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## MARINES ANNOUNCE DECEASED FROM CH-53 INCIDENT IN HAWAII

By Capt. Timothy Irish

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MARINE CORPS BASE KANEOHE BAY, Hawaii — Twelve U.S. Marines died when their two CH-53E Super Stallion helicopters were involved in an incident off the coast of Oahu's Waimea Bay along the North Shore the evening of Jan. 14.

The status of these Marines changed to "deceased" on Jan. 20 after five full days of search and rescue operations. Marine Corps casualty assistance calls officers personally notified each family of the change.

Deceased are:

Maj. Shawn M. Campbell served as a CH-53E Super Stallion pilot with Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron 463, Marine Aircraft Group 24, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing stationed on Marine Corps Base Hawaii. Campbell, 41, from College Station, Texas, joined the Marine Corps Sept. 30, 1999. His deployments include Operation Iraqi Freedom and the 26th Marine Expeditionary Unit. Campbell's decorations include the Air Medal with strike/flight device, Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal with gold star in lieu of second award, Navy Unit Commendation with two bronze stars in lieu of third award, National Defense Service Medal, Iraq Campaign Medal with two bronze campaign stars, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal and the Sea Service Deployment Ribbon with two bronze stars in lieu of third award.

Capt. Brian T. Kennedy served as a CH-53E Super Stallion pilot with Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron 463, Marine Aircraft Group 24, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing stationed on Marine Corps Base Hawaii. Kennedy, 31, from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, joined the Marine Corps July 1, 2003. Kennedy's decorations include the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal and the Sea Service Deployment Ribbon with one bronze star in lieu of second award.

Capt. Kevin T. Roche served as a CH-53E Super Stallion pilot with Marine Aircraft Group 24, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing stationed on Marine Corps Base Hawaii. Roche, 30, from St. Louis, Missouri, joined the Marine Corps Dec. 19, 2005. His deployments include Operation Enduring Freedom. Roche's decorations include the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Afghanistan Campaign Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Korean

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(U.S. Army photo by Sgt. Brandon Banzhaf, 3rd Armored Brigade Combat Team PAO, 1st Cavalry Division/released)

**Col. Matthew Van Wagenen, commander of the 3rd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division, pins Sgt. Darik Stevens, a former mechanic with the 215th Brigade Support Battalion, 3rd ABCT, with a Purple Heart Jan. 22 at Fort Hood, Texas. Stevens was deployed to Iraq when he suffered a traumatic brain injury when his vehicle hit an improvised explosive device.**

## Cav Soldier receives Purple Heart

By Sgt. Brandon Banzhaf

*3rd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division*

FORT HOOD, Texas — Everyone makes mistakes. It's a fact that can be said a million different ways, but the sentiment remains the same regarding fixing mistakes. Take responsibility for the mistake and set about making it right.

The 215th Brigade Support Battalion, 3rd Armored

Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division had the opportunity to right a wrong that had gone undressed for far too long.

Sgt. Darik Stevens, a Newburgh, New York, native and former mechanic with the 215th BSB received a Purple Heart Jan. 22 at Fort Hood, Texas, an award he had waited on for five years.

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# OPM pegs DCMA as elite health, wellness performer

By Thomas Perry  
Defense Contract Management Agency

FORT LEE, Va. — The Defense Contract Management Agency recently finished first among medium-sized Department of Defense sub-agencies and third overall with a score of 213 in a U.S. Office of Personnel Management WellCheck.

According to OPM, WellCheck is an evidence-based tool that helps agencies determine how effective their worksite health and wellness programs are in developing a healthy workforce. The recent WellCheck measured 131 evidence-based workplace strategies that impact health and wellness.

"I was glad to see our program rate highly," said Debbie Mitchell, Labor Employee Relations director. "The results provide confirmation that we are providing a quality, comprehensive wellness program, but it also provides us with ideas on how to make some program improvements that we might not have otherwise considered."

