WARRIORS BUILD HOMES FOR TACOMA FAMILIES

By Suzanne Ovel
Joint Base Lewis-McChord Warrior Transition Battalion

TACOMA, Wash. — Soldiers picked up hammers and paintbrushes to help build five homes for Tacoma/Pierce County Habitat for Humanity Families in east Tacoma June 23 to 25.

About 30 Soldiers and staff volunteered for the Warrior Transition Battalion’s second annual build to contribute to affordable housing for local Families in need.

“I volunteered to help the community; it’s all about karma,” said Sgt. Bryan Stavis, a Warrior with Bravo Company.

“I think everyone should do their part to help the community out in one way or another.”

Stavis, who’s volunteered with Habitat twice before, worked all three days to help the local chapter make their goal of building up to 20 homes this year.

The houses are sold to families in need at no profit and with zero interest charged.

The WTB crew pushed progress along in the 10-home community by working on foundation, painting, roofing and other projects; many discovered new skills.

Sgt. Ed Brock, a Warrior with B Co., learned to put up siding for the first time.

Although Brock has knee and back injuries, he nonetheless volunteered to help out others.

“I still can do things. It gets me up and moving around, not sitting and dwelling on the injuries I have,” said Brock, who noted he also volunteered to “just to try to help out people who are less fortunate.”

As is Habitat for Humanity tradition, those Brock was helping out were also helping themselves.

Deneen Price, a single parent raising four younger children, worked with the crew to put up siding on her home, while Joseph Tran helped roof a future neighbor’s home while also working on his own foundation.

Tran is also working two part-time jobs and, with his wife, is caring for five sons.

Literally building a community together is at the core of the organization, and is one of the key reasons the WTB got involved with the build.

“I got a sense of teamwork, just to see everyone come together today,” said Stavis, who also learned from tenured workers. “It makes me feel good about myself.”

Working behind the scenes to plan the build

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Warrior Forge

Staff Sgt. David Kolodziejczak, from the 3274th U.S. Army Hospital at Fort Bragg, N.C., draws blood out of the arm of an ROTC cadet during the Leader Development and Assessment Course, or Warrior Forge, at Joint Base Lewis-McChord Lewis-North July 6. Madigan Army Medical Center staff members oversee the physical exam portion of the Warrior Forge mission, conducting medical screenings, blood draws and immunizations for more than 6,500 cadets. To get all the cadets through the exam process, Madigan brings in Reservists from across the country. “Without the Reservists, this mission wouldn’t happen,” said Staff Sgt. Michael Young, noncommissioned officer in charge of the physical exam project. “The Reservists get the job done.”

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Peace-Keeping Docs create a Complete Medical Picture in Egypt

By Bill Snethen, MC4 Public Affairs

At two camps and 30 remote sites dispersed along the eastern side of Egypt’s Sinai Peninsula, more than 2,250 people help monitor the peace treaty between Egypt and Israel.

Established in 1982, the Multinational Force and Observers (MFO) is an independent international peacekeeping force. Service members from 12 countries and civilians from seven nations, including the U.S., remain dedicated to that task. There, a team of culturally diverse medical professionals support the MFO mission.

In the midst of such diversity lies a common goal of good health with one technology as the information sharer—Medical Communications for Combat Casualty Care (MC4). While the U.S. military globally deploys systems to capture electronic medical records (EMRs), including 200 Army medical treatment facilities throughout Southwest Asia (SWA), the MFO mission provides a sample of how a diverse group of military providers can utilize one system to achieve EMRs.

From April 2008 through May, clinical teams on the peninsula digitally charted 11,800 patient records. While that workload pales by comparison to a typical combat support hospital in Afghanistan, the technology has helped to unify the transnational team trying to share medical data.

“Having providers on staff from the various nations extends the medical capabilities of the clinic,” said CPT Randolph Taylor, physician with the 1st U.S. Army Support Battalion and officer in charge of the North Camp clinic. “The EMR systems allow for the continuity of medical care throughout the force.”

Like the challenge military providers have with EMR documentation throughout SWA, differences in the way data is charted in the MFO mission has provided lessons learned.

“During the most recent cold and flu season, data from North Camp reported high instances of the flu,” CPT Taylor said. “U.S. providers documented symptoms as the common cold. Foreign national providers charted similar symptoms as the flu. Instances like this do not happen often, but it is example of the differences we work through with an international staff.”

