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## WOUNDED WARRIORS READY TO GET INTO FIGHT

By Staff Sgt. Alexandria Mosness

**SOUTHWEST ASIA** — The men and women are dressed in an array of military attire highlighting the fact that each one comes from all walks of the military. Although, they might have differences, they have a common bond that unites them — their goal to get healthy and return to the fight.

The Inter-Theater Care Program here provides medical services for service members who have battle injuries and can recover in approximately 30 days. If they can't get back on their feet and down range in 30 days, they are sent to Landstuhl Regional Medical Center, Germany.

"The program has been around for five years and is the only one in existence throughout the area of responsibility," said Staff Sgt. Johnathan Miranda, ITCP non-commissioned officer in charge. "The goal of the program is to provide them surgery, see the doctor, and get them recuperated. We have a 97 percent return to duty rate."

With a short time to get the service member better, the process of healing starts automatically.

"We pick up the patients from the flightline," said Miranda who is deployed from Langley Air Force Base, Va. "They are generally coming from smaller forward operating bases or somewhere in Afghanistan. They are briefed on the program and are generally seen the next day. The majority of surgeries are performed within 48 hours of the patient's arrival."

After the initial surgery, the remaining time is spent in physical therapy and recuperation.

"We have 30 days to get them better," he said. "About 99 percent are from Afghanistan and approximately 80 percent are Army, 10 percent Navy, and five percent for both Air Force and Marines."

While the service members are getting the medical treatment they need, most of the time they are itching to get back to their unit.

"We were on the way into country when I got sick," said Army Spc. Dave Watts, 4th Brigade, 1st Armored Division. "I am ready to get going. I volunteered for this deployment, and I am bummed that I am back here. The people with the ITCP have been great. Anything we want, they do everything they can to get it."

"When folks get sent out of theatre or sent home, the units have to pick up the slack," said Miranda. "They don't want to leave their unit behind."

"I have been away from my team since early July," said Watts. "I am on a 12-man security forces advice and assisting team. The goal is to advise and assist Afghan as the U.S. forces step back. So being away is hard on a small team."

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(U.S. Navy photo Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class John Phillip Wagner, Jr./Released)

## *Pacific Partnership 2012*

*Rear Adm. C. Forrest Faison III, commander Naval Medical Center San Diego (NMCS) and Navy Medicine West (NMW), interacts with a young family member prior to USNS Mercy (T-AH 19) arriving in its homeport of San Diego after a four-month deployment in support of Pacific Partnership 2012. Nearly 500 medical and support staff from NMW deployed aboard Mercy supporting Pacific Partnership 2012. Pacific Partnership is an annual U.S. Pacific Fleet humanitarian and civic action exercise designed to work with and through host nations to build relationships and a collective ability to respond to natural disasters.*

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# Military, NFL tackle traumatic brain injury

By Sgt. Ashley Curtis

**KANDAHAR AIRFIELD, Afghanistan** — At first glance he looks just like any healthy, young infantryman. He has no visible lacerations and all his limbs are intact. He certainly doesn't look like someone who's been through a blast big enough to knock the tires off of a Stryker.

"I was talking on the headset, and next thing you know, the [improvised

explosive device] hit," said Pfc. Jose Ojeda from Comanche Company, 1st Battalion, 23rd Infantry Regiment, recalling the blast that hit his Stryker while he served as a gunner during a mounted patrol in southern Afghanistan. "I blacked out for like 4-5 seconds and when I came to, I was in the back hatch. I was hit on the head, fell down, and my knee buckled up."

Ojeda and his two comrades managed to make it out of the vehicle, but

he wasn't as perfectly healthy as his appearance would lead one to believe.

You'd need an MRI machine to see the injuries he sustained through that blast, because Ojeda has suffered a traumatic brain injury.

A traumatic brain injury can result from a blow to the head, a fall or an event that shakes the brain. Lt. Cmdr. Craig Carroll, a U.S. Navy neurologist at Role 3 Multinational Hospital in Kandahar, Afghanistan, said the most important thing to do when a traumatic brain injury is suspected is to confirm it as quickly as possible.

Education about traumatic brain injury and the capability to treat it has increased after the opening of the Warrior Recovery Center in Kandahar, Afghanistan, in early 2010. As a result, confirmation of the injury can now begin in the field.

"One of the ways we've tried to improve [identification] is to standardized the way that we have a medic or a primary-care provider on the front line assess an individual after they've been exposed to a circumstance," said Carroll.

