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TRICARE ATTACKS SMOKELESS TOBACCO USE

FALLS CHURCH, VA. — **Myth:** Smokeless tobacco products are a safe alternative to tobacco smoking. **Fact:** Mouth cancer, cancer of the pancreas, and tooth loss are only a few of the serious conditions connected to the use of smokeless tobacco.

The Department of Defense (DoD) and TRICARE are deploying on-line weapons in their arsenals to promote the “Great American Spit Out” (GASpO) on Feb 19, and “Through With Chew Week,” Feb. 15-21. Military installations are also invited to participate in the attack on smokeless, but far from harmless, spit or chewing tobacco, often simply referred to as “dip.”

Campaign headquarters is located at DoD’s tobacco cessation Web site, <http://www.ucanquit2.org>, online headquarters of the multi-year campaign, “Quit Tobacco - Make Everyone Proud.” Military installations can now register their GASpO event at <http://www.ucanquit2.org/facts/gaspo> to promote it to the military community and those in the local area of their participation in the Great American Spit Out.

The award-winning Ucanquit2.org Web site provides high-tech and interactive tools to help service members follow through with their plans to quit. In the new My QuitSpace area of the site registered users can create a blog, either public or private, to document their journey or share their experiences. They may also download a customizable quit plan and quit calendar, adding personalized information, goals, tips and dates.

Many service members trying to quit tobacco have questions. In response to this need, the Web site introduced an Ask the Expert feature for GASpO. Captain Larry N. Williams, U.S. Navy Tobacco Clinical Cessation Champion, will be the guest expert throughout the month of February.

Williams will answer questions from smokeless (or smoked) tobacco users and those who support their intention to quit, including health promotion and health care professionals on military installations.

Service members and others are encouraged to visit the Web site and submit questions about smokeless tobacco usage, health risks, quit strategies and more. Williams’ responses will be posted on a daily basis.

Visitors at <http://www.ucanquite.org> can also take part in the discussion boards, read a new online article debunking the myths surrounding smokeless tobacco, and play games, such as Texas Hold ‘em, which deals out informative and motiva-

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Maj. Rory Irwin, commander of Detachment 12 in Newtown Square, Pa. talks to family members about the upcoming deployment. Capt. Marcus F. Mitchell photo

Headed to Afghanistan

Soldiers, family members, Family Readiness Groups and friends of the 424th Medial Logistics Battalion, 3rd Medical Deployment Support Command (MDSC) held a farewell ceremony Sunday at the Newtown Square, Pa. Army Reserve Center. The unit will serve one year in Afghanistan.

The members of Detachment 12 are currently mobilizing at Fort Hood, Texas before deploying to Bagram, Afghanistan. The team is comprised of biomedical repair specialists who can fix hospital equipment, to optical fabrication Soldiers who can repair

broken eyeglasses. As medical logistics specialists, the detachment will ensure that military hospitals, medical stations and even local hospitals are equipped and functioning. The team will also refurbish medical units with every supply imaginable, from bandages to pencils.

“Those doctors and nurses are helpless if they don’t have their syringes or tubes,” said Maj. Gen. Dean Sienko, commander of the 3d MDSC at Fort Gillem, Ga. “They are critical to the mission and success of

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Navy Physical Therapist Commander Fredrick Schmitz wants his new staff at Naval Branch Health Clinic Corry Station, located within the Defense/VA's new Joint Ambulatory Care Center, to adhere to the mantra of its parent command and "Exceed Expectations Everyday" as the roadmap to success.

Cmdr. Schmitz began his travel down that road when he relieved Cmdr. Glenn Gargano, who retired from naval service after 28 years, as Officer in Charge of the Corry base health clinic. Cmdr. Gargano, who was on the Naval Hospital Pensacola team that took the extraordinary – and sometimes painstakingly – steps to implement, from ground-up, plans and services between the Defense/VA departments in one of the countries most significant healthcare ventures from cabinet-level agencies.

For his efforts, the Fort Collins, Colo., native – and prior enlisted

Navy Hospital Corpsman – was presented with the Legion of Merit award from Navy Medicine East.

After completing a master's degree in occupational therapy in 1989, he was nominated and appointed by the Navy Surgeon General to assume the duties of Specialty Leader for Occupational Therapy. He later transferred to NH Pensacola as Division Officer of Physical/Occupational Therapy and in time began its department head before, in December 2007, taking over the helm as Officer in Charge of the Corry health clinic.

The Princeton, NJ-bred, Cmdr. Schmitz – a Navy physical therapist – came to NH Pensacola in April 2008 from NH Twentynine Palms, Calif., During his time with the command, he did a deployment tour of duty with Expeditionary Medical Facility-Kuwait.