Mitchell, who began working for DCMA's Human Capital Directorate in 2009, attributed much of the program's success to its coordinator. "The program has blossomed under the management of Jami Zanetta. She makes sure the program supports our director's priorities — whether that is watching out for your 'wingman' or providing resources to aid in suicide prevention and resiliency."

While acknowledging she too was excited by the results and their possible impact on future planning, Zanetta identified some of the program's major successes. "Our top strengths included the free flu vaccinations, weight management resources, the online wellness portal and the free tobacco cessation program," said the agency's WorkLife and wellness/witness coordinator. "We plan to continue providing all of these great services and will work tirelessly to continue ensuring employees are aware of the programs and able to access them



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*Jami Zanetta, WorkLife and wellness/fitness coordinator, and Shelley Sloss, wellness/fitness specialist, each played a key role in Defense Contract Management Agency's recent first-place finish among medium-sized Department of Defense sub-agencies in a U.S. Office of Personnel Management WellCheck.*

easily."

Zanetta's partner in fitness, Shelley Sloss, a wellness/fitness specialist with the agency, explained why employee program access and understanding is so important.

"A few months ago, a team member requested assistance with finding a good physician in her area to accommodate her son's special needs," Sloss said. "I was able to connect her with our WorkLife program, and they helped her locate a physician very close to her residence."

Wanting to know if everything worked out, Sloss followed up with the employee. The boy's mother explained what a huge help the WorkLife team members were, and how much stress

and anxiety their assistance prevented.

"Being able to assist DCMA team members with all areas of health and wellness is very important to me," Sloss said. "Too often, we can quickly become overwhelmed with daily life activities. Leading people to a healthier lifestyle — whether through physical activity, nutrition, stress management or in any other area of wellness — is one of the most profound feelings in the world."

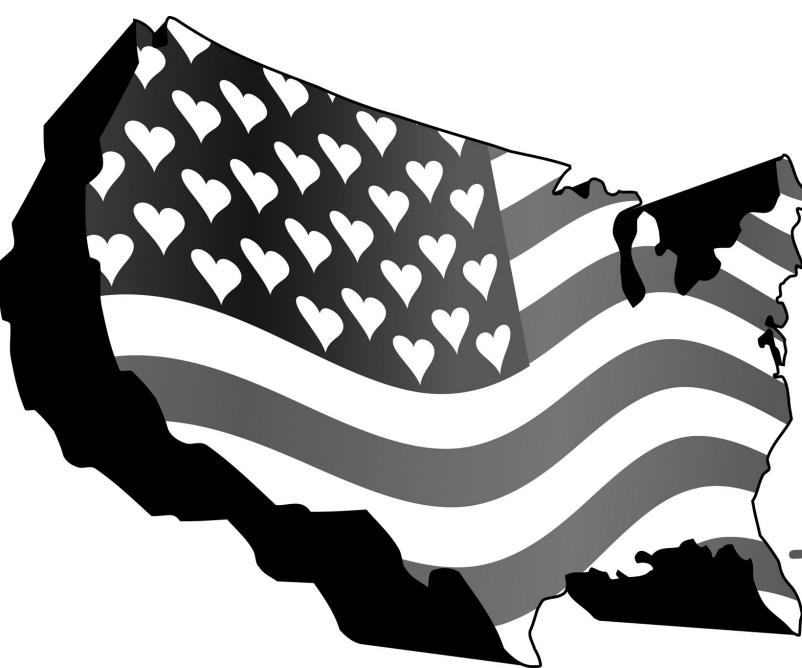
The WellCheck reinforces the government's commitment identified in the June 2014 Presidential Memorandum on Enhancing Workplace Flexibilities and WorkLife Programs. According to the memorandum, in order to attract, empower and retain a talented and pro-

ductive workforce in the 21st century, the federal government must continue to make progress in enabling employees to balance their responsibilities at work and at home.

"Working for DoD has many rewards but there have also been challenges in recent years," Mitchell said. "The pressure to be resource efficient and mission relevant can lead to higher stress and multi-tasking. Since employees spend the majority of their time at work, if we really want employees to embrace wellness, we need to offer the program through work. Employees who are focused on improving their wellness and work-life balance are healthier, more engaged and more likely to stay with DCMA."

