



# VETERINARY SERVICE NEWS

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## Veterinary Corps Chief Message

### Corps Chief's Video Message



Please access the US Army Veterinary Corps website at <http://veterinarycorps.amedd.army.mil/message.html> to listen to BG John Poppe's Veterinary Corps Chief message. In addition, please see the link to Veterinary Service policies currently maintained by the Department of Defense Veterinary Services Activity (DoDVSA) office.

## From the Corps Chief:

Happy New Year!

My two scoops of hooah this month include the great work by the Soldiers of our veterinary detachments and our great Civilians.

The 64th continues their great work in theater and the 438th took the opportunity to hone their skills at the National Training Center. Also, I would like to highlight the story on the Dog Center Europe's care of our wounded military working dogs.

I would like to recognize Ms. Barbara Lacey for her 25 years of Federal service and her great work at Public Health Command. She is a great example of the invaluable civilian workforce that is integral to our Veterinary Services.

With great sadness we said goodbye to SSG Anderson, 68T, and CW2 Billings, former 68R, this month. Please keep their Families in your thoughts and prayers.

On the bright side, lots of great training and recruiting opportunities in this issue. I would like to highlight the Military Veterinary Medical Course that will focus on Defense Support of Civil Authorities here at Fort Sam Houston 8-10 April 2014, I look forward to seeing many of you here.

Have a safe and enjoyable Presidents Day weekend, 97 years Army Strong!

- Brigadier General Poppe

BG Poppe promotes Veterinary Corps Officer, Stephanie Mont to the rank of LTC at the MEDCOM HQ building in Fort Sam Houston, TX.





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SPC Cory Christopherson, SSG Peter Schmidt and PFC Ariadna MimilaGalinda, members of the 438th MDVSS, provide veterinary services during a National Training Center (NTC) rotation in support of the 4th Infantry Division.

## 64th MDVSS in Afghanistan

Service members at the only Role 3 Veterinary Hospital in Afghanistan continue daily care of animals to ensure military and contract working dogs get adequate attention during their deployments.

Just like Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen and Marines, MWDs and CWDs require routine and emergency medical care to complete their mission in the Afghanistan Area of Responsibility. To get the medical help that may be needed, they rely on the care of the Kandahar Veterinary Treatment Facility Veterinary Services Support Team.

"Our facility functions as a Role 2 and Role 3 veterinary facility," said U.S. Army Capt. Lindsey Day, Veterinary Service Support Team officer in charge. "Our Role 2 responsibilities include routine care and emergency care of MWDs and CWDs in the Kandahar area. As a Role 3 facility, working dogs in Afghanistan that require hospitalization for more than 48 hours are (medically evacuated) to our facility for the duration of their in-theater care."



SGT Jared Donnell and PVT Robyn Peck place an endotracheal tube in a CWD for a procedure.



CPT Day performs a dental exam on a CWD.

If injuries prevent return to duty for more than two weeks, the working dogs are medically evacuated out of theater to Dog Center Europe, Day said. "(U.S. Army) Maj. (Jodi) Sangster (veterinary clinic specialist) provides consultation and guidance for the other veterinarians in theater, and it's her expertise that makes the (Kandahar) VTF a Role 3 facility," Day said.

The KAF VTF stays busy, Day said, but to mitigate their workload the VTF works on an appointment basis. Their appointments are scheduled Monday through Saturday, but a vet and a technician remain at the clinic on Sundays for emergencies.

"During the week we see patients for annual exams, vaccinations, health certificates, surgeries,

dental procedures, and sick call," Sangster said. "We work as hard and as long as we need to ensure the health and well-being of our working dogs. Our job is to provide the best care we can for these dogs, and we are on call 24-7 while in theater.

The VTF staff said they always provide the best possible care they can for their patients, but there is still a negative outlook toward the facility at times.

"Some people are just ill informed and see us only as the 'feral animal euthanasia guys,'" Day said. "Feral animal control is an important part of the public health mission of the VTF, but it is only a small portion of the work we do."

The continuous care of the vets and technicians at the KAF VTF ensure the four-legged military and contract counterparts working in the AOR stay healthy and fit for duty.



A CWD and his handler with SPC Nicole Lamanna.



## **438th MDVSS at NTC**

Upon redeployment from Afghanistan in late March 2013, the 438<sup>th</sup> MDVSS was presented with a familiar challenge experienced by all Veterinary MTOE units: How to realistically train Soldiers and Leaders to support tactical operations in an era of decreasing resource availability. In addition to retaining MOS and professional skills, Soldier skills, and equipment maintenance required to maintain a fully-trained and validated veterinary unit, 438<sup>th</sup> command elements sought methods to train and maintain competent teams to support BDE or higher Force Health Protection operations. This did not include just Veterinary Support Services to MWDs and Troop Feeding operations but full spectrum operations extending to Preventive Medicine and other Medical services.

One novel and exciting solution involved the 438<sup>th</sup> MDVSS Operations Officer actively engaging the 4<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division Medical Operations team to coordinate training support during ongoing BDE operations. While providing support, 438<sup>th</sup> MDVSS Soldiers would be provided with a unique opportunity to practice their skills in a realistic training environment.

After several months of attending 4<sup>th</sup> ID Medical Operation and Surgeon meetings, the first opportunity to exercise this new partnership came into fruition with a joint exercise between 4<sup>th</sup> Brigade, 4<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division and the 10<sup>th</sup> Combat Support Hospital's. The 438<sup>th</sup> MDVSS was able to successfully deploy a Headquarters Element, Veterinary Role III and Food Surveillance Laboratory in support of the 10<sup>th</sup> CSH while tasking the VSSTs to support 4<sup>th</sup> BDE operations. During the exercise, the VSSTs supported seven Battalion and Company level troop feeding operations while the Headquarters element gained extensive experience coordinating exercises at multiple sites. This exercise served as a training model and showcased the veterinary assets' capabilities while providing training to the 438<sup>th</sup> MDVSS Soldiers. The level of professionalism, timeliness of reports, and recommendations resulting in monetary savings impressed the Infantry BDE to such a degree that they requested a Veterinary Support team accompany them on their rotation through the National Training Center.

A Veterinary team consisting of one Veterinarian, an NCOIC, and two Veterinary Food Inspectors was selected to provide support at the National Training Center (NTC). The opportunity proved to be a climactic event in an otherwise challenging year of preparation. The 438<sup>th</sup> Veterinary team inspected an estimated 1.2 million dollars of Operational Rations during the 16 day rotation of which approximately \$6,000 dollars worth of rations were salvaged. The need to visually inspect food service operations at two Class I delivery points and eight Containerized Kitchens (CKs) throughout the AO served as a challenge to operation planning; however, the boost in Soldier morale after receiving safe and wholesome meals in an austere environment was clearly evident. In addition to the invaluable hands-on training, the 438<sup>th</sup> Veterinary team gained valuable experience in understanding the importance of integration and networking to gain support and accomplish the mission. Unique cross training opportunities extended past the primary mission of food inspection. For example, collaboration with Brigade Preventive Medicine assets was made to help reduce Disease Non-Battle Field Injuries (DNBI) while over 50 Human Health Care Providers were trained on veterinary emergency medical care and evacuation.

