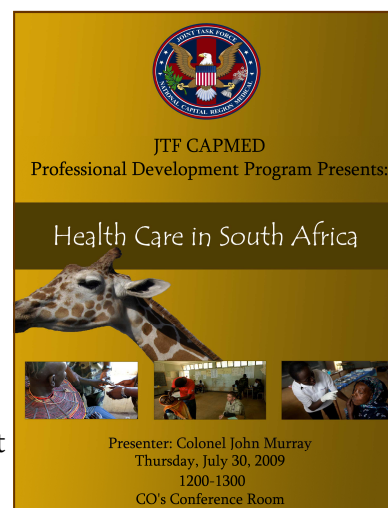
On a daily basis, and against extraordinary odds, healthcare professionals across South Africa work tirelessly to address the tragic health care crisis on HIV/AIDS. Orphanages established to provide care to children who have lost family members to HIV/AIDS are widespread throughout South Africa. Caring for the next generation, these orphanages provide a foundation for South Africa's future. These homes provide care for HIV/AIDS infected mothers and children in the final stages of their illness as well as provide a home for children who are not infected where they can learn to care for themselves as well as understand the challenges of the HIV/AIDS crisis and how it has impacted their lives.



Nkosi's Haven Orphanage
Photo: Colonel John Murray

Colonel Murray has traveled extensively as a visiting scholar teaching in South America, Central America, Asia and Europe. Teaching in Africa has been a long-time ambition of his. He commented, "Teaching in South Africa was an incredible, life-changing experience. Examining and discussing the global impact of controversial and critical issues facing health care workers in South Africa was an eye-opening experience. I hope to continue to collaborate with the healthcare professionals that I met in order to help them in their efforts to advance patient care and healthcare education in their country."

Col John Murray will present "Health Care in South Africa" from 1200-1300hrs, 30 July 09 in the Commander's Conference Room, JTF CAPMED HQ, Bldg 27 located at Bethesda. ■



JTF CAPMED
Professional Development Program Presents:
Health Care in South Africa
Presenter: Colonel John Murray
Thursday, July 30, 2009
1200-1300
CO's Conference Room

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s with all Com-
mands, the JTF is
approaching the
season where
high turnover

occurs. In this section, we would like to
acknowledge the men and women, military and civil-
ian, moving on who've contributed to the current
success or our mission, as well as welcome those
coming onboard.

Help us wish Godspeed to: COL Hemmingway —
Chief, Warrior Transition Division; COL Jefts —



Chief, Healthcare Delivery Ops; and Capt.
Willhardt — Commander, Aide de Campe.

Help us welcome: Lt. Col. Dienst —
Chief, Readiness, Training & Exercises;
Ms. Bates — Deputy Chief, Warrior Tran-
sition Integration; MAJ Wadley — Clinical Oper-
ations Staff Officer; Mr. Kelley — Homeland Security
Emergency Management Planner; Col Boss — Chief,
Healthcare Delivery Operations; and Col Edwards —
Chief of Staff.

Help us congratulate: MG Volpe, CAPT Myhre, Maj.
Thompson, and CPT Bertone on their promotions. ■



Left to Right:
Lt. Gen. Schoomaker, MG Volpe, and Mrs. Volpe



**JTF CAPMED J-3 and J-5 says farewell to
COL Jefts and COL Hemmingway**



**Lt. Gen. Schoomaker swears in
Major General Volpe**

LEADING CHANGE – THE CIVILIAN HUMAN RESOURCES COUNCIL IN ACTION

By: Debra Edmond

There may be no greater leadership challenge than taking care of people in organizations undergoing transformational change. For military hospitals in the National Capital Region, that transformational change will include merging Army, Navy and Air Force civilians currently working in four facilities into a workforce of DoD civilians providing world class medical care at the future Walter Reed National Military Medical Center (WRNMMC) and Fort Belvoir Community Hospital (FBCH).



employees will transition smoothly to positions at the new WRNMMC and FBCH. Current Council members are Captain Dan Zinder, Deputy Commander at National Naval Medical Center (NNMC) Bethesda, Colonel Dan Gall, Deputy Commander for Administration at Dewitt Army Community Hospital (DACH), Colonel John Gaal, the newly arrived Deputy Commander for Administration at Walter Reed Army Medical Center (WRAMC), and Shelia Relerford, a senior Human Resources advisor from the Air Force District of Washington, representing the 79th Medical Wing/Malcolm Grow Medical Center. Debra Edmond, the JTF CapMed Special Assistant for Civilian Human Resources, is the Council Chair.

The Civilian Human Resources Council (CHRC), chartered in September 2008, includes designated senior leaders from today's military hospitals in the National Capital Region. They meet regularly to share information and make decisions about how their civilian

For more information on the history and current initiatives of the Civilian Human Resources Council (CHRC), see Mrs. Debra Edmond (301) 319-8791. To read this complete article, visit our Facebook page. ■

J6 IM/IT Corner



The DoD Global Address Locator (GAL) is now available and can be

added to Outlook. Instructions can be found at <http://bit.ly/pMQhQ>.



This will allow you to look up virtually any DISA-affiliated address.

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JTF “Army Now” Spots

MG Volpe, DCJTF, was interviewed on the JTF mission by Defense Media Activity (Army) in June. The link below will provide you with access to three 60 Second, “Army Now” clips being used to create awareness of the JTF mission and commitment to “World Class” health care in the National Capital Region.

<http://bit.ly/L7DOV>