Zanetta and Sloss are hoping the WellCheck will serve as a springboard toward team member wellness knowledge and usage. As more people use the programs, the pair hope that employees will take the time to provide feedback through email or the program's customer satisfaction survey, so that team members input can be put into action.

"DCMA's most important resource is its employees," Mitchell said. "That is why the leadership has established a work-life program that provides services to support employees' personal and family well-being. If you are not already actively participating in the wellness program, I encourage you to visit DCMA 360's HC Virtual Fitness and HC WorkLife websites to learn more about what the program has to offer. It's a new year — make 2016 the year you focus on your wellness."



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# Doggone good

By Jason Tudor  
VA Hudson Valley  
Health Care System

NEWBURGH, N.Y. — Along one of the long concrete hallways in the Department of Veterans Affairs hospital in Montrose, N.Y., three Veterans lean down to greet a friend. Licking and panting, the friend slobbers a kiss on each Vet -- and could not be happier to do so. His warm, wet hospitality is only impaired by the length of the leash held by his handler, a uniformed officer who stands and watches.

For VA Police Sgt. Josie Graham and her working dog, Hunter, a large black Labrador retriever, displays of warmth like this are routine occurrences in the two hospitals and seven clinics of the VA Hudson Valley Health Care System. They greet anyone who'll stop and say "Hello." However, Hunter and Graham are also performing another, more important mission for the VA Police: deterrence.

"The visual presence of the canine is just as valuable as helping to find narcotics," Graham said. She added people seeing the dog helps stop crime. "If they're up to no good and see the dog, they usually turn the other way."

Hunter's primary job involves his sniffer. With a keen nose and about six months' worth of training, Hunter helps find patients who may wander away from the Montrose in-patient facilities. He also searches VA grounds and facilities for cocaine, heroin and other narcotics.

Graham, a U.S. Army Veteran from Newburgh, N.Y., has been a dog handler for about seven years. She grew up with a dog and wanted to become a Veterinarian. She joined the Army and worked as a veterinary technician for three years before retraining and joining the military police believing she would get her dog handling start there. She didn't.

After the Army, she started with the VA Police. It took about six years, but she got her shot to be a dog handler with a sharp German shepherd named Bayne.

She and Bayne were celebrities in the Hudson Valley going to schools, visiting Boy and Girl Scout troops and other community organizations. And, unlike military dog handlers and their canines, Bayne (and now Hunter) lived with Graham full time.

"People get bound to their pets, but I have an animal with me all the time. Just by his mere presence, he could potentially save my life whether he does anything or not. I'm responsible if something happens to him," Graham said.

Something did happen: Canine Degenerative Myelopathy, a diagnosis dropped on the duo in 2014. Similar to ALS, it's an incurable dis-

## VA police dog, handler help ensure veteran safety at hospitals



(Photo by Jason Tudor/Released)

***Hunter runs through the water during recent training. Graham and her partner are put through about six months' worth of training before they start patrols on VA grounds.***

ease that attacked Bayne's spinal cord. His decline was quick. At one point, Graham carried the shepherd around in a harness.

"To see that dog go from being so healthy to having to carry him around ..." Graham said, her eyes welling with tears. "It's hard because you want them around but you want to give them dignity in death because they gave you so much in life. It was just hard to let him go."

Bayne retired in August and, in the winter of 2014, Bayne died. Hunter came along a few months before and helped ease the transition from one dog to the other. Graham said the adjustment took time.

Steadily, the two grew close. In the course of that time, Hunter received two months of narcotics training from the Yonkers Police Department in

Yonkers, N.Y., and his patrol skills from the Town of Poughkeepsie, N.Y., Police Department. He was ready for duty.

"He picked up on the training a lot quicker than the other dogs, so it was nice to see that," she said.