The success of this training model was evident when the Infantry Brigade publicly acknowledged the Veterinary team's contributions with Army Achievement Medals. Furthermore, the 438<sup>th</sup> Medical Detachment (Veterinary Service Support) is expected to play a major role in providing support to the 10<sup>th</sup> CSH's mobilization to support Operation Global Medic in June 2014 and also to support the next 4<sup>th</sup> ID rotation through the NTC.



CPT Bass, PFC MimilaGalinda, SPC Christopherson and SSG Schmidt at NTC

## Dog Center Europe treats soldiers — the canine kind — injured in war



See link below for story with video (photo and story by Matt Millham, copyright Stars and Stripes):

<http://www.stripes.com/news/dog-center-europe-treats-soldiers-the-canine-kind-injured-in-war-1.258959>

## Working dogs: Airman training four-legged recruits

See link below for story (by Shannon Collins, The Times and Democrat):

[http://thetandd.com/military/working-dogs-airman-training-four-legged-recruits/article\\_6b5d4f66-71c6-11e3-a3d2-001a4bcf887a.html](http://thetandd.com/military/working-dogs-airman-training-four-legged-recruits/article_6b5d4f66-71c6-11e3-a3d2-001a4bcf887a.html)





# Civilian Service Recognition Awards

Mrs. Barbara Lacey, Approved Sources Manager, Army Institute of Public Health, US Army Public Health Command, was recently recognized for 25 years of career Federal Service.

Career service emblems and Office of Personnel Management certificates are presented to all Army civilian employees after every five years of satisfactory service. All Federal civilian and military service applies toward eligibility as long as the employee has served one year as an Army civilian employee. These awards are covered by AR 672-20, Incentive Awards.



COL Robert Webb presents Mrs. Barbara Lacey with a career service emblem and certificate in recognition of her 25 years of Federal service.

## Have a Little Recruiter in You?

If you are interested in helping with the US Army Veterinary Corps Recruiting mission at your alma mater, or in your area of assignment, please contact the applicable US Army Recruiting Command (USAREC) Medical Recruiting Battalion, Education Specialist listed below. They will be grateful for your assistance in finding quality future leaders for the US Army Veterinary Corps.

**1st Medical Recruiting Bn: David Dormann,**  
301.677.6319, [david.t.dormann.civ@mail.mil](mailto:david.t.dormann.civ@mail.mil)

- Connecticut, Delaware, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Vermont, Virginia

**2nd Medical Recruiting Bn: David Reagan,**  
256.450.9623, [ronald.d.reagan3.civ@mail.mil](mailto:ronald.d.reagan3.civ@mail.mil)

- Alabama, N. Carolina, S. Carolina, Florida, Georgia, Mississippi, Tennessee, West Virginia, Puerto Rico

**3rd Medical Recruiting Bn: Kellie Tefft,**  
502.626.0866, [kellie.tefft.civ@mail.mil](mailto:kellie.tefft.civ@mail.mil)

- N. Dakota, S. Dakota, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan, Minnesota, Ohio, Wisconsin

**5th Medical Recruiting Bn: Latoya Newton,**  
210.221.0448, [latoya.n.newton2.civ@mail.mil](mailto:latoya.n.newton2.civ@mail.mil)

- Arkansas, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Louisiana, Missouri, Nebraska, Oklahoma, Texas

**6th Medical Recruiting Bn: Bruce Schamburek,**  
702.898.9623, [bruce.l.schamburek.civ@mail.mil](mailto:bruce.l.schamburek.civ@mail.mil)

- Alaska, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, Utah, Washington, Wyoming



## Guidance for FAVN test specimen submission to the DoD Food Analysis and Diagnostic Laboratory (FADL)

On 2 December 2013, the EU published official notice that the DoD Food Analysis and Diagnostic Laboratory will be restored to the approved FAVN testing laboratory list, effective 1 January 2014. FADL customers should utilize the following guidance for submission of FAVN specimens:

**1) POA specimens submitted prior to 1 January 2014.** These specimens should continue to be handled under the current procedures. Specimens for animals traveling to Hawaii, Guam, Japan, etc., should still be sent to the FADL, utilizing the FADL submission form with the normal payment (\$55). Specimens for pets traveling to Korea, or for pets that may be traveling to or through an EU country and require FAVN, should be sent directly to the Kansas State lab, utilizing their submission form with appropriate payment. Information for the Kansas State lab can be found at: [http://www.vet.k-state.edu/depts/dmp/service/rabies/favn\\_instructions.htm](http://www.vet.k-state.edu/depts/dmp/service/rabies/favn_instructions.htm)

**2) MWD (and other GOA) specimens submitted prior to 1 January 2014.** Specimens currently at the FADL, and those received during the remainder of 2013, will be held for testing until after 1 January. If any urgent specimens that have already been submitted will need results before mid January, contact the FADL at 210-295-4387.

**3) All specimens submitted after 1 January 2014.** All specimens received after this date will be tested in-house at the FADL. These should be submitted with the FADL submission form and appropriate payment for POAs. Additional information can be found at: <http://www.vetlab.army.mil/pet.html>

The FADL would like to thank everyone for their patience during this past year. We look forward to returning to our full level of service in support of our customers worldwide.

Scott E. Hanna  
LTC, VC  
Director, DoD Food Analysis and Diagnostic Laboratory



## Veterinary Pathology Submissions to the Joint Pathology Center

Since the move from the Armed Forces Institute of Pathology (AFIP) to the new Joint Pathology Center (JPC), the address to ship pathology samples listed in the TB Med 283 is no longer current. Our new address is:

Joint Pathology Center  
ATTN: Veterinary Pathology Accessions  
2460 Linden Ave  
Bldg 161  
Silver Spring, MD 20910

Samples can still be sent to the following address:

Joint Pathology Center  
ATTN: Case Accessioning  
606 Stephen Sitter Ave  
Silver Spring, MD 20910

Updated shipping guidelines can be found at: <http://www.jpc.capmed.mil/consultation.asp>

It is important to remember that the JPC can only accept cytologies or tissue samples (biopsy or necropsy). We do not accept any type of fluid sample and we no longer have the capabilities to process urinary stones. One of our new capabilities is the ability to process metal foreign bodies, such as shrapnel, gunshot, or ingested metal fragment.

We have received several samples for annual serum banking, FAVIN testing, CBC & chemistries, and cyst fluid analysis. These samples are discarded upon arrival. When this happens, we will make every effort to contact you to ensure the animal can be called back in to your clinic to redraw the sample if possible. For fluid samples drawn from cysts, it is best to make several cytology slides either of the fluid directly, or from a spun down pellet. By the time any cyst fluid reaches our lab, it is either overgrown with bacteria or the cells have ruptured and are unrecognizable.

When shipping cytologies and tissue samples, it is best that these are sent in different packages. Formalin fumes cause discoloration and artifacts to the cytology samples and may render them non-diagnostic. When sending 2 packages for the same case, please send a copy of the submission form in both boxes where it is PROMINENTLY indicated that there is a second box on the way (include the tracking numbers of both boxes on the form).

All information on the submission form needs to be completed as thoroughly and as legibly as possible. When breed, owner name, sex, and other required fields are not filled out, the case will be delayed while we attempt to contact the submitting clinician for that information. If you do not know the specifics, it is best to put unknown. We also need the most up-to-date contact information for your clinic. If there is a problem with the case, a delay, or questions that we need answered, we will make every attempt to contact you or your clinic.