Once it was determined Ojeda had sustained a traumatic brain injury, he came to the WRC, which takes an uncommon approach to care.

"One of the things unique about our care here in the WRC is the fact that we are able to approach any service member that has had a traumatic brain injury in a very multidisciplinary manner," said Carroll. "Meaning we have occupational therapists, we have physical therapists, we have psychologists and we have neurologists."

The WRC houses all of these specialties in one relaxed environment, surreally located inside a war zone.

"I think that this is certainly the model of what needs to happen to take care of traumatic brain injury," he said. "That

is the most successful way to approach these patients."

Instead of being sent stateside for care, injured service members in Afghanistan are now able to receive care in theater, rehabilitate and return to duty 90 percent of the time.

"Their motivation to get back to their unit is very strong," said Carroll. "One of our jobs it to make sure we don't get them back before they're ready."

The military is now working with the NFL to study traumatic brain injury and make care as effective as possible. The two have joined forces to study what the impact of multiple concussions can be for service members and players, as well as advocating treatment for the sometimes taboo subject.

"The important piece of this [campaign with the NFL] is to get our soldiers to understand the importance of coming forward," said Gen. Ray Odierno, U.S. Army chief of staff. "If you believe you have a traumatic brain injury, it's important that you come forward to get help. We have the capacity to [help], we have the capability, and it's something that's treatable."

"If we can find a more sensitive way to assess the brain, that would have an impact across not just the military, but also our civilian counterparts as well," said Carroll.

"As we work through this together, we'll find more capabilities to help our soldiers as well as NFL players," Odierno said. "We have to continue to move forward worrying about TBI."

The NFL understands the benefits of this kind of study for players and service members like Ojeda.

NFL Commissioner Roger Goodall said, "Working together we can lead in raising awareness on this issue that affects players in all sports, our men and women in the armed forces, and the broader public."



*Army Chief of Staff Gen. Raymond T. Odierno listens to military leadership at Forward Operating Base Zangabad, located in Panjwa'i district, Sept. 18, 2012. Odierno visited Panjwa'i as part of a visit to talk with soldiers and leaders about various issues, including traumatic brain injury.*

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*During the month of October, the National Football League promotes breast cancer awareness by incorporating pink on its websites, graphics, and advertisements. Players also show support by wearing pink gloves, cleats, captains patches, and other apparel during games.*



# FST surgeons sharpen skills



**Capt. Michael Means, anesthetist student, Madigan Healthcare System, tracks and records a patient's vitals signs during a live surgical procedure as part of a training exercise on Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Wash., Sept 21.**

By Staff Sgt. David Chapman

JOINT BASE LEWIS-MCCHORD, Wash. — Medical professionals call it the “golden hour,” that valuable time after a serious injury when how fast the treatment is received could be the decider between life and death. Because of a small team of surgeons, this vital and short time frame can be maximized to shift the balance to save a life.

During a weeklong training exercise on Joint Base Lewis-McChord the 105th Forward Surgical Team and the 250th Forward Surgical Team (Airborne) operated out of a series of small tents and came together as one team to practice and perfect their skills. The culminating event was live surgeries conducted in tents at the training site Sept. 21.

“We performed surgery on patients out here in the field,” said Maj. Kelly Blair, surgeon 250th FST. “These folks have volunteered to have their hernias and minor surgeries done out here to allow our soldiers to train before we deploy for humanitarian missions, disaster relief missions or deploy to theater operations in Afghanistan or any

other place worldwide.”

With the help of Madigan Healthcare System, who made sure the proper waivers were signed, the surgical teams were able to conduct six live surgeries as opposed to using training mannequins normally used during exercises.

“We have support from the 56th Multifunctional Medical Battalion, on the commo side, so we actually have secure satellite hook up into the network at the hospital,” said Maj. Joshua Paul, commander 250th FST. “We are actually doing live clinical data feeds to the database as we are taking care of patients. We have had hospital support, which picked the patients, as well as logistic support from Madigan.”

Satellite communications systems are just the tip of the iceberg for what the future holds for FSTs. By developing new techniques and faster processes for injured soldiers will allow them to better save lives.

“The roles of the FSTs are to provide far forward surgery and increase the already exceedingly high survival rate in combat. The American Army does a superb job of saving lives and the FSTs

are getting better and better at making that rate as close to a hundred percent as humanly possible,” Paul said. “So the investment in time, investment in personnel and some fairly hi-tech equipment we have is all closing that gap and making us provide soldiers in the Army with the best possible medical care.”