VA Police Chief Brian Pack said the VA the community partnership with all of the surrounding law enforcement agencies is a benefit for both sides.

"We rely on them for assistance with law enforcement. The initial and monthly in-service training of the VA Police K-9 unit enforces the liaison and the commitment of the law enforcement agencies to share resources," Pack said.

"This is important in today's world."

Graham said she knows the work she's doing has an impact. She told the story of her sister attending the 2015 funeral of a Veteran who lived in one

of VA Hudson Valley's Community Living Centers. When the funeral services ended, the family approached Graham's sister.

"They wanted her to thank me for bringing Bayne to his room because the Veteran loved when he came by," Graham said. "When you do those things, sometimes you don't realize the impact. I'd only met the family one or two times."

With a bit more than seven years as a dog handler, Graham doesn't see herself doing anything else, and doing it for the safety of Veterans makes it doubly rewarding.

"Once you do this work, it's in your blood. Sometimes I think I was meant to do this. A lot of dog handlers feel that way. It changes your life, you know? It really changes your life."

# New moms give high marks to SAMMC for labor, delivery care

**By Elaine Sanchez**  
Brooke Army Medical Center  
Public Affairs

JOINT BASE SAN ANTONIO-FORT SAM HOUSTON, Texas — San Antonio Military Medical Center remains the Defense Department's highest-rated facility for maternal-child satisfaction, according to TRICARE Inpatient Satisfaction Surveys.

This means new moms are continually giving high marks to SAMMC for their labor, delivery and postpartum care, explained Army Col. Scott Kambiss, chief, Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology.

"We provide compassionate, state-of-the-art care every step of the way," he said. "We feel like we have the best to offer our active duty, retirees and veterans."

Kambiss credits the standout survey results to a highly qualified staff and top-notch amenities and services.

"Our staff is one of the most diverse groups of OB/GYNs I've seen," he said. "We have a mix of seasoned veterans who bring education and a vast amount of knowledge to the table, as well as recent graduates who bring with them the most modern approaches in the field." Additionally, as a teaching hospital, SAMMC hosts Army and Air Force residents and medical students on clinical rotations, he added.

The robust team also includes obstetricians and certified midwives. This mix of specialties enables expectant moms to customize their birthing plan, whether they're set on natural childbirth or open to pain relief interventions, noted Army Col. Elizabeth Murray, chief of Maternal-Child Nursing.

"We are very involved in collaborating with patients regarding their birth



(U.S. Army photo by Robert T. Shields/Released)

**Air Force 2nd Lt. Auriel Vokolek, a nurse, takes newborn Isabella's temperature as her mom, Air Force Staff Sgt. Keri Sorsby, holds her in the post-partum unit at San Antonio Military Medical Center, Jan. 25, 2016.**

plans and supporting them as much as possible," she said.

The labor and delivery environment is an extension of that support, the colonel said. With glossy wood floors and inviting colors, the unit has a home-like feel from the moment a family enters the double doors. Expectant moms and their families stay in large, private rooms from labor throughout the postpartum experience. "We really try to provide a family centered experience in an environment that reminds them of home," Murray said.

The unit is collocated with Pediatrics' neonatal intensive care unit, which ensures state-of-the-art care for babies with health issues or born on the earliest side of maturity. "We work hand in hand with the Pediatrics Department,"

Kambiss said. "We wouldn't be able to do what we do without their great assistance."

Throughout the department, lactation consultants are on hand to encourage and facilitate breastfeeding for new moms, Murray added, noting SAMMC's commitment to breastfeeding initiatives. SAMMC is the Defense Department's first designated Texas Ten Step facility, meaning it has shown an exemplary effort to promote and educate patients on breastfeeding.

Both pre- and post-partum, patients have access to one of the city's only women's health physical therapists. Patricia Rodriguez treats pelvic floor dysfunctions, such as urinary incontinence, chronic pelvic pain and a host of other women's issues.

"One of my main goals is to teach patients how to take care of themselves," she said. "The more you understand about your body, the more effective you can be in taking care of it at every stage of life."