We are always here to answer any questions you might have about sample submission, the status of your submission, or assistance in interpreting the final report. You can submit questions to the JPC Veterinary Pathology Service at the following e-mail address: [tma.ncr.jtf-capmed.mbx.jpc-askvetpath@mail.mil](mailto:tma.ncr.jtf-capmed.mbx.jpc-askvetpath@mail.mil)

Or contact us by phone at: (301)295-6200.

- MAJ Margaret Hanson

## Veterinary Medicine Specialty Consults

For advice on cases involving equine or exotics/wildlife veterinary medicine please contact available assets below:

### Equine:

LTC Cheryl Sofaly  
DOD MWD Vet Svcs  
[Cheryl.sofaly@us.af.mil](mailto:Cheryl.sofaly@us.af.mil)



MAJ Dale Beebe  
85th Civil Affairs Bde  
[Dale.r.beebe2.mil@mail.mil](mailto:Dale.r.beebe2.mil@mail.mil)

### Exotics/Wildlife:

MAJ Justin Schlanser  
PHCD-Ft. Gordon  
[justin.r.schlanser.mil@mail.mil](mailto:justin.r.schlanser.mil@mail.mil)



### Theriogenology:

CPT Marc Knobbe  
43d MDVS  
[marc.knobbe@us.army.mil](mailto:marc.knobbe@us.army.mil)



## Announcements from DODMWDVS Behavior Services:

-ANY suspected cases of Canine-PTSD need to be forwarded for evaluation and tracking purposes, regardless of the request for veterinary intervention.

-POA/GOA/MWD behavior consults are still being offered. Consults can be submitted via the AMRDEC website or through email/telephone directly to CPT Broach or through [dog.consult@us.af.mil](mailto:dog.consult@us.af.mil).

Requested documents include a DA7593 (or client questionnaire), relevant SF 600's, DD 1829's, BW/imaging, etc. Video footage is always welcome, as long as safety precautions are fully enforced when obtained.

-All files are available electronically and can be requested. They are also available on the DODMWDVS Behavior Services AKO page at <https://www.us.army.mil/suite/group/125758>

-Questions or information requests can be sent to CPT Desiree Broach, at 210-671-1414 or [desiree.broach@us.af.mil](mailto:desiree.broach@us.af.mil).

-Current locations/dates for the Behavior Short Course/MWD Evaluation Course are:

**Ft Benning 3-7 Feb 2014**

**Ft Bragg 31 Mar - 4 Apr 2014**

**Ft Hood 3-7 Mar 2014**

**Ft Carson 5-9 May 2014**

\*For registration, please contact the respective FYGVE location.



**USAPHC**



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**Animal Behavior Consultations!**

Dogs, Cats, Horses, and Exotic pets are ALL welcome!

Our Army Behavior Resident can assist in:

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- Preventing, managing, or resolving pet behavior problems

Veterinary Behaviorist:  
Dr. Walter Burghardt Jr.  
DVM, PhD, DACVB

Behavior Resident:  
CPT Desiree Broach  
DVM





**And how do you feel about that?**

**Common Behavior Problems**

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Aggression</li> <li>• Compulsive Disorders</li> <li>• Fear/Anxiety</li> <li>• Inappropriate Elimination</li> <li>• Self-mutilation</li> <li>• Tail-Chasing</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cognitive Dysfunction</li> <li>• Coprophagia</li> <li>• Hyperactivity</li> <li>• Phobia</li> <li>• Travel-related issues</li> <li>• Wool sucking</li> </ul>
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Ask your local VTF personnel for more information!

MCHB-CG-SA

13 December 2013

## MEMORANDUM FOR All Interested Candidates

SUBJECT: Individual Mobilization Augmentation (IMA) Veterinary Service (VS) Position Application Process

1. Reference: Army Regulation 140-145, Army Reserve Individual Mobilization Augmentation (IMA) Program, 22 March 2007.
2. The US Army Public Health Command (PHC) is seeking qualified, enthusiastic applicants for several key VS IMA Positions. Interested Soldiers must submit an IMA application packet to the PHC Deputy Commander for Veterinary Service for consideration.
3. Application packets must include the following documents:
  - a. Most current official photo.
  - b. Military biography.
  - c. Last two Officer Evaluation Reports.
  - d. Most recent Army Physical Fitness Test including DA Form 5500-R if applicable.
  - e. A short one-page letter of intent that identifies the vacancy for which the Soldier is applying, current contact information, and a narrative briefly describing military and civilian background, why the applicant is considering the position, and other information the applicant deems important for their consideration (for example, if they prefer a particular location).
4. Mail packets to: PHC, ATTN: MCHB-CG-SA (Ms Theda Smith), 2748 Worth Road, Suite 5, JBSA Ft Sam Houston, TX 78234-6005. Application packages must be received ASAP.
5. Point of contact regarding VS IMA positions in PHC is the IMA Coordinator, 210-221-6107.

FOR THE COMMANDER

Encl  
Position Vacancies

//SIGNED//  
ERIK H. TORRING  
COL, VC  
Deputy Commander  
for Veterinary Services



## INFORMATION PAPER

MCHB-CG-SA

13 December 2013

SUBJECT: US Army Public Health Command (USAPHC) Veterinary Service Individual Mobilization Augmentation (IMA) Position Vacancies

1. Reference: Army Regulation 140-145, Army Reserve Individual Mobilization Augmentation (IMA) Program, 22 March 2007

2. The following USAPHC Veterinary Service IMA vacancies are available to qualified Soldiers.

a. **USAPHC/ARMY INSTITUTE OF PUBLIC HEALTH COMMAND/VETERINARY SERVICES PORTFOLIO (W03H24/PARA 100/LINE 04/GRADE O5/64B/TITLE: VETERINARY PREVENTIVE MEDICINE OFFICER). DUTY: ABERDEEN PROVING GROUND, MARYLAND. POSITION DESCRIPTION:** Provide Reserve component support as IMA to the Director, Veterinary Portfolio. Ensure AC-RC integration and training. Coordinate Active Component (AC) mobilization plans within PHC. Monitor Department of Defense Veterinary Services (DOD VS) Program Reserve Component (RC) mobilization plans within PHC. Monitor DOD VS Program RC manpower and readiness status within PHC. Maintain open lines of communication between the AC-RC. Advise the Director on mobilization and training issues. Perform other PHC duties as assigned.

b. **PHC REGION SOUTH (PHCR-S) W03H23/PARA 206/LINE 05/GRADE CW4/640A0/TITLE: FOOD SAFETY OFFICER). DUTY: JBSA FORT SAM HOUSTON, TEXAS. POSITION DESCRIPTION:** Serve as an IMA consultant to the Commander PHCR-S. During Annual Training (AT) and Inactive Duty Training (IDT) assists in region food inspection programs and commercial sanitation audits dispersed over 2 districts in 11 states, Central America, South America, and Caribbean. Collaborate with Federal, State, and local regulatory officials as well as Army and other DOD agencies in maintaining and responding to emergency preparedness. Develop command strategic goals, standards, and targets to address food inspection challenges consistent with PHC. Develop, mentor, and review District food safety officers' professional development and duty performance. Review and enforce Army safety programs and policies as they pertain to food inspection mission.

c. **PHC REGION-SOUTH/PHC DISTRICT-FORT HOOD (W03HCK/PARA 210/LINE 02/GRADE O5/64B/TITLE: VETERINARY PREVENTIVE MEDICINE OFFICER). DUTY: FORT HOOD, TEXAS. POSITION DESCRIPTION:** Monitor testing of Active Component (AC) mobilization plans. Coordinate AC-RC training for the District. Maintain open lines of communication between the AC-RC. Advise the District Commander on mobilization and training issues. Provide professional veterinary medical services as assigned.