Making the two surgical teams one could have been a challenge, but the two units pulled together to complete the mission.

“These two teams made it seem like they have been working together a few years,” said Blair. They are new to one another and have only worked together a few months. But the way they get along and how efficiently they take care of patients, its like they have been together their whole lives. Of course we have stressors, but they have done a flawless job and I’m proud of them.”

The two surgical teams will continue to train and practice over the coming months as they prepare for their role in the Army’s Defense Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear and high-yield Explosives (CBRNE) Response Force (DCRF).

## ★ Warriors

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A lot of the men and women don’t want to go home without finishing their job, Miranda reiterated. So it is hard for them to be here while their unit is still downrange.

“So, they talk to me and I talk to them,” said Miranda, a Camden, New York native. “They always ask, ‘When am I going to get back?’ They always wonder. They all want to go back. The young guys push hard to return.”

Although Miranda works in the emergency room at home station, he said the change of pace is a lot different, but the work he is doing here “is more rewarding.”

“The best part is getting to know these folks,” he said. “I get to see them thirty days at a time. It’s nice to give them mentoring, as well as help them get better.”

And there are those patients that stick out more to Miranda than others.

The patient whose story affected Miranda the most was an Army private first class infantryman who came through and had been hit with an RPG and hit with the shrapnel in the side of his face, said Miranda. He had two big shrapnel wounds in his arm.

“Before he came here, he was bounced to three different hospitals,” Miranda said. “He was in really good spirits. He wanted to get healed up and back to his men.”

This is the same mentality that many of the wounded warriors share.

“I’ve been here for almost a month.



**U.S. Army members with the Inter Theater Care Program make their way out to a U.S. Air Force C-130 Hercules, which will transport them back to their deployed organizations, Al Udeid AB, Qatar, Aug. 30, 2012. These members are part of ITCP because they suffered from combat related injuries in the AOR. The ITCP was established in order to care for injured troops, who were able to be rehabilitated and returned to their respective units with-**

and it has been absolutely positive,” said Air Force Senior Master Sgt. Ivan Esau, JAG senior enlisted advisor Afghani Administrator detention directive, who is deployed from Robins AFB, Ga., and is currently at Bagram Air Field, Afghanistan.

While thirty days might seem short for some, the patients of the ITCP find it much longer when they are away from their unit. The enthusiasm of the service members to get back into the fight can be best described by the young Army specialist from Fort Bliss, Texas.

“I’m ready to go!” Watts exclaimed.

## 81st MDG lab wins three Air Force awards

By 81st Medical Group

KEESLER AIR FORCE BASE, Miss. -- The 81st Medical Group’s Medical Simulation Laboratory earned three Air Force-level achievement awards at the 2012 Air Force Medical Modeling and Simulation workshop held in San Antonio in August.

The Keesler medical simulation staff earned the following Air Force first-place honors for the 2011 training year: Medical Scenario Development Team Award; Tier -I Mentorship Team Award; and the Outstanding Coordinator Award. Col. Patrick Storm, director of Air Force medical modeling and simulation from Randolph Air Force Base, Texas, presented the awards.

The Simulation Lab is staffed by coordinator Randy Bernhardt and operators Brad Belford and Jamie McElroy and is contracted through ICF International. All three are retired Air Force Medical Service craftsmen and collectively they bring more than 80 years of hands-on medical knowledge to the lab and have a vast medical background to share with students.

Keesler’s Medical Simulation Lab is one of 11 Tier-I sites globally and is responsible for mentoring eight medical simulation units in the Gulf South Region. This includes Hurlburt Field, Eglin, Tyndall, MacDill and Patrick AFBs in Florida, Barksdale AFB, La.;

Maxwell AFB, Ala.; and Columbus AFB, Miss. The Keesler lab also is directly involved in providing training, equipment, support and clinical expertise to Keesler’s three Graduate Medical Education Programs - internal medicine, general surgery and general dentistry. In addition, the lab staff is essential to the medical group’s readiness skills verification programs for assigned professional nursing and numerous enlisted medical specialties.

The lab, which provided more than 7,000 student-training hours in 2011, works very closely with Keesler’s Clinical Research Laboratory. The lab staff assists with various medical research projects, providing space and some high-fidelity equipment to conduct research.