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tional messages along with the cards.

Ucanquit2.org arms service members with the tools they need to win the battle against tobacco. It also enables them to get "quit" support from family and friends, no matter where they live, as well as professional counseling. Through Live Chat, a unique online

service, users get immediate real-time help from trained tobacco cessation coaches from 8:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. EST.

TRICARE also has a special Web page geared to quit tobacco efforts at <http://www.tricare.mil/tobaccofree>.

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Cmdr. Fredrick Schmitz, who became the new Officer in Charge of Naval Branch Health Clinic Corry Station, addresses the audience at the change of charge ceremony Monday afternoon at the Joint Ambulatory Care Center.



(US Navy photos by Rod Duren)

Naval Hospital Commanding Officer Capt. Maryalice Morro (right) presents the Legion of Merit certificate to outgoing Naval Branch Health Clinic Corry Station Officer in Charge Cmdr. Glenn Gargano at a 'change of charge' and retirement ceremony Monday afternoon at the Defense/VA Joint Ambulatory Care Center.

For Those Who Shall Have Borne the Battle

Providing care for critically injured active duty patients in the VA

When President Abraham Lincoln gave his second Inaugural Address on March 4, 1865, he spoke of the horror of the Civil War, how it came to be, and the formidable process ahead of repairing a fractured nation. But in those final moments, he also clarified the nation's path and its responsibility to its defenders.

"To care for him who shall have borne the battle and for his widow, and his orphan..." Lincoln said. This was our mission then and it's still our mission today. Caring for veterans is a fundamental part of what America does. The Department of Veterans Affairs or the "VA" is the federal agency responsible for serving the needs of veterans by providing health care, disability compensation and rehabilitation, education assistance, home loans, burial in a national cemetery, and other benefits and services.

Providing medical care to those injured in battle is a primary mission of the VA. With advances in battlefield healthcare and military medicine, there is a significant decrease in service members killed in action. As a result, troops seriously injured in far-away places like Iraq and Afghanistan are surviving blast injuries that would have inflicted mortal wounds in prior conflicts. Patients suffering massive trauma and head injuries overseas are quickly stabilized and moved stateside at incredible speed. Ongoing medical and rehabilitative care following the initial stabilization is complex and challenging. It's at this point that the VA has seized the opportunity to make a difference in the lives of those who have sacrificed the most physically and mentally for their country.

Army Sgt. Mark Lalli, 23, barely survived a Blackhawk helicopter crash in November 2007. "The doctors were telling us to be prepared for the worst,



VA photos
Country singer Charlie Daniels autographs a guitar for injured US Army Sgt. Mark Lalli, 23, during the singer's recent visit to the James A. Haley Veteran's Hospital in December. The Tampa VA Hospital is one of four VA polytrauma centers in the nation, caring for the most severely injured troops.

don't expect him to make it through it," said Lalli's brother, Peter. Mark Lalli was one of 11 U.S. servicemen on board, six of whom didn't survive.

The Strongsville, Ohio native suffered massive trauma including a spleen contusion, rib, scapular, spine, shoulder, pelvic and multiple facial fractures.

He also had a traumatic, hemorrhagic brain injury. His severe injuries led to complications of pneumonia, blood clots in his legs and lungs, and respiratory failure requiring a ventilator. He was stabilized and treated in Italy over three weeks, then transferred to Lundstahl, Germany.

At that point, his function was limited to occasionally tracking images with his eyes, and he remained bedbound, minimally responsive. He transferred to Walter Reed Army Medical Center in December 2007, and eventually to the James A Haley Veterans' Hospital (JAHVH) in Tampa, FL just after the New Year. His family hoped and prayed for a miracle. That miracle became a reality—thanks in part, to a dedicated team of healthcare professionals focusing on returning freedom to a young man who had fought so hard for it.

That crash was more than a year ago and thanks to the treatment by world

class physicians and the medical staff at JAHVH's Polytrauma Rehabilitation Center, Lalli is quite literally, making great strides. Recently, he walked 100 feet with mechanical assistance and is improving daily. And he has nothing but praise for the Tampa VA hospital and his polytrauma rehabilitation treatment team. "The support I have received here has been just great — everyone goes the extra mile. I have come so far," Lalli said.

Walk through the halls of the VA Hospital and you see young men and women who have survived against all odds with restored function. Many wear helmets to protect their fragile skulls after a traumatic head injury. They walk slowly with family members to the canteen or sit at the hospital's Café.VA internet café, corresponding with their buddies back at the front. Others are in wheelchairs and some are bed-bound—having just begun their rehabilitation journey. All have sacrificed their bodies and spirits for their country. And while the physicians, nurses, therapists, and other members of the health care team at the VA work diligently to improve their patients' health and function, they draw inspiration from those who have come before them.