Air Force Col. Brian York, assistant chief, Department of OB/GYN, calls it a "true honor" to work at SAMMC.

"We have the privilege of helping our patients bring a new life into their family," York said. "It's quite an honor to be a part of that."

Air Force Capt. Tiffany Prochaska, assistant team lead in the Emergency Department, also has high praise for SAMMC's childbirth services. She has the distinction of delivering the hospital's first baby of 2016: 9-pound, 2-ounce Evelyn Rose.

"Everyone was wonderful; very compassionate," she said. "I knew a lot of the people taking care of me which took a lot of the anxiety away. I'm thrilled to work and receive care here."

Obstetric services are open to all TRICARE beneficiaries. Additionally, thanks to a new Veterans Affairs sharing agreement, VA beneficiaries are now welcome to give birth at SAMMC.

"We have a long-standing agreement with the VA to take care of veterans with gynecological issues," Kambiss said. "This new agreement in obstetrics will enable us to offer more services to our female veterans. We are excited to care for this deserving population."

Murray said she's proud to work at a facility that always puts the patients first. "When I ask the staff what they enjoy most about working here, I hear nearly the same answer across the board," she said. "It's the emphasis on safety and quality care that draws them to the organization. And if our staff is happy, our patients are happy."

## Redhawks launch Comprehensive Airman Fitness program

**By Tech. Sgt. John Hugel**  
142nd Fighter Wing

PORTLAND AIR NATIONAL GUARD BASE, Ore. — As the new year begins, Airmen at the 142nd Fighter Wing here were introduced during the Regular Scheduled Drill (RSD) to a catalog packed with activities designed to improve the total overall well-being of the force.

The Comprehensive Airman Fitness (CAF) program is a holistic approach to cultivate Airmen's health and resiliency. Under a four pillar approach, the program fosters mental, spiritual, social and physical fitness, to help shape a sustainable and ready force.

"Our job is to fight and win the nation's wars. We'll never be good enough at it; we've got to get better every day. It's not an easy task, which is why Comprehensive Airman Fitness is so important," said Air Force Chief

of Staff Gen. Mark A. Welsh III. "Our focus is on the well-being and care for ourselves, each other and our families so we can be more resilient to the many challenges military service brings."

[Click here](#) to learn more about Capt. Pitstick and the Comprehensive Airman Fitness program

Working with a team of nearly a dozen wing members, Col. Donna Prigmore, 142nd Fighter Wing Vice Commander, said the group worked for over 10 weeks to help design the activities, events and groups found in the CAF Winter Catalog.

"From the beginning, the goal was to help bring a cultural change of wellness to our Airmen with an emphasis on improving life balance and personal readiness," said Prigmore.

A majority of the CAF courses involve group activities; whether it is a spinning class at the base gym, a volunteer get-together at a local food bank

or occasional seminars offered on base, all four pillars have been thoroughly considered.

To identify Airmen's needs, Prigmore said the CAF planning group relied on direct feedback from assessments taken during the November RSD Wingman Day.

"We received 777 detailed surveys, specifying what our members want and what concerns need to be addressed," she said.

The challenge was breaking down the numbers and remarks with such a large number of replies. Master Sgt. Bobby Vickery took on the task of deciphering the raw data and articulating both intentions found in the comments and totals found in the statistical summaries.

Vickery described the challenges of crunching the numbers but said his experience in strategic planning through his work in the counter drug program helped break down the survey

results.

"I used some of my experience when it comes to assessments, capacity, implementation and planning to take the data and pinpoint the most pressing concerns," he said.

The formulation and results started to illustrate some interesting trend lines, most notably work-related stress and support programs with physical fitness.

"With our full-time force, work was the number one stressor; both with the work load and the stress associated with their job," Vickery said.

The CAF planning group broke down all the results and addressed the needs based on capabilities and facilities. The base gym was able to host yoga, spinning, running clinics and other fitness classes and conference rooms around base were scheduled for various seminars ranging from women's issues, co-parenting, cooking and nutrition, and financial assistance to name a few.