Theda L. Smith/210-221-6107

Approved by: COL Erik H. Torring



## **The U.S. Army Veterinary Service has a critical need for Airborne volunteers in MOS 68T10/68T20 level.**

We have 13 Airborne positions across the Army and only have a pool of 20 Airborne qualified personnel to fill these critical positions.

### **Requirements for ABN school:**

- Interested applicants **MUST** have 24 months on station at present duty site. No waivers for time on station.
- Must submit an Airborne Packet consisting of the following to Ms. Soto at HRC with a cc: to SGM Watts:
  1. DD 2808 (states physically qualified for airborne school)
  2. PT card (meet standards for 17-21 year old)
  3. Army flex hang memo (meet 20 second standard)
  4. Any waiver requests

If you qualify and have questions contact:

Ms Soto ASAP at HRC

Her number is: (502) 613-5232 or email her at

[julie.a.soto-freita.civ@mail.mil](mailto:julie.a.soto-freita.civ@mail.mil).

The U.S. Army Veterinary Service POC is

SGM Randall D. Watts

(210) 221-6522 or email at

[randall.d.watts.mil@mail.mil](mailto:randall.d.watts.mil@mail.mil)



## Veterinary Support to Stability Operations: Assessment and Production System Course



The Veterinary Support to Stability Operations (VSSO): Assessment and Productions Systems course will be held from 3 March to 7 March 2014 in Athens, Georgia. Participants will learn the practical skills that will allow them to conduct and analyze results from a rapid animal health assessment in a different culture with the use of interpreters in order to provide military and civilian leaders with an understanding of the role of Veterinary Support to the greater overall mission. There are approximately 30 slots left. Veterinarians from the Active Duty Army, Army Reserves, Air Force, and Public Health Service take part in this didactic and scenario-based course. Participants will be expected to complete homework assignments, participate in the interactive classes, conduct a group assessment centered on a hands-on scenario and present the assessment findings to different types of military and civilian stakeholders and leaders.

This course does not have any registration costs associated with it and does provide 20 RACE approved CE credits, but TDY costs are to be funded by the local command, no travel funds are available. Course is subject to conference and funding approval.

The overwhelming success of this course in the path can be attributed to the outstanding faculty from the University of Georgia, North Carolina State University, 95<sup>th</sup> Civil Affairs BDE, Interagency and Non-Governmental partners and the professionalism of the participants.

**Veterinary Corps Officers interested in facilitating at the winter VSSO iteration please contact MAJ Karyn Havas at [karyn.a.havas.mil@mail.mil](mailto:karyn.a.havas.mil@mail.mil). DA 3838s will be due ASAP.**

### Learning Objectives:

After the completion of this course the participant can:

1. Explain the importance of smallholder animal health in basic agricultural production and marketing systems for Poultry, Small Ruminants, and Large Ruminants in developing nations.
2. Utilize Participatory Assessment Methodologies in a simulated environment to describe and differentiate “reality”, “perceived reality”, and “observed reality” as well as to conduct a site survey in order to identify potential issues.
3. Apply basic field epidemiology study designs and employ appropriate statistical tests and explain how these can be used contextually.
4. Summarize the legalities and limitations of working with other foreign governments, other US federal agencies, and NGOs in Stability Operations.
5. Explain assessment findings to host nation government officials, host nation village community members and military audiences using appropriate formats for different audiences.
6. Develop and communicate Civil Information within current operating systems used by USG, DoD and NGOs.
7. Demonstrate ability to convey national security relevance of Veterinarian Support to Stability Operations (VSSO) activities to global interagency partners.

## **Military Veterinary Medical Course**

### **Military Veterinary Services Role in Defense Support of Civil Authorities (DSCA)**

**BLUF:** The objective of this course is to familiarize US Army Veterinary Corps Officers with the DSCA process and technical veterinary medicine aspects that military veterinarians may encounter in disaster response and recovery.

**Course Date/Location:** 8-10 Apr 2014 / Fort Sam Houston, TX  
**Application deadline:** NLT 1 March 2014  
**Target audience:** Senior CPTs, MAJs and LTCs  
**Prerequisites:** DSCA Phase I Course (register for this online training at the Joint Knowledge Online website, <https://jkodirect.jten.mil/Atlas2/faces/page/login/Login.seam?cid=34170> )

This course has limited central funding available and selection for attendance will be based on an OML. Priority will be given to personnel currently serving in or with orders to move to an assignment with DSCA responsibilities (e.g. MTOE unit in Defense CBRN Response Force (DCRF) rotation). **A RACE packet is being submitted to obtain CE credit for this course.** All interested VCOs should send a completed and signed DA3838 and a copy of the DSAC Phase I Course completion certificate to:

MAJ Troy Creason at [troy.d.creason.mil@mail.mil](mailto:troy.d.creason.mil@mail.mil) if Active duty  
-or-  
LTC Dean Klenz at [dean.r.klenz.mil@mail.mil](mailto:dean.r.klenz.mil@mail.mil) if RC VCO.

#### **Instructions for completing the DA 3838:**

**Blocks:** TO: MAJ Troy Creason  
3630 Stanley Road, Suite 288  
Fort Sam Houston, TX 78234  
FROM: Your Name and Rank  
Your Full Unit Address

**Block 18:** Purpose: Military Veterinary Medical Course

**Block 19:** Location of School: 3630 Stanley Road  
Fort Sam Houston, TX 78234

**Block 22:** CBRN is not required but state date of most recent training if available.

**Block 25:** include the following information:

1. Current assignment:
2. Next assignment:
3. PCS Date
4. Soldier meets ht/wt standards IAW AR 600-9

Note: Commanders must sign the DA 3838 and **it is the responsibility of the Soldier to notify your Commander when selected for attendance.**

## **Foreign Animal Disease Diagnostician (FADD) Course**

**BLUF:** After you have unit funding approval, apply for the June 2014 FADD Course.

**Next Course Date:** 2—13 June 2014

**Application deadline:** Need Applications NLT 14 March 2014

This course is **NOT** centrally funded, your unit is responsible for TDY. All VCOs with verified unit funding approval should send a completed and signed DA3838 to:

MAJ Troy Creason at [troy.d.creason.mil@mail.mil](mailto:troy.d.creason.mil@mail.mil) if Active duty

-or-

LTC Dean Klenz at [dean.r.klenz.mil@mail.mil](mailto:dean.r.klenz.mil@mail.mil) if RC VCO.

Selection for primary and alternate attendees will be based on operational requirements.