Bernhardt commented, “In addition to the outstanding support we received from the Air Force Medical Modeling and Simulation Office’s Central Program Office at Randolph AFB, the lab owes its ongoing training success to Keesler’s very engaged senior leadership and incredible assistance from the flight’s enlisted staff.”

He added, “Without everyone’s dedication to the possibilities medical simulation affords, we would not have been recognized. Improving health care is a team effort. As patients and caregivers we all hold a stake in the outcome.”



(US Navy photos by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Jessica L. Tounzen/HIPAA Complete)

## Flu vaccine

*Above left: Hospitalman Apprentice Marie Casado, attached to Naval Medical Center San Diego (NMCS D)'s immunization clinic, applies a bandage to the arm of Rear Adm. C. Forrest Faison III, commander NMCS D and Navy Medicine West, after administering a flu vaccine to Faison prior to a command-wide flu shot exercise (SHOTEX) scheduled for Sept. 12 at NMCS D's chapel.*

*Above right: Hospitalman Apprentice Marie Casado, attached to Naval Medical Center San Diego (NMCS D)'s immunization clinic, administers a nasal flu mist vaccine to Capt. Christopher Irwin, Director for Administration, prior to a command-wide flu shot exercise (SHOTEX) scheduled for Sept. 12 at NMCS D's chapel.*



## Researchers launch largest scientific study of military death impact on survivors

BETHESDA, MD – Since September 11, 2001, more than 16,000 active duty service members have died from a variety of causes, with slightly more than one-third attributed to the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. For every service member who dies, it is estimated that 6-10 individuals are impacted. Researchers from the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences (USU) Center for the Study of Traumatic Stress (CSTS) have launched the five-year National Military Family Bereavement Study to investigate the impact of military death on surviving family members, the largest scientific study of its kind.

Led by Stephen J. Cozza, M.D., Professor, USU Department of Psychiatry, and Associate Director, CSTS, the multidisciplinary research team will study more than 3,000 survivors of deceased active duty service members to understand the grief and loss experiences, investigate the impact of community support and services on the bereaved, and understand how available resources impact resilience or vulnerability in surviving families. The study will also build on the growing evidence addressing the intersection of grief and trauma and how it affects a military family member's bereavement process, and needs for support and assistance. Findings will help to provide a scientific basis to inform policies affecting survivor care.

"The death of a military service member is a life-changing event for the entire family," said Cozza. "From the initial distress of notification to longer-term challenges, family members face difficult emotional and practical issues possibly related to distinctive characteristics of military death. Certain similarities between civilian and military bereavement exist, however, families impacted by a military death may possess unique risk and protective factors that affect their bereavement process and experience of loss. The study of

bereavement in the civilian population is extensive; however, there is a lack of substantive empirical research on the impact of the death of a family member serving in the U.S. military. The need to study individual and family bereavement when a military service member dies is critical to understanding the grief and loss experiences of this unique survivor population."

Cozza's team will look at 3,000 adult survivors of active duty military members (including guard and reserve) who died on or after September 11, 2001, from any cause (including KIA, accident, illness, homicide, or suicide). "Survivors" include spouses/ex-spouses, parents/step-parents/adoptive and custodial parents/in-loco parentis, children/step-children (including adult children over the age of 18). Of the 3,000 studied, the team will select a subset of 500 survivors for family interviews, which will include surviving children. A website (<http://www.military-survivorstudy.org>) has been established to provide information on the study and to recruit participants.

Survivors will complete questionnaires and participate in interviews and focus groups. They will also be asked for saliva samples which will be used to identify genes that might be associated with risk or resilience during the bereavement process.

The independent study will also feature input from consultants and collaborators from a number of outside institutions, including Columbia University, Harvard University, UCLA, the University of Michigan, and Allegheny College. In addition, the Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors (TAPS), Gold Star Wives of America, Inc., American Gold Star Mothers, Inc., National Military Families Association (NMFA), Military Child Education Coalition (MCEC), Snowball Express, and the Army Survivor Outreach Services (S.O.S.) are collaborating as principal community partners.

## Add an App to Access TRICARE Pharmacy Benefits

FALLS CHURCH, Va. — TRICARE beneficiaries have new pharmacy options available and accessible in the palm of their hand just by using TRICARE pharmacy contractor Express Script's enhanced mobile application. The new additions let beneficiaries use their smartphone to safely and securely manage their TRICARE pharmacy benefit.