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Defense Service Medal and the Sea Service Deployment Ribbon with one bronze star in lieu of second award.

Capt. Steven R. Torbert served as a CH-53E Super Stallion pilot with Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron 463, Marine Aircraft Group 24, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing stationed on Marine Corps Base Hawaii. Torbert, 29, from Florence, Alabama, joined the Marine Corps Oct. 14, 2004. Torbert's decorations include the National Defense Service Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal and the Sea Service Deployment Ribbon.

Sgt. Adam C. Schoeller served as a CH-53E Super Stallion crew chief with Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron 463, Marine Aircraft Group 24, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing stationed on Marine Corps Base Hawaii. Schoeller, 25, from Gardners, Pennsylvania, joined the Marine Corps March 23, 2008. His deployments include Operation Enduring Freedom. Schoeller's decorations include the Air Medal with one individual action device and five strike/flight devices, Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal, Marine Corps Good Conduct Medal with bronze star in lieu of second award, National Defense Service Medal, Afghanistan

Campaign Medal, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Sea Service Deployment Ribbon with bronze star in lieu of second award, and the NATO Medal.

Sgt. Dillon J. Semolina served as a CH-53E Super Stallion crew chief with Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron 463, Marine Aircraft Group 24, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing stationed on Marine Corps Base Hawaii. Semolina, 24, from Chaska, Minnesota, joined the Marine Corps Sept. 1, 2011. Semolina's decorations include the Marine Corps Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal and the Sea Service Deployment Ribbon.

Sgt. Jeffrey A. Sempler served as a CH-53E Super Stallion helicopter crew chief with Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron 463, Marine Aircraft Group 24, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing stationed on Marine Corps Base Hawaii. Sempler, 22, from Woodruff, South Carolina, joined the Marine Corps Aug. 12, 2010. Sempler's decorations include the Marine Corps Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal and the Sea Service Deployment Ribbon.

Sgt. William J. Turner served as a

CH-53E Super Stallion helicopter crew chief with Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron 463, Marine Aircraft Group 24, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing stationed on Marine Corps Base Hawaii. Turner, 25, from Florala, Alabama, joined the Marine Corps Aug. 8, 2008. His deployments include Operation Enduring Freedom. Turner's decorations include the Air Medal with four strike/flight devices, Marine Corps Good Conduct Medal with bronze star in lieu of second award, National Defense Service Medal, Afghanistan Campaign Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Sea Service Deployment Ribbon and the NATO Medal.

Cpl. Matthew R. Drown served as a CH-53E Super Stallion helicopter crew chief with Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron 463, Marine Aircraft Group 24, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing stationed on Marine Corps Base Hawaii. Drown, 23, from Spring, Texas, joined the Marine Corps March 2, 2011. Drown's decorations include the Marine Corps Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Medal and the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal.

Cpl. Thomas J. Jardas served as a CH-53E Super Stallion helicopter crew chief with Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron 463, Marine Aircraft Group 24, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing stationed on Marine Corps Base Hawaii. Jardas, 22, from Fort Myers, Florida, joined the Marine Corps May 6, 2011. Jardas' decorations include the Marine Corps Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal and the Sea Service Deployment Ribbon.

Cpl. Christopher J. Orlando served as a CH-53E Super Stallion helicopter crew chief with Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron 463, Marine Aircraft Group 24, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing stationed on Marine Corps Base Hawaii. Orlando, 23, from Hingham, Massachusetts, joined the Marine Corps Aug. 9, 2012. Orlando's decorations include the National Defense Service Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal and the Sea Service Deployment Ribbon.

Lance Cpl. Ty L. Hart served as a CH-53E Super Stallion helicopter crew chief with Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron 463, Marine Aircraft Group 24, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing stationed on Marine Corps Base Hawaii. Hart, 21, from Aumsville, Oregon, joined the Marine Corps Aug. 8, 2012. Hart's decorations include the National Defense Medal and the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal.