### **Instructions for completing the DA 3838:**

Blocks: TO: MAJ Troy Creason  
3630 Stanley Road, Suite 288  
Fort Sam Houston, TX 78234

FROM: Your Name and Rank  
Your Full Unit Address

**Block 18:** Purpose: Foreign Animal Disease Diagnostician Course

**Block 19:** Location of School: Plum Island Animal Disease Center  
US Department of Homeland Security  
PO BOX 848, Greenport, NY 11944

**Block 22:** CBRN is not required but state date of most recent training if available.

**Block 25:** include the following information:

1. Current assignment:
2. Next assignment: (Deployments have priority)
3. PCS Date
4. Unit will fund TDY: yes
5. Soldier meets ht/wt standards IAW AR 600-9

Note: Commanders must sign the DA 3838 and **it is the responsibility of the Soldier to notify your Commander when selected for attendance.**





## **FY14 AMEDD Center & School Department of Veterinary Sciences** **Course Offerings**



These are the courses scheduled for FY14. If funding becomes an issue, functional courses may not be centrally funded. Normally these courses provide central funding for Active Duty CONUS personnel. Reserve and OCONUS personnel must be funded by their units. If minimum class sizes are not met, these courses will not be conducted.

### **Functional Courses<sup>1</sup>:**

321-F16 001	Animal Care Clinical Proficiency	03-07 February 2014
6G-F13 001	Veterinary Service in a Theater of Operations	03-14 February 2014
321-F18 001	Surveillance Laboratory <sup>2</sup>	17-28 March 2014
321-F19 001	Installation Food Vulnerability Assessments <sup>3</sup>	24-28 March 2014
321-F14 001	Advanced Food Technology	14-25 April 2014
321-F3 001	Installation Veterinary Services – Prime Vendor Audit <sup>4</sup>	12-16 May 2014
321-F19 002	Installation Food Vulnerability Assessments <sup>3</sup>	23-27 June 2014
321-F14 002	Advanced Food Technology	14-25 July 2014
321-F16 002	Animal Care Clinical Proficiency	11-15 August 2014
321-F19 003	Installation Food Vulnerability Assessments <sup>3</sup>	11-15 August 2014
6G-F13 002	Veterinary Service in a Theater of Operations	11-22 August 2014
6-8-C9 (RC) 002	Vet Services Operations (Reserve VCOs only)	08-19 September 2014

<sup>1</sup> For more information on these courses, please review the ATRRS Course Catalog at <https://www.atrrs.army.mil>. Personnel interested in attending should contact their chain of command for assistance with enrollment.

<sup>2</sup> Surveillance Laboratory Course will focus on training for personnel assigned to MDVSS units. Personnel in units with pending deployments will have priority.

<sup>3</sup> F19 Installation Food Vulnerability Assessments: new ATRRS course for certification of Food Defense NCOs.

<sup>4</sup> IVS – Prime Vendor Audit; course seats to be determined by Public Health Command.

### **Leadership Courses**

#### **AIT**

68R10 003-14	13 January-11 March 2014
68R10 004-14	24 February-18 April 2014
68R10 005-14	07 April-30 May 2014
68R10 006-14	19 May-15 July 2014
68R10 007-14	30 June-22 August 2014
68R10 008-14	18 August-14 October 2014

#### **BOLC Vet Track**

Class 144	29 May – 03 July 2014
Class 145	28 July – 30 August 2014
Class 146	08 September – 10 October 2014

#### **Warrant Officer Staff Course**

6H-FOS-C8 001	08-19 September 2014
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68T10 002-14	02 December-04 March 2014
68T10 003-14	24 February-09 April 2014
68T10 004-14	5 May-22 July 2014
68T10 005-14	14 July-26 September 2014
68T10 006-14	08 September-25 November 2014

#### **ALC**

68R30 143	28 January-10 February 2014
68R30 145	19 May – 02 June 2014
68T30 144	7-25 April 2014

#### **DVS Points of Contact**

Chief, DVS – COL Leslie Huck  
NCOIC, DVS – MSG Brian Rippy

Animal Health Branch –  
LTC Jim Giles, CPT Tiffany Kimbrell,  
SFC Charles Moran, SFC Kenneth Cole

Food Protection Branch –  
LTC Stephanie Mont, MAJ Stephanie Fonseca, SFC Florentino Lerma, SFC Douglas Rakers

## **6A-F5 Course—Principles of Military Preventive Medicine**

2014 Course Dates:            4 Apr—6 Jun            30 Jun—2 Sep            22 Sep—26 Nov

Course Location: Fort Sam Houston, TX

### **Course Scope:**

Course content includes the following areas: community health practices, communicable and infectious diseases, operational preventive medicine, epidemiology, statistics, medical entomology, industrial hygiene, health physics, sanitary engineering, and environmental science. Preventive medicine core topics provide a broad overview of each of the specialty areas for all students, preparing them to function as part of a multidisciplinary team. Each specialty group also receives additional instruction in appropriate specialty topics, preparing them to function independently at an entry level within their specialties. A three day field training exercise will occur at the end of the course.

Course specific info can be obtained at DSN 471-7409/6245 OR Comm (210) 221-7409/6245

## **Attention all 68T's: AAS in Veterinary Technology Program**

The Associate of Applied Science in Veterinary Technology Program from San Juan College was approved for the Service members Opportunity Colleges Army Degree (SOCAD) program. SOCAD is a system of college curriculum networks designed by the Service members Opportunity Colleges (SOC) for Army Soldiers and their adult Family members. SOCAD allows military students to take courses in their off-duty hours at or near military installations. This program uses an internet-based curriculum integrated with hands-on exercises and labs in a veterinary practice in the student's area. The program emphasizes the techniques for assisting in diagnostic, surgical, and clinical procedures, and the business skills necessary to meet the American Veterinary Medical Association's list of essential and recommended tasks for accredited programs in Veterinary Technology. Students who successfully complete the program will be eligible to sit for the Veterinary Technology National Examination. This program is eligible for the Tuition Assistance (TA) program. The program is 57 credit hours at \$37 per credit hour, 100% covered by TA. Additionally, 68Ts receive 26 constructive credit hours for the 68T10 course and 6 constructive credit hours for the 68T30 course.

**For information regarding this program visit:**

**[https://www.goarmyed.com/public/public\\_earn\\_degree\\_soc\\_army\\_degrees.aspx](https://www.goarmyed.com/public/public_earn_degree_soc_army_degrees.aspx)**

US Army Medical Research Institute of Chemical Defense



## Veterinary Professionals...

### Medical Management of Chemical and Biological Casualties Course (MCBC) (Course #6H-F26, Phase I Biological & Phase II Chemical, School Codes 877/879)

Course Dates:

16-21 Mar 2014

4-9 May 2014

17-22 Aug 2014

### Field Management of Chemical and Biological Casualties Course (FCBC) (Course #6H-F37/300-F31, School Code 879)

Course Dates:

24-28 Feb 2014

14-18 Apr 2014

16-20 Jun 2014

15-19 Sep 2014



### Hospital Management of Chemical, Biological, Radiological/Nuclear and Explosive (HM-CBRNE) Incidents Course (Course #6I-F10/340-F5, School code 879)

Course Dates:

27-31 Jan 2014

28 Jul-1 Aug 2014

#### Who can attend?

- Veterinarians (all 64 series specialties)
- Veterinary enlisted 68 series, such as 68 R,S,T,K

#### Why attend?

- Meets the chemical/biological training requirements under MEDCOM OPORD 08-08 and AR 525-27, Table 4-1 (in which MCBC and FCBC are listed as required for first receivers).
- Receive graduate level classroom instruction from highly qualified military subject-matter experts (SMEs) in the medical handling of biological and chemical agent casualties.
- State-of-the-art learning through an "integrated multimodal approach" using lectures, human actors, the most advanced 3G Sim Man manikins for medical algorithmic diagnosis of a chemically injured patients.
- A 2001 report from the US Government Accounting Office (GAO) cited MCBC as the "gold standard" for military and civilian training in chemical and biological casualties.
- CME credits available for MCBC and HM-CBRNE. (Veterinarians are given a certificate of attendance that can be turned in to the state that licenses them for continuing education credit consideration.)
- MCBC credit on ORB and FCBC credit on ERB under section VI, "Military Education."
- Familiarize yourself with protective gear during field exercises.