So how convenient are the latest enhancements?

The updated app includes medication reminders and an account registration tool.

The reminder feature gives beneficiaries the option to set up daily alerts to make sure they take their medications as prescribed and don't skip a dose. The account registration feature lets beneficiaries create their ESI account right on their smart phone.

"The Express Rx mobile app gives beneficiaries access to their prescription information anytime, anywhere," said Rear Adm. Thomas J. McGinnis, chief of TRICARE Pharmacy Operations.

Currently, the Express Rx app and mobile-optimized website allow beneficiaries to register for TRICARE Pharmacy Home Delivery and change current prescriptions over to home deliv-

ery. They can also order home delivery refills and check order status. Another feature lets beneficiaries look up information on their current prescriptions. For GPS-enabled smart phones, the app can direct beneficiaries to the nearest network retail pharmacy.

Smartphone users can download the app for free by going to [www.express-scripts.com/mobile](http://www.express-scripts.com/mobile) or using services like the Apple App Store or Android Marketplace. The mobile-optimized pharmacy website is accessible at <http://m.esrx.com>.

Other available free apps to download through the Apple App Store or Android Marketplace are the TriWest mobile app and the Defense Manpower Data Center's milConnect mobile app. Beneficiaries in the South Region can make use of the mobile Humana Military website, <https://m.humana-military.com/> while beneficiaries in the North Region can use the mobile Health Net mobile site, <https://m.healthnet.com>.

For more information about TRICARE pharmacy program, visit [www.tricare.mil/pharmacy](http://www.tricare.mil/pharmacy). Learn how to switch to TRICARE pharmacy home delivery at [www.tricare.mil/homedelivery](http://www.tricare.mil/homedelivery).



(U.S. Air Force photo by Steve Pivnick)

*Pharmacy technician Airman 1st Class George Glymph, 81st Diagnostic and Therapeutics Squadron, retrieves a patient's prescription Aug. 21, 2012, from the Keesler Air Force Base, Miss., main pharmacy automatic prescription storage system.*

## Keesler first in AETC to use new prescription system

By Steve Pivnick

81st Medical Group Public Affairs

KEESLER AIR FORCE BASE, Miss. -- The 81st Medical Group pharmacy is the first in the Air Education and Training Command to install and the first large Air Force pharmacy to fully-utilize a new automatic prescription storage system.

Lt. Col. Winnie Lok-Park, 81st Diagnostics and Therapeutics Squadron Pharmacy Flight commander, explained, "The system identifies, tracks, stores and ensures every prescription is correctly retrieved every time. It streamlines pharmacy will-call operations while improving accuracy and reducing errors. The system uses radio frequency identification technology to streamline storage within the pharmacy operation by using RFID tagged baskets, a unique lockable electronic cabinet design, and real-time tracking software to make our will-call operations more accurate, efficient and professional."

The colonel noted, "Misfiled, mis-bundled and mispicked prescriptions

are the top three medication errors in our pharmacy. A misfiled prescription requires us to redo it when we are not able to find the prescription. This frustrates both the patient and staff. It also makes us look very unprofessional.

She added, "'Pick-to-Light' technology guides our staff to the correct location for a patient's prescriptions by following the lights and sound. It also alerts staff of those instances when prescriptions were activated at different times to ensure patients receive all ordered medications at one time. This eliminates the need for patients to make multiple trips to the pharmacy.

"Using the new system, it takes less than 10-15 seconds to safely and accurately locate and retrieve patient prescriptions. Patient safety and patient satisfaction are our top priorities and the new system enables us to fulfill both with no added steps to our current process."

The system was installed at the 81st MDG and exchange pharmacies Aug. 4.

## NMCS D debuts Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) Center

SAN DIEGO — Naval Medical Center San Diego (NMCS D) is scheduled to unveil a major expansion to one of its diagnostic imaging services during a grand opening ceremony on Oct. 2, 2012. NMCS D has renovated its former film archive room in the main Radiology and expanded it into a 4,000 square foot MRI Center.

Considered the most aggressive, single largest Radiology capital equipment project in the history of the hospital, the \$15 million-dollar MRI Center will introduce the latest in technology and innovation with three Tesla (3T) MRI scanners (Philips Ingenia 3T Omega). The Center's impressive modern floor design integrates architecture and technology with the most sophisticated lighting solution (Ambient Experience), providing patient-centered healthcare, comfort, personalization and workflow.