Our thoughts and prayers are with the Marines and their families as we all mourn this tragic loss of life.

The Marine Corps is focused on taking care of our Marines and their families. One way we ensure families receive everything they need is to keep them personally updated in the aftermath of this incident. We ask that media please respect their privacy during this challenging time.

Media seeking additional information should contact the Marine Corps Public Affairs Officer, Capt. Timothy Irish at Marine Corps Base Hawaii, via email: mcbh.eoc.pao.fct2@usmc.mil or by phone: 1-(808) 216-7183.

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Stevens suffered a traumatic brain injury when his vehicle struck an improvised explosive device during a convoy in southern Iraq March 7, 2011.

Through the redeployment process following his tour in Iraq, the award was misplaced before it could be processed and presented. Time passed, Stevens received an honorable discharge from the Army and faded into his new life as a civilian.

While recently inspecting old deployment containers, Soldiers with the 215th BSB came upon the award paperwork and contacted Stevens right away. Upon his confirmation that he had not received his medal, they command set about resigning, resubmitting and processing the paperwork to ensure he got the Purple Heart medal he deserved.

"It was amazing," said Stevens. "In the end I found people that were very knowledgeable in what they did, so we could get it pushed up."

After the packet was finalized and approved – a process that proved to be extensive, Stevens received the long-

awaited phone call informing him that he was approved for the Purple Heart.

"When I got the phone call I was happy, but it was also like this four-year ball of stress just coming off my shoulders," said Smith.

Five years later, Stevens has finally received the medal he never imagined he'd get.

"In most cases, an award is something that is presented to a Soldier for the actions that they did," said Lt. Col Steven Erickson, commander of the 215th BSB. "In this case, being a Purple Heart, it's nothing that they did, it's something that they went through, which makes this one more important, I think."

Smith, who was honorably discharged from the Army in 2015, was admittedly thrilled to don his Army Service Uniform one last time to receive the medal he earned through his pain and suffering.

"I'm just happy that everything went through," said Stevens. "It finally happened. It was wonderful."



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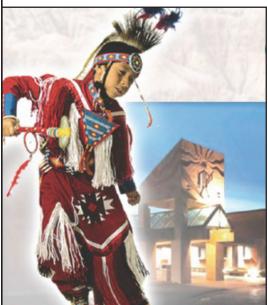
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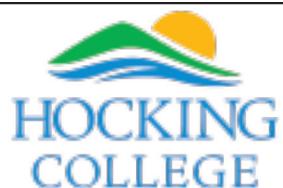
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## Useful tools are available to access Army medicine from anywhere

By Lori Newman  
Brooke Army Medical Center Public Affairs

JOINT BASE SAN ANTONIO-FORT SAM HOUSTON, Texas — The Army medical system offers some easy-to-use tools to help manage your health care needs from home or while on the go.

"The Military Health System has developed several programs over the last few years that can assist you and your family obtain the medical care they need," said Army Maj. Renee Zmijski, chief of the Clinical Operations Division at Brooke Army Medical Center.

TRICARE Online is a useful tool that is available 24/7 from your computer or other Internet-capable device. Beneficiaries can find a doctor, refill a prescription or transfer enrollment to another military treatment facility.

"TRICARE Online is easy to use," Zmijski said. "You can make, change or cancel a primary care appointment on the site within a few minutes."

"TRICARE Online has a prescription refill option," she said. "All you do is type your prescription numbers in the box, hit enter and wait to receive the date your prescription will be ready for pickup."

TOL also will send appointment reminders via text message or email.

To learn more about TOL, visit <http://www.tricareonline.com> for simple step-by-step instructions.

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The Secure Messaging website also has an extensive patient education library people can easily access from the comfort of their home.

## The Role of Nursing in the Military

When people hear the word "nurse" they likely think about the nurses they come into contact with at local hospitals or doctors' offices. Rarely do they think about nurses on the front lines, risking their lives with our men and women in uniform. Military nurses have been a part of the profession of nursing, but they have helped shape the women's and civil rights movements with a history of Military nurses rising above racial and gender barriers to learn about the role of nursing in the military from its beginnings to today.