#### For further course information please contact:

USAMRICD Chemical Casualty Care Division

Commercial Phone: 410-436-2230 DSN: 584-2230

[https://ccc.apgea.army.mil/courses/in\\_house/calendar.htm](https://ccc.apgea.army.mil/courses/in_house/calendar.htm)



## **American College of Veterinary Preventive Medicine Board Certification and Review**

As in past years, a review session will held via teleconference. These reviews will start around the October time-frame. Teleconferences will be conducted every other week on Thursdays from 1200-1300 EST through the month of May. **VCOs interested in participating in these reviews must contact the course organizers:** Dr. Kelly Vest ([kelly.g.vest.civ@mail.mil](mailto:kelly.g.vest.civ@mail.mil)) or MAJ Karyn Havas ([karyn.a.havas.mil@mail.mil](mailto:karyn.a.havas.mil@mail.mil)).

All materials for the teleconferences are archived and accessible on the AKO website ([www.us.army.mil](http://www.us.army.mil)). The AKO website also contains a study guide and practice examination.

The folders are found at:

(DoD Organizations > Army > Headquarters, Department of the Army (HQDA) > Chief of Staff of the Army (CSA) > Office of the Surgeon General (OTSG) > Army Medical Department Corps > Veterinary Corps > Veterinary Public Health Board

The easiest way to access it is to click on the file icon and then perform a quick view search for “6918199”.

## **AMEDD C&S Operational Rations Inspection Training On-Line**

The Department of Veterinary Science completed a series of OPRATs training videos focused on the proper inspection of the MRE. These videos are a useful tool for unit-level training on MRE inspections. They can be accessed through milSuite at [https://www.milsuite.mil/book/community/spaces/army\\_medicine/ameddcs/center\\_for\\_distributed\\_learning/development\\_and\\_delivery\\_division/rapid\\_media\\_deployment\\_branch/operational\\_rations\\_training](https://www.milsuite.mil/book/community/spaces/army_medicine/ameddcs/center_for_distributed_learning/development_and_delivery_division/rapid_media_deployment_branch/operational_rations_training).

CAC card log-in is required.

Please direct comments and questions to:

LTC Stephanie Mont at [stephanie.l.mont.mil@mail.mil](mailto:stephanie.l.mont.mil@mail.mil)

or SFC Florentino Lerma at [florentino.lerma.mil@mail.mil](mailto:florentino.lerma.mil@mail.mil).

# Sponsorship

In an attempt to bridge the gap between Soldiers departing from the 68T10 schoolhouse and their gaining units the Animal Health Branch (AHB) has implemented a Sponsorship Assistance Program. With the help of gaining commands we will be able to ensure that new Soldiers have appropriate sponsorship, and arrival information prior to departure from the 68T10 course. Gaining units will have the opportunity to mail their welcome packets to their incoming Soldiers, and AHB will deliver the gaining unit's welcome packets to their new Soldiers. Upon receipt of the welcome packet and sponsors contact info, an email will be sent to the sponsor letting them know that the information has been delivered. In the last few weeks of the course, time will be allotted for the Soldier to contact their sponsors telephonically to discuss any questions that may arise.

After completion of the course the AHB credentialing checklist will be sent to the sponsor. This will serve as a snapshot of the different tasks your Soldiers have conducted throughout the course, and other tasks that they may need additional assistance with once they arrive.

With the assistance of the different commands this will be a great way to effectively open up communication and ensure the smoothest transition possible for Soldiers that have no idea of what to expect from a new assignment.

All sponsorship information can be emailed to [kenneth.colejr@us.army.mil](mailto:kenneth.colejr@us.army.mil) or mailed to below address. If you send mail please send a courtesy email to SFC Cole so he can check the distribution box on a more frequent basis:

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY  
DEPT OF VETERINARY SCIENCE (ATTN SFC COLE)  
MCCS-HE-VA  
3630 STANLEY RD BLDG 2618  
JBSA FSHTX 78234  
OFFICIAL BUSINESS

For more information about and assistance with The Total Army Sponsorship Program please see AR 600-8-8, the ArmyOneSource website ( <http://www.myarmyonesource.com/default.aspx> ) and your local Army Community Service (ACS) office.



## **NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FEDERAL VETERINARIANS**

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### **Call For Nominations 2014**

#### **Dr. Daniel E. Salmon Award**

#### ***For Exemplary Achievement in Federal Veterinary Medicine***

The Dr. Daniel E. Salmon Award is presented annually to recognize outstanding contributions and notable service in the public's interest by a veterinarian federally employed in any human health, environmental health or animal health discipline.

This award was established to honor the first director of the United States Department of Agriculture's Bureau of Animal Industry in its centennial year--1984. Dr. Daniel E. Salmon was a world renowned veterinary medical scientist who pioneered research in bacterial diseases of animals and in immunology. His efforts led to the development of killed vaccines and to the naming of the bacterial genus *Salmonella* in his honor. His work contributed immeasurably to improving the public's health and to disease control efforts in general.

It is hoped that this award will encourage veterinarians to continue excellence in their performance and to aspire for public service as a lifelong career.

One award may be given yearly to worthy nominees. The award consists of a plaque and an honorarium of \$500.00. This award is supported through the National Association of Federal Veterinarians.

Additional information respecting this announcement may be obtained from:

Dr. Michael J. Gilsdorf

Executive Vice President

National Association of Federal Veterinarians

1910 Sunderland Place, N.W.

Washington, DC 20036-1608

[mgilsdorg@nafv.org](mailto:mgilsdorg@nafv.org)

(202) 223-4878



## **Veterinary Information Resources**

### **Military Exchange Veterinary and Public Health Newsletter**

The Quality Assurance Veterinarian Section of the Military Exchange publishes a quarterly Veterinary and Public Health Newsletter concerning Food and Drug Safety. Visit the following link to take advantage of this information resource:

[http://www.shopmyexchange.com/DoingBusiness/QualityAssurance/food\\_drug.htm](http://www.shopmyexchange.com/DoingBusiness/QualityAssurance/food_drug.htm)

### **Workforce Needs in Veterinary Medicine**

A publication entitled, *Workforce Needs in the Veterinary Medicine*, was recently published in an attempt to “broaden the public’s understanding and attempt to anticipate some of the needs and measures that are essential for the [veterinary] profession to fulfill given its changing roles in the 21st century.” See the following National Academies Press link to download a free PDF version of this publication:

[http://www.nap.edu/catalog.php?record\\_id=13413&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_source=The%20National%20Academies%20Press&utm\\_campaign=NAP+mail+new+10.23.13&utm\\_content=&utm\\_term=](http://www.nap.edu/catalog.php?record_id=13413&utm_medium=email&utm_source=The%20National%20Academies%20Press&utm_campaign=NAP+mail+new+10.23.13&utm_content=&utm_term=)

## Human Resources Command (HRC) Notes

### Long Term Health Education and Training Applications Due Soon! LTHET opportunities for the Academic Year - starting Fall 2015

Please see the HRC Veterinary Corps LTHET website for full details

<http://www.hrc.army.mil/>

#### **64B Offerings:**

0-8 Masters degree in a field related to any of the diverse subspecialties in Preventive Medicine field – 2 yrs\*  
0-3 Master Public Health program (3 yr) with an operational concentration track. Concentration tracks could include, but are not limited to, Food Defense, Food Safety, Epidemiology, Zoo Animal/Wildlife Medicine, Livestock Production, Disaster Management, and Humanitarian Assistance. Program must produce an MPH and ACVPM eligible graduate and be approved by the 64B Consultant.