The VA has implemented the Polytrauma System of Care to better treat service members returning from Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom as well as others injured while on active duty.

For most patients, traumatic brain injury is typically the over arching impairment that guides the rehabilitation course. In the past, the VA had provided rehabilitation services to active DoD service members requiring acute inpatient rehabilitation for injuries such as traumatic brain injury and spinal cord injury. In 1992, The VA developed four regional centers to provide traumatic brain injury rehabilitation, Polytrauma Rehabilitation Centers (PRCs). These centers are currently sites within the Defense and Veterans Brain Injury Center (DVBIC).

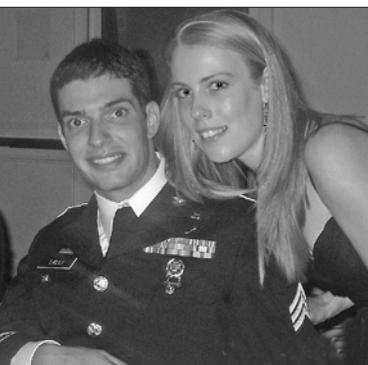
The four regional Polytrauma Rehabilitation Centers are located in Richmond, VA, Tampa, FL, Minneapolis, MN, and Palo Alto, CA. A fifth center is also being built in San Antonio, TX. Each of these regional brain injury rehabilitation centers provides inpatient, outpatient, and transitional living rehabilitation care to active duty and veteran patients with traumatic brain injuries.

Besides musculoskeletal and neurologic injuries, these returning service members typically have complex medical conditions including metabolic, cardiovascular, infectious, renal, and gastrointestinal disorders. Care for these most severely injured service members is medically and socially challenging. As such, an aggressive, interdisciplinary approach is taken to their care.

The Tampa PRC responded to this challenge by developing a large multidisciplinary team that provides care for this select patient group. Besides providing clinical oversight for the primary physical medicine and rehabilitation team, the multidisciplinary Polytrauma Rehabilitation Team makes



Charlie Daniels meets with a severely injured service member early in the patient's hospital course.



US Army Sgt. Mark Lalli was severely injured in a helicopter crash in November 2007. He is recovering at the Tampa VA Hospital.

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rounds twice weekly and provides additional consultative services, patient and family education, and social support. The multi-disciplinary team is made up of members from Internal Medicine, Infectious Diseases, Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation, Orthopedics, Neuro-Ophthalmology and Optometry, Rehabilitation Nursing, Infection Control, Social Work, and Psychology. Within each of these fields exists opportunities for healthcare providers to serve our heroes with the most severe injuries and make a dramatic difference in the lives of the individuals who have given both their bodies and minds. Recently, the VA approved supplemental funding for additional positions of Hospitalists and Intensivists.

In short, the VA has responded to the charge put forth 143 years ago in the nation's capital in a manner beyond the initial intention. In these specialized polytrauma rehabilitation centers, state of the art medical care supported by advanced technology and a cooperative effort between DoD and The Department of Veterans Affairs is providing severely injured soldiers the chance for meaningful and miraculous recovery when all hope would have previously been lost. Success stories such as that of Sgt. Mark Lalli are what President Lincoln could only have imagined.

For information about exciting opportunities caring for these patients within the VA system, please contact Angela J. Whitener, Administrative Program Officer, Polytrauma Rehabilitation Center at the James A. Haley VA Hospital, Tampa, FL 33612. (813) 979-3671 email: Angela.Whitener@va.gov.



Lalli is learning to walk with the assistance of state-of-the-art equipment such as this Lokomat device.

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The 2008 year was a whirlwind of positives for HM1 Chatman having been named Navy Medicine East, Naval Hospital Pensacola Regional and NH Pensacola staff Senior Sailor of the Year (SoY); and Sailor of the Quarter at the Florida hospital in the fourth quarter.

HM1 Kelvin Chatman is assigned as Leading Petty Officer of the hospital's Women & Children's Nursing Department. He has served in the Navy for 15 years.

The Talladega, Ala., native's most recent deployment was to Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, in support of Operation Enduring Freedom in 2006.

Deputy Surgeon General of the Navy Rear Adm. Thomas Cullison and Navy Medicine Force Master Chief Laura Martinez of the Bureau of Medicine and Surgery in Washington congratulated Chatman during the early February ceremony that included Navy Medicine's four other SSoY nominees.