Knighthood orders formed. These were groups of men that provided medical care to the wounded in war. These orders included the Knights Hospitallers of St. John of Jerusalem, the Knights of St. Lazarus, and the Knights of Lazarus. They were charged with building, organizing, and maintaining hospitals in the battlefield.

**The Crusades (1095-1291)**

The Alexian Brotherhood was established to carry the wounded from the field of battle and provide care.

**Military nurses make about \$77,166/year on average**

Women were asked to provide care for casualties of war on both the Union and Confederate side. They worked out of field hospitals and on boats like the Union Hospital ship *Hospital Ship Merrimack*. The confederate army assigned 30 men per regime to act as combat medics.

**American Revolution (1775-1783)**

**Civil War (1861-1865)**

**1866**

Dr. Mary Walker received the Medal of Honor for her work aiding casualties.

**Army Nurse Corps was established. One of their first acts was to exclude men from nursing in the military.**

**1908 1901**

**Spanish-American War (1898)**

21,480 Army nurses and 1,476 Navy nurses served in hospitals in the US and overseas. 18 African-American Army nurses were asked to care for white and African-American soldiers. Over 400 military nurses died in the line of duty. The majority were killed by highly contagious diseases like the "Spanish Flu."

**1920**

Army Reorganization Act: Military nurses gained the status of officers with "relative rank" from 2nd Lieutenant to major, though they did not have full rights and privileges with this provision.

**World War I (1917-1918)**

The Army-Navy Nurse Act of : Army and Navy nurses were granted permanent contract and officer status. This act made the Army Nurse Corps and Women's Medical Specialist Corps part of the Regular Army.

**1947 1948 1949**

Over 60,000 Army nurses and more than 14,000 Navy nurses served in the US and overseas. 1,000 Army nurses were captured in 1942 by the Japanese in the Philippines. They were held as POWs for 2.5 years. 5 Navy nurses were captured and held as POWs for months by the Japanese in Guam. 11 Navy nurses were captured in the Philippines and held for 37 months. The Women's Army Auxiliary Corps and the Cadet Nurse Corps was established by the US Public Health Service. It trained 125,000 women for military service

**1948: Executive Order 9981 ended racial segregation in the armed services.**

**1949: The Air Force Nurse Corps was established.**

**Male to Female ratio of nurses in the Navy**

Male: 36%
Female: 64%

**Male to Female ratio of nurses in the Army**

Male: 35.5%
Female: 64.5%

**Korean War (1950-1953)**

Over 500 Army nurses served in combat zones with many more working in large hospitals in Korea. Many Army nurses served on Navy ships in Korea and Navy hospitals stateside. Air Force nurses served in the US and overseas. Many those serving in Japan are flight nurses.

**1953**

1 Army nurse died in a plane crash. 11 Army nurses died in a plane crash. 3 Air Force nurses died in a plane crash

**Male to Female ratio of nurses in the Air Force**

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Female: 70%

**1955 1958**

The first female physician became a medical officer in the Regular Army

**1965**

With the Lebanon Crisis underway, military nurses were assigned to the hospitals that deployed during the crisis supporting more than 10,000 troops.

**1966 1971**

For the first time, men were accepted into the Army and Air Force Nurse Corps and the Army Medical Specialist Corps.

**1971**

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**1972**

1972: The USS Sanctuary, a Hospital Ship in the Navy, became the first naval vessel to sail with a male and female crew.

**Vietnam War (1965-1975)**

About 7,000 nurses served in Southeast Asia. Army nurses were the only U.S. military woman to die from enemy fire in Vietnam.

**TODAY**

Military nursing is a necessity in today's armed forces and continues to grow in importance and reverence.

**5x**

An all-male team of nurses is 5 times more likely to occur in the Military

**courtesy of Carrington College**



This is the first noted time that women were asked to serve on the battlefield as nurses.

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