0-2 PhD or DrPH / Epidemiology / Food Science / Food Technology / Food Defense – 3 yrs

0-2 Epidemic Intelligence Service (EIS or equivalent) - 2 yrs, MPH or equivalent degree or relevant public health experience required.

\*The number of programs listed in the left hand margin below is the range of potential programs projected to be offered for 2014 LTHET board. Based upon the needs of the Corps, these ranges may be adjusted by Corps Consultants prior to the selection board convening.

#### **64C Offerings:**

0-7 Laboratory Animal Medicine Residencies

3 Laboratory Animal Medicine Residencies with MPH\*\*

4 Laboratory Animal Medicine Residencies without MPH

\*\* The MPH will be at the choice of the officer and concurrence of the 64C Consultant.

#### **64D Offerings:**

0-4 Pathology (JPC) – 3 yrs

#### **64E Offerings:**

0-3 Any Biomedical Science; with approval of 64E consultant – 3 yrs

#### **64F Offerings:**

0-2 Small Animal Surgery/with or without MS – 3 yrs

0-1 Small Animal Internal Medicine/with or without MS – 3 yrs

0-1 Radiology with or without MS - 3 yrs

0-2 ABVP (American Board of Veterinary Practitioners) Residency without MS (1 at Lackland DODMWDVS – 3 yrs and 1 at Dog Center Europe - 3 yrs)

#### **640A Offerings: Bachelors/Masters degrees (Warrant Officer):**

0-3 BS or MS degrees (maximum of two MS offered) in Food Protection related disciplines subject to program approval by the Warrant Officer (WO) Consultant - 2 yrs\*\*\*

\*\*\*WO planning to obtain both BS and MS during 2-year LTHET must state so on DA 3838 and receive concurrence from Consultant, HRC Branch Chief, and Corps Chief.

### **New OER Implementation Timeline**

2nd QTR FY14: HRC Mobile Training Teams (MTT) Deployed

**1 APR 2014: New OER system in effect**

See HRC link below for more information:

<https://www.hrc.army.mil/TAGD/Evaluation%20Systems%20Homepage>

## **Message from BG Poppe:**

Members of the Army Veterinary Community:

It is with great sadness that I inform you of the loss of one of our own. Staff Sergeant Joseph Anderson, Animal Care Sergeant assigned to Walter Reed Army Institute of Research, lost his life in a senseless act of violence on January 1st in Marrero, Louisiana. Staff Sergeant Anderson was one of our finest Non-Commissioned Officers and we are all saddened by this tragedy. He is survived by his wife and three children. Please keep his family in your thoughts and prayers during this most difficult time for them. Staff Sergeant Anderson will be greatly missed by the Army Medical Department and our deepest condolences go out to his family and friends.



Full obituary:

### **IN MEMORIAM**

**SSG Joseph Emmanuel Anderson**  
**23 January 1982 ~ 01 January 2014**

SSG Joseph Emmanuel Anderson was born in Louisiana in January 23, 1982. He entered military service in March of 2002 and served for 12 years distinguishing himself through exceptional display of professionalism, leadership and duty as a Veterinary Technician. SSG Anderson attended Basic Training at Ft. Benning, Georgia and completed his Advanced Individual Training at Fort Sam Houston, TX. SSG Anderson was first assigned to the US Army 43<sup>rd</sup> Veterinary Service Center in Ft. Hood, TX. He deployed in 2004 in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom (OIF). He was later assigned to 248<sup>th</sup> Medical Detachment Small Animal Vet with whom he deployed with again in support of OIF. His Army career later included a tour at Tripler Army Medical Center in Hawaii. SSG Anderson's current duty station was here at the WRAIR where he served as an Animal Care NCO of the Veterinary Services Division.

SSG Anderson served with honor and distinction, his awards and decorations include the Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal (3rd oak leaf cluster), Army Achievement Medal (2nd oak leaf cluster), Army Good Conduct Medal (bronze clasp with three knots), National Defense Service Medal, Iraqi Campaign Medal (with two campaign stars), Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, NCO Professional Development Ribbon (with numeral "2"), Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Ribbon (with numeral "3"), Parachutist's Badge.

SSG Anderson is survived by his three children, Joseph Jr. (12), Jamal (11) and Morgan (7), his Mother and Father, David and Kathleen Anderson, his sister Veronica Mowery and brother David Anderson Jr..



## **Message from BG Poppe:**

Unfortunately, we also recently lost another fellow Soldier and former member of the Veterinary Services team. CW2 Randy L. Billings served as a Veterinary Food Inspection Specialist for ten years before he attended Warrant Officer Candidate School and Army flight school to become a helicopter pilot. He was a wonderful example of the great accomplishments of our young Soldiers. In December he was killed along with five other Soldiers in a helicopter crash in Southern Afghanistan. Our deepest condolences go out to his family and friends. Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers.



Full obituary:

**In Memory of  
Randy L. Billings  
Chief Warrant Officer Two  
01 September 1979- 17 December 2013**

Chief Warrant Officer Two Randy L. Billings was born in Heavener, Oklahoma on 01 September 1979. After graduating high school, he enlisted in the United States Army in the spring of 1997. He completed Basic Training and Advanced Individual Training where he became a Veterinary Food Inspection Specialist from 1997 to 2007. He was later selected and graduated from Warrant Officer Candidate School in 2007 before attending flight school at Fort Rucker, Alabama. Upon graduation in 2009, he became a qualified UH-60 Blackhawk Pilot. CW2 Billings was assigned to Charlie Company and Bravo Company, 3-1 Assault Helicopter Battalion, Fort Riley, Kansas where he forward deployed to Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom 13-14.

CW2 Billings' awards and decorations include: the Meritorious Service Medal, the Air Medal, the Army Commendation Medal, the Army Achievement Medal (3rd award), the Meritorious Unit Commendation, the Army Good Conduct Medal (3rd award), the National Defense Service Medal, the Kosovo Campaign Medal with Bronze Service Star, the Afghan Campaign Medal with Campaign Star, the Iraqi Campaign Medal with two Campaign Stars, the Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary and Service Medals, the NCO Professional Development Ribbon (2nd award), the Army Service Ribbon, the Overseas Service Ribbon (3rd award), the NATO Medal, the Aviator Badge, and the Combat Action Badge.

CW2 Billings is survived by his wife Ashley M. Billings.