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Stateside Clinic Begins Using Battlefield Medical Recording System

Bill Snethen,
MC4 Public Affairs

Doctors and medics at the 2nd Brigade Combat Team (BCT) Consolidated Aid Station (CAS) at Fort Bragg, N.C., are reliving their war zone days of treating patients in Salerno, Afghanistan.

Two years ago, Maj. Darren Sommer, brigade surgeon with the 82nd Airborne Division, and his unit traversed a changing medical landscape in Operation Enduring Freedom—one that included new information technology systems aimed at improving healthcare for Service members in the long run.

Today, some of the same medical personnel are benefiting from that experience, using the electronic medical recording (EMR) system that proved vital to the unit's success overseas.

Medical Communications for Combat Casualty Care (MC4), the DoD's battlefield medical recording system, now enables stateside providers at the 2nd BCT CAS to share medical records electronically. Unable to use the DoD's stateside EMR system, AHLTA, because of the clinic's inability to access servers at nearby Womack Army Medical Center (WAMC), Sommer made the switch to MC4 to ensure the staff did not regress back to recording medical information on paper.

"Paper records are not an efficient method of documenting healthcare," Sommer said. "If we sent someone to Womack for additional care, the hospital staff could not easily view our records unless we sent them over. The possibility always existed for documentation getting lost in transit. The use of MC4 systems just made a lot sense for us. It has allowed us to be more efficient and this system is far superior to

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★ System

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personnel at the remote clinic digitally capture approximately 1,000 patient encounters each month.

Housed outside the office, a very small aperture terminal (VSAT) brings the system to life, providing the gateway for medical data to flow from the clinic's MC4 systems to providers at WAMC. Once the technical transition was made, the medical business process began to mirror what the unit had done in theater.

A medic initially screens the patient, inputs notes and vital signs into the system's outpatient application, AHLTA-T, electronically handing off the necessary patient data to a provider. During the consultation, a doctor opens the note, adds the assessment, prescribes medications and signs the record. The process flows smoothly, eases legibility concerns and positions the medical record for permanent safekeeping.

"The electronic documentation is a lot easier to read," said Capt. Jason Ferguson, physician with the 82nd Airborne Division. "I can review previous entries, as well as the thoughts and comments noted by other providers. Even though most of the staff types encounters slower than they can write them, I think that the extra time we spend documenting the treatments is definitely worthwhile."

While Sommer initially pursued the use of AHLTA in his clinic, using MC4 instead has given users an unforeseen advantage. "MC4 operates more like an intranet," Sommer said. "It does not rely on network connectivity like AHLTA. As a result,

MC4 it is a little quicker and it not as cumbersome."

While the MC4 system offers significant improvements compared to the previous paper-based method of collecting medical information, the unit hit a snag with the system when it went live in October.

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★ Afghanistan

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the United States military.”

Many in the small group of family members attending Sunday's ceremony couldn't resist crying as commanding officers spoke, emphasizing the sacrifice that Soldiers and family make during deployments, as well as the critical need for medical logistics personnel on the ground. "I can't promise that everyone will come back," said Maj. Rory Irwin, commander of Detachment 12, leaving the podium to speak directly to the families. "But I can promise and what I do promise is that you have the best trained Soldiers that are going overseas."

Spc. Eric Ingles, a medical supply spe-

cialist with the 424th Medical Logistics Battalion, is deploying for the first time. "I really don't know what to expect," he said. "I am looking forward to the overall deployment experience. Where else would I have the opportunity to work on the other side of the world and provide world class logistics?" His accompanied fiancé, Lori Longenbach, said, "Honestly, it's going to be hard while he's gone, but I support him and his unit fully."

Family members were encouraged to take advantage of services and support available to them through the military. Gen. Sienko remembered the way a neighbor aided his wife by clearing snow off their driveway when he was on his first deployment and she was left

home with young children, and encouraged neighbors to help out military families. Recognize that a member of the household isn't there, he recommend, and offer help with child care,

yard work or just emotional support.

"The families are really the unsung heroes," said Sienko. "It's important for the community to support those family members as best they can."



Spc. Aaron Burton holds the 424th Medical Logistics Battalion flag during a farewell ceremony Sunday at the Newtown Square, Pa. Army Reserve Center. The groups is being deployed to Afghanistan.



Command Sgt. Maj. James Lambert, command sergeant major of the 3rd Medical Deployment Support Command at Fort Gillem, Ga., comforts a family member during the farewell ceremony Sunday.

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Maj. Gen. Dean Sienko, commander of the 3rd Medical Deployment Support Command at Fort Gillem, Ga., poses for a picture with Sgt. Ingrid Blackwell, medical supply sergeant with the 424th Medical Logistics Battalion.



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