While these differences do not impede care, roll-up surveillance reports resulting from MC4 data entry is only as accurate as the data entered. Differences between the flu and the common cold can muddy the picture when producing reports for decision makers. In addition to adopting more standard ways of documenting care, MFO medical staff maintain a unified approach to keeping the medical information intact when EMR systems are not available.

Some clinics are not equipped for magnetic resonance imaging and cannot admit patients for long-term care. Outlying hospitals in Cairo and Israel have filled the gap, providing fully-equipped hospital care and laboratory services when needed. In these instances, MFO providers have joined with U.S. providers to ensure information still flows.

“We rely upon the resources at the local foreign hospitals to administer the care that is beyond our capabilities,” said CPT Phillip Fivecoat, South Camp physician with Aviation Company, 1st U.S. Support Battalion. “While those facilities don’t have EMR systems, we developed a process so that the paper records still contribute to a complete medical picture.”

After a patient’s returns from a local hospital, CPT Fivecoat and his team scan the documents and attach the files to the patient’s EMR for future reference.
Medics selected for nurse commissioning program

By Steve Pivnick
81st Medical Group Public Affairs

KEESLER AIR FORCE BASE, Miss. — Four “Dragon Medics” have been selected for the Nurse Enlisted Commissioning Program.

Senior Airman Rupert Laco, 81st Inpatient Operations Squadron; Staff Sgts. Alana Rayon, 81st Medical Operations Squadron, and Jessica Shealey, 81st Dental Squadron; Senior Airman Rupert Laco, 81st Inpatient Operations Squadron; and Tech. Sgt. Donelle Clark, 81st Surgical Operations Squadron, learned they were accepted June 10 and begin begin the two-year program in August.

They’ll be commissioned second lieutenants in the Air Force upon graduation and successful completion of their Nursing Licensing Boards.

Following commissioning, they will attend Commissioned Officer Training at Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala., and nurse transition training at a military treatment facility offering this program.

Airman Laco will attend the University of South Alabama School of Nursing. He earned his associate’s degree in applied sciences from the Community College of the Air Force and received an associate’s degree from Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College.

Airman Laco, originally from the Republic of the Philippines, also has an associate’s degree in nursing from the University of Perpetual Help in the Philippines. He has been a member of the Air Force since March 2007 and at Keesler since October 2007.

Sergeant Shealey has been an Airman for six years and at Keesler more than a year. Other assignments include Hill AFB, Utah, and Eielson AFB, Alaska.

She has a CCAF associate’s degree in dental assisting and general associate’s degree in liberal arts from the University of Alaska, Anchorage.

Sergeant Shealey is married to 1st Lt. Brandon Shealey, 81st Medical Support Squadron, who is prior enlisted and received his commission about 1½ years ago.

She’ll complete the two-year program at William Carey University’s Joseph and Nancy Fail School of Nursing.

Sergeant Rayon is a 10-year Air Force veteran and has been assigned to Keesler for the past five years. She came here from Holloman AFB, N.M.

The future nurse acquired a CCAF associate’s degree in allied health sciences as well as an associate’s degree in pre-nursing from MGCCC. She’ll attend the USA School of Nursing.

Her husband, Teddy Rayon, is a civilian in the 335th Training Squadron.

Sergeant Clark was recently selected for promotion to master sergeant. He’s served in the Air Force for 15 years and has been at Keesler almost four years. He came to Keesler following a three-year tour at Aviano Air Base, Italy.

Sergeant Clark earned a CCAF associate’s degree in allied health sciences as well as an associate’s degree in pre-nursing from MGCCC. Sergeant Clark will attend William Carey, too.

‘Teddy Bear Run’ brings smiles to base hospital children

By Steve Pivnick
81st Medical Group Public Affairs

KEESLER AIR FORCE BASE, Miss. — The 2010 “Airmen Teddy Bear Run” was held July 17 on the Biloxi side of the Biloxi-Ocean Springs Bridge.

The event will benefit the 81st Medical Group Hospital’s pediatric patients.

According to Tech. Sgt. Julie Hammond, 81st Training Support Squadron and one of the run’s organizers, “Runners will stage at the base of the bridge on the Biloxi side, run across the bridge, pick-up a stuffed animal on the Ocean Spring’s side and return to deposit it in collection spot. Teddy Bears will be delivered to Keesler Hospital to brighten a child’s day.”

Sergeant Hammond said that her supervisor, Master Sgt. Anthony Fisher, 81st TRSS military training superintendent, originated the idea earlier this year.