## Personnel Actions:

### Promotions:

#### **To CW4**

CW4 Fritz Jump, 438th MDVSS

#### **To SSG**

SSG Carissa Burns, PHCD-Carson

#### **To SGT**

SGT Eric Harvey, 106th MDVSS

SGT Linda Olvera, 248th MDVSS

#### **To CPL**

CPL Nicole Lamanna, 64th MDVSS

CPL Francisco Musa, 64th MDVSS

#### **To SPC**

SPC Maria BonillaHercules, 438th MDVSS

SPC Alexis Dunn, 438th MDVSS

SPC China Essien, 438th MDVSS

SPC Don Hayden, 438th MDVSS

SPC Christopher Ruet, 438th MDVSS

SPC Jesse Schaffer, 438th MDVSS

SPC April Thomas, 438th MDVSS

SPC Imani Williams, 438th MDVSS

#### **To PV2**

PV2 Derrick Byrd, 106th MDVSS

### Reenlistments:

SSG Oscar Cano, 106th MDVSS

SSG April Riddle, 64th MDVSS

SGT Juan Arias, 64th MDVSS

SGT Rocky Edwards, 438th MDVSS

SGT Dana Hoggatt, 248th MDVSS

SGT Ferris Lewis, 438th MDVSS

SPC Abigail DeLaCruz, PHCD-Carson

SPC Don Hayden, 438th MDVSS

SPC Daquain Woods, PHCD-Carson



SPC Musa, the 64th MDVSS Supply Sergeant, promoted to CPL at Bagram Airfield.



Reenlistments of SSG April Riddle (top) and SGT Juan Arias (bottom), 64th MDVSS, at Camp Marmal and Camp Leatherneck, Afghanistan, respectively.

## **Awards:**

### ***MSM***

SFC Bradford Birdashaw, 438th MDVSS  
SSG Joseph Anderson, WRAIR (posthumously)

### ***ARCOM***

MAJ Jessie Morehouse, 438th MDVSS  
SSG Donald Ellison, PHCD-Carson  
SSG Zachary Nyland, PHCD-Carson  
SSG Roland Piterechu, 438th MDVSS  
SSG Peter Schmidt, 438th MDVSS  
SGT Jeffrey Waller, PHCD-Carson  
SGT Kimberly Walls, WRAIR  
SGT Nicholas Yang, 106th MDVSS  
SPC Louise Ballard, 106th MDVSS  
SPC Kenneth Riddle, 438th MDVSS  
SPC Luis RiveraCapeles, 438th MDVSS  
SPC James Rogers, 106th MDVSS

### ***AAM***

SFC Aaron Mead, 248th MDVSS  
SSG Elizabeth Garcia, 106th MDVSS  
SSG April Riddle, 64th MDVSS  
SSG Peter Schmidt, 438th MDVSS  
SGT Dawnna Brown, 248th MDVSS  
SPC Cory Christopherson, 438th MDVSS  
SPC Rayneiqua Edwards, 106th MDVSS  
SPC David Skinner, 248th MDVSS  
PFC Patricia Blair, 106th MDVSS  
PFC Ariadna MimilaGalinda, 438th MDVSS  
PFC Heidi Rose, 106th MDVSS

### ***AGCM***

1SG Danny Hailey, PHCD-Carson  
SSG Zachary Nyland, PHCD-Carson  
SSG Ebony Sharpe, 438th MDVSS  
SGT Rocky Edwards, 438th MDVSS

### ***MOVSM***

CPT Sean Stockwell, 438th MDVSS  
SFC Chet Stugus, WRAIR  
SPC Armando Salazar, 248th MDVSS  
SPC Luis RiveraCapeles, 438th MDVSS

## ***COA***

MAJ Lisa Barden, 106th MDVSS  
MAJ Reid Katagihara, 106th MDVSS  
CPT Daniel Christensen, 106th MDVSS  
CPT Jacob Marcek, 106th MDVSS  
CPT Cole Wenzel, PHCD-Carson  
1LT Jamie Jackson, 106th MDVSS  
SSG Oscar Cano, 106th MDVSS  
SSG Anthony Hull, 248th MDVSS  
SSG Han Pan, 106th MDVSS  
SGT Shara Babakhani, 248th MDVSS  
SGT Matthew Barbatoo, 248th MDVSS  
SGT Herik Espinosa, 248th MDVSS  
SGT Beatriz Francisco, 106th MDVSS  
SGT Harold Keiser, 248th MDVSS  
SGT Gaehwan Lee, 106th MDVSS  
CPL Mingu Kang, 106th MDVSS  
SPC Temujin Benton, 248th MDVSS  
SPC Marco Aliaga, 248th MDVSS  
SPC Cherish Brown, 248th MDVSS  
SPC Sabrina Canady, 248th MDVSS  
SPC Darryl Cowan, PHCD-Carson  
SPC Darius Holmes, 248th MDVSS  
SPC Perla Lara, 248th MDVSS  
SPC Kevin Limon, 248th MDVSS  
SPC William Maas, PHCD-Carson  
SPC Roger Morris, 248th MDVSS  
SPC Ashlee Phillips, 106th MDVSS  
SPC Jesse Schaffer, 438th MDVSS  
SPC David Skinner, 248th MDVSS  
SPC Thomas Totten, 248th MDVSS  
SPC Daquain Woods, PHCD-Carson  
PFC Christopher Caldwell, 106th MDVSS  
PFC Tiangay Flemister, 248th MDVSS  
PFC Michael Harris, 106th MDVSS  
PFC Daron Mitchell, 106th MDVSS  
PFC April Niles, PHCD-Carson  
PFC Leisolotte Phillips, 248th MDVSS  
PFC Heidi Rose, 106th MDVSS  
PFC Maria Viant, 248th MDVSS  
PFC Tiffany Welchbaker, 106th MDVSS  
PFC Shandy Woods, PHCD-Carson  
PV2 Anna Long, 106th MDVSS



## **Awards (cont.):**

### ***Drivers Badge***

SGT Beatriz Francisco, 106th MDVSS

### ***Mechanics Badge***

PFC Daron Mitchell, 106th MDVSS

## **Achievements :**

### ***NCO/Soldier of the Quarter***

SPC William Maas, PHCD-Carson

### ***Order of Military Medical Merit***

LTC Howard Gobble, 438th MDVSS

### ***Laboratory Animal Technologist***

SFC Chet Stugus, WRAIR

SGT Kimberly Walls, WRAIR

### ***Laboratory Animal Technician***

SSG Lizeth Montenegro, WRAIR

SSG Seth Williams, WRAIR

SPC Erikka Johnson, WRAIR

### ***Asst. Laboratory Animal Tech.***

SPC Patric Berry, NMRC

## **Schools:**

### ***CCC***

CPT Shane Andrews, PHCD-Carson

CPT Tracy Brown, PHCD-Carson

CPT Emily Purswell, 438th MDVSS

### ***SLC***

SSG Eric RodriguezGarcia, 438th MDVSS

### ***ALC***

SGT Huon Sharpe, 438th MDVSS

### ***WLC***

SGT Billey Golden, PHCD-Carson

SPC Nadia Brown, 438th MDVSS

SPC Rachel Campbell, 438th MDVSS

SPC Cory Christopherson, 438th MDVSS

SPC China Essien, 438th MDVSS

SPC April Thomas, 438th MDVSS

SPC Imani Williams, 438th MDVSS\*

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