

AMSC Newsletter

(Reserve Component)

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IMA to the Chief, SP Corps*

First, let me welcome you to the Reserve Component section of the *Medallion*. A special "thanks" to COL Hooper for inviting us to promote the Reserve Component and network through the available site and available medium. I have just completed my annual training at FSH, TX. Again what a great opportunity to serve and promote our Corps. I was fortunate to attend the Change of Command Ceremony from MG Kevin Kiley to MG Darrel Porr. It was a great day and a great ceremony. Afterwards, MG Porr took the time to personally thank me for the great work done by the members of the SP Reserve Component.

I am truly honored to serve and represent the Corps in my current position. I want to introduce you to the rest of the leadership in the Reserve Component for the Army Medical Specialist Corps:

IMA to the Chief, SP Corps – LTC M'Lynda S. Durr
IMA to the Chief, Dietitian Section – COL Sarah Helms
IMA to the Chief, Occupational Therapist Section – LTC Mary Altena
IMA to the Chief, Physical Therapist Section – COL Cheryl Howard

All of us are working together to promote communication and network activities between the active and reserve component. If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact one of us. You can do so via the SP Home Page, Army Knowledge Online (AKO), or e-mail.

We have just received an updated roster from AR-PERSCOM and are in the process of updating the information for file purposes in the SP Corps Chief's office. You should be hearing from your IMA Section Chief in the near future. There is the possibility that some of the contact information we have may be dated, so if you do not hear from us, take the initiative and contact us.

All officers can now be personally involved and accountable for the management of their own records through the AKO and 2xcitizen websites. All Reserve Officers should establish an AKO account that will enable you to access your own Official Military Personnel File (OMPF). You can view your record, determine if there are missing documents, and submit changes if necessary. This capability is extremely helpful when updating your records or preparing your records for the boards. AKO also has the email feature where you can have mail forwarded to this account and/or have mail forwarded to your home account. This is a great method to communicate and network. I urge all of you to get an account. (The last issue of the *Medallion* has the step-by-step instructions on how to log on.)

Upcoming Events:

Association of Military Surgeons United States (AMSUS) Relevant and Reasonable: The Future of Federal Healthcare 10-15 November 2002- Louisville, Kentucky- *AMSC Session 13 November 2002*. To find out more information or register go to www.amsus.org. To request funding through AR-PERSCOM, submit a DA 1058-R form through your agency to:

Commander
AR-PERSCOM
ATTN: ARPC-HS
1 Reserve Way
St. Louis, Mo. 63132-5200

Military Symposium in conjunction with the ADA Meeting
0800-1630 Friday 18 October 2002 and 0800-1200 Saturday 19 October 2002 in Philadelphia, PA.

Officer Professional Development

Military education is one area of leader development that helps develop Army officers into leaders capable of maintaining a trained and ready Army. Army officers can expect to attend schools that provide formal education and training in progressive preparation for future positions.

AMEDD Officers can expect to attend:

Officer Basic Course (OBC)
Officer Advance Course (OAC)
Command and General Staff Course (CGSC)

It has been brought to the attention of the leadership that not all officers have attended OBC. For position progression and promotion, officers should be making every attempt to attend the appropriate level of education.

How to apply:

Troop Program Unit (TPU) Officers: Applications must be submitted through the officer's chain of command and requested via the Army Training Requirements and Resources System (ATTRS).

Individual Mobilization Augmentees (IMA): Applications from officers assigned to the IMA must be submitted on DA 1058-R through their agency indicating if the request is for professional development to be completed in lieu of annual training or in addition to annual training.

Individual Ready Reserves (IRR): Applications from officers assigned to the IRR must be submitted on DA 1058-R directly to:

COMMANDER
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For additional information visit: www.2xcitizen.usar.mil/soldierservices/guidance/pde.asp
For additional information on available PDE's visit the AMEDD Center and School website.

In closing, on behalf of the leadership, I want to thank you all for everything that you do. All the extra hours that you put in to support the Armed Services and the Reserves, in addition to your day to day activities often goes without the thanks. We don't hear or say it enough, but know that you and the work that you do is of value and greatly appreciated. We are here to assist you and are open to ways of how we can help to serve you better.

Congratulations to all the Reserve Officers who have been selected for promotion. To see the results of all recent boards, log on to www.perscomonline.army.mil/select/R