The new MRI scanners will replace two of the older (lower strength) MRI scanners; thereby expanding the hospital's imaging capabilities to four operational high-powered MRI scanners. The Center will provide the latest in conventional and advanced applications in muscular-skeletal, neurological, body, and breast imaging, including the most advanced 3D image rendering, functional and spectroscopy programs available on the market today. These capabilities will ultimately improve

efficiency in scan times while producing superior image quality - leading to faster and more accurate diagnosis of disease and injury. MRI is one of the most important developments in medical diagnosis and is considered the major new tool of radiology, now being applied to virtually every part of the body. One of its unique benefits is its utility for neurological and functional MR imaging, which will be used to aid in the diagnosis and treatment of traumatic brain injury (TBI) particularly for combat wounded service members.

Currently, Radiology performs approximately 1,400 MR scans per month on three MRI scanners, with approximately a one month wait for an appointment. The new Center is expected to operate nearly 24 hours a day - 7 days a week to significantly improve timeliness and access to care for beneficiaries. Additionally, the majority of patients no longer have to navigate through the loading docks in the ground-level rear of the hospital to access MRI services. The new location in the main Radiology will make it much easier and convenient for patients to access MRI services. This workflow enhancement coupled with the newest technology will raise the bar in the delivery of quality health care to our beneficiaries.



(U.S. Navy photo Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class John Phillip Wagner, Jr./Released)

## Sailors welcomed home

*Rear Adm. C. Forrest Faison III, commander Naval Medical Center San Diego (NMCS D) and Navy Medicine West (NMW) answers questions from San Diego-area broadcaster prior to welcoming home Sailors from USNS Mercy (T-AH 19) after a four-month deployment in support of Pacific Partnership 2012. Nearly 500 medical and support staff from NMW deployed aboard Mercy supporting Pacific Partnership 2012. Pacific Partnership is an annual U.S. Pacific Fleet humanitarian and civic action exercise designed to work with and through host nations to build relationships and a collective ability to respond to natural disasters.*

# Illinois school project preserves memory, history of Bataan Soldiers

SPRINGFIELD, IL — A persistent interest in a locked memorial garden, a promise to a friend and the quest for free computers led a couple of teachers at Proviso East High School in Maywood, Ill., to embark on a project that is today an expansive online databases of a single National Guard organization and a fascinating chronicle of one of the most dramatic prisoner of war episodes in American history.

Inside the well maintained, park-like memorial garden at Proviso East High School are several large commemorative plaques with the names of 191 former students who died fighting during World War II etched onto them.

Ian Smith, a former social studies teacher, and Jim Opolony, an English teacher at Proviso East, often talked of exploring the memorial garden, but found little opportunity until after school one day during the 1999 school year.

“The garden is an open air courtyard that classrooms overlooked and wasn’t an area typically for students to go into and wander around in,” said Smith. “The doors would lock automatically and we were worried we couldn’t get back in. But one day we noticed the door was ajar and we went out to explore.”

While they explored the memorial garden, Smith and Opolony made a rubbing of the name Robert Boerman from one of the monuments as a favor to Boerman’s nephew. As they continued to explore they noticed a disproportionate number of names from the class of 1938.

“We knew Maywood had a long history with the Bataan Death March because of the parade, which was held for 50 years and the Bataan Day ceremonies,” said Smith. “We wondered why there were so many from this particular class and thought it may be connected to Bataan.”

The pair investigated further and discovered the building across the street from the school, visible from Smith’s classroom, was the armory. Following on an oral history project they led with their students the year before, Smith and Opolony decided to get their students involved in the project of discovering and documenting the histories of the Proviso veterans who were memorialized in the garden.

As a bonus, the student’s use of the Internet for the project would help the school procure computers through a school consortium. The teachers quickly found their students knew very little about their local history and the project was a great opportunity to edu-

cate them about it.

The original focus of the project was Company B, 192nd Tank Battalion, Illinois Army National Guard whose Soldiers, along with those of the rest of the battalion, would successfully repel the Japanese invasion of the Philippine’s Bataan Peninsula for four months while critically short on food, bullets and other supplies. Without supplies or hope of reinforcements, the troops were ordered to surrender. Now prisoners of war, the Soldiers were made to walk the 80 miles to Camp O’Donnell suffering from dehydration, exhaustion, disease and brutal treatment at the hands of their Japanese guards.