“He threw it out there to us in the office to see how it sounded,” she said. “I told him I would take it on and start making some phone calls to see if we could make it happen. I contacted the (81st Medical Operations Squadron) pediatric clinic officer-in-charge, Maj. Mickaelle Germaine, to see if they could accept the bears and she said she could.”

Then things just fell into place.

The first run on Feb. 21 resulted in 130 bears donated to the pediatric clinic.

“They appreciated it and our Airmen loved helping them out,” Sergeant Hammond recalled. “Our purpose was to make some children happy by giving them a bear when they are scared or frightened about going to the doctor.

“Another purpose was to get our Airmen out in the community and volunteering for a good cause,” she continued.

“We opened it up to the non-prior-service Airmen students as well as the military training leaders in the training squadrons and, since the hospital is a part of this too, we encouraged them to participate as well,” she added.

Sergeant Fisher’s involvement has encouraged them to do the second run.

“His wife does home day care and a little boy that she watches was admitted to the hospital,” Sergeant Hammond They went to see him and he had this bear. He explained to Sergeant Fisher he was allowed to pick a bear from a room that had tons of them in it. It turned out they were the bears we had donated and he was as happy as could be having this bear beside him. So our ‘Teddy Bear Run’ served its purpose!”

Donations of new stuffed animals can be brought to Room 144 of the Levitow Training Support Facility.

For information, call Sergeant Hammond, 377-2103.
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were the battalion’s VetCorps members Tom Curcio and Steve Killian. Killian, a retired Soldier and an experienced construction worker, also has a history of volunteering with Habitat.

“I get a warm and fuzzy feeling just giving back, and it’s all worthwhile just knowing it’s going to needy Families, and to see the Soldiers, even though they’re hurting, giving back,” he said.

Sgt. Ed Brock helps finish a ceiling on the front porch of one of the homes. Brock, along with other Wounded Warriors, volunteered their time to build houses for the Tacoma community with Habitat for Humanity June 23 to 25.

Spc. Michael Ballard and Sgt. 1st Class Kevin Broadway measure and cut a piece of siding to fit around a window frame.

★ Warriors

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Army Families now have one-stop shop for behavioral health services

By Lorin T. Smith
Madigan Healthcare System Strategic Communication Office

Madigan Healthcare System wants to let the thousands of spouses and children of deployed service members know that they have not been forgotten, and behavioral health help is here for them thanks to the Child and Family Assistance Center.

Better known as CAFAC, the new Madigan pilot program’s goal is to incorporate three existing Family-based behavioral health departments — Family Assistance for Maintaining Excellence, the Child Guidance Clinic and the School-based Behavioral Health Program — and have them be a fully-functioning one-stop shop under one head and have one phone number that gives providers, Families and patients the care they need.

“Soldiers can use Soldier Readiness Service and Soldier Evaluation for Life Service, but what about Family members? They are our main focus at CAFAC,” said Director Dr. Lindsay Paden.

CAFAC came about due to the difficulty experienced by Families’ inability to find care within the base’s myriad behavioral health care services, Paden said.

That’s why CAFAC leadership has decided to redesign the services under three sections: Adult Services, Child and Adolescent Services and School Behavioral Health Program Services.

“CAFAC will improve access to care for the base’s Family members, reduce the stigma associated with receiving behavioral health care, provide uniquely-tailored services to military Families and be synchronized and aligned with the Army’s Force Generation cycle,” Paden said.

Nearly 9,000 children visited a behavioral health program at Madigan in 2009, compared with 6,000 children who saw a provider in the TRICARE network.

“The higher caseload necessitated the the Army to look to programs like CAFAC, Paden said.

“We provide walk-in capability for adults to see a provider at FAME, we are conducting outreach to make Soldiers aware of when the stressors can be highest and we are ensuring our Soldiers’ children are getting quality care in their school,” Paden said.

The newest addition to the CAFAC triad is the School Behavioral Health Service, which offers 3,000 children at Joint Base Lewis-McChord’s six elementary schools access to 17 behavioral health providers trained in child psychology, psychiatry and social work case management.

Student bridge run collects teddy bears for pediatric patients

Airman 1st Class Stanley Wesley, 332nd TRS, lifts his arms and a teddy bear in triumph as he finishes the 3.2 mile run.
Commended IMAK products gaining popularity with VA Hospitals

Matrix Medical is proud to announce that three products distributed by the company have earned the Ease of Use Commendation from the Arthritis Foundation.

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