“Originally the students got really upset,” said Opolony. “We brought one of the Bataan survivors into the classroom and a student asked him ‘did you want to die?’ and he said ‘every day.’ They had tears in their eyes when they realized these men were really just boys of 17, 18, or 19 years old when this happened to them.”

Opolony and Smith were successful at piquing their students’ interest and said the project quickly grew wheels.

“This was such a close, local story. These guys went to the same school, played on the same ball fields and lived in the same neighborhoods as the students,” said Smith. “A passion developed at that point to get the word out. Let’s see if we can find survivors; let’s see if we can find some relatives of those who died and get their stories out there.”

Both teachers said they could not imagine how the project would grow and develop.

“We were only going to document B Company, but as soon as we went online with the project we began receiving e-mails from family members from the remainder of the battalion in Wisconsin, Ohio and Kentucky,” said Opolony.

They decided to move the project forward and expand it.

“We were getting information about all four companies in the battalion,” said Smith. “We decided, let’s keep going with it.”

Today the entire project is a site of its own (<http://www.proviso.k12.il.us/bataan%20web/index.htm>) and is updated as often as new information is made available from survivors and family members.

“All of the information is from primary sources; first-hand accounts. Survivors sent us pictures and letters and scrap books,” said Smith. “We went to

the Maywood Bataan Day event in 1999 and looked for people who looked like they were World War II veterans and asked them to do interviews and that developed into great relationships.”

As the nation marks POW/MIA Recognition Day Sept. 21, Smith and Opolony take pride in their students’ efforts to preserve the history of the Illinois National Guard Soldiers who are connected to Bataan.

“The students really appreciated the history. It wasn’t something in a history book, it was personalized,” said Smith. “We’d have addresses of where the Soldiers lived and students would say ‘that’s next to my house.’ It made the history come alive for them.”

Both have found the project impacted their lives too.

“If you would have asked me in 1999, I wouldn’t have known a whole lot,” said Opolony. “I’m not an authority on Bataan or World War II, but I know a ton about the tank battalion. I’ve made a lot of friends and have traveled to all four towns where companies of the 192nd were from.”

They said most of the survivors interviewed for the project were being asked to talk about something they would rather not remember, but that talking helped the survivors and helped their families.

“We were able to find out things, fill in the pieces for families who lost someone over there, but until (this project), we knew very few details about their experience before they died. Survivors would say to us ‘thank you for helping me tell these stories I’ve never told anybody about before,’” said Smith.

Today only a few of the 192nd Tank Battalion Soldiers who served in WWII are still alive, but their stories and their memory live on as a result of the Proviso East High School Bataan Commemorative Research Project. The project has been a blessing to survivors and the families around the world and received two awards including an Illinois State Board of Education excellence award.

Smith and Opolony said the project has been a blessing on them personally as well.

“The privilege of being able to interact with and get to know these people...it has been as rewarding for Jim and I as it has been for the veterans and families who’ve benefitted from the project,” said Smith.

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## Commissioning Ceremony

**Right: Naval Medical Center San Diego’s (NMCS) Chief Hospital Corpman Estrellita Edmond’s family pins her Ensign rank and her nurse corps device during Edmond’s commissioning ceremony at Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego. Edmond was commissioned under the Navy’s medical commissioning program (MCEP) which offers qualified enlisted men and woman from all enlisted ratings a chance to earn an entry-level nursing degree followed by an appointment as an Ensign in the Nurse Corps. Five NMCS staff members were accepted to MCEP for fiscal year 2012.**



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Contact Blount Memorial's Business Health directly at 865-273-1707 or apply on-line at [www.blountmemorial.org](http://www.blountmemorial.org)

## Physicians

## Mental Health

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**Therese Mazloom, Human Resources (05M)**  
**WJB Dorn VA Medical Center**  
**6439 Garners Ferry Road, Columbia, SC 29209-1639**  
**Phone: 803-776-4000, ext. 6264**

For specific information concerning this position, contact:

**Dr. Steve Hawes,**  
**Chair, Search Committee for Chief of Specialty Medicine Service**  
**803-776-4000, ext. 7982**

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Area Mental Health Center  
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Inquiries to: Executive Director  
**St. Joseph Orphanage,**  
**5400 Edalbert Dr., Cincinnati, OH 45239** or [bob.wehr@sjokids.org](mailto:bob.wehr@sjokids.org)  
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Sierra Vista, Arizona



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