From the Corps Chief: Brig Gen Charles E. Potter

Well, another summer has gone and the autumn leaves are starting to fall. It is beautiful here in DC because of all the Maple and Oak trees and the vibrant color as their leaves turn. What a fantastic 4A/MSC Appreciation Week we just wrapped up here in the National Capital Region! Lots of events took place here to include the first ever live webinar from the beautiful Fort Belvoir Officer’s Club and I hope to hear all about what you put together across the AFMS. Be sure to get those photos to the Corps Office so that we can share them with you all.

Much has also changed at AF SG HQ. Due to our HQ reductions, the SG HAF reorganized to reduce overhead and consolidate where possible. On Sep 29, Maj Gen Hogg became the Director of Medical Operations and Acquisitions, SG3/5, and I became the Director, Manpower, Personnel, and Resources, SG1/8. SG1, SG8 and SGY remain vital Divisions under the SG1/8 Directorate.

Now to a more serious note, I would like to spend some time talking about Service Before Self. In John F. Kennedy's Inaugural Address, made on January 20, 1961, he said:

“In the long history of the world, only a few generations have been granted the role of defending freedom in its hour of maximum danger. I do not shrink from this responsibility — I welcome it. I do not believe that any of us would exchange places with any other people or any other generation. The energy, the faith, the devotion which we bring to this endeavor will light our country and all who serve it — and the glow from that fire can truly light the world.

And so, my fellow Americans: ask not what your country can do for you— ask what you can do for your country.

My fellow citizens of the world: ask not what America will do for you, but what together we can do for the freedom of man.”

This statement is worth repeating - “Ask not what your country can do for you, ask what you can do for your country.” There are assignments that perhaps quite a few MSCs would not want, but they are requirements that the AFMS need
Ten Secrets to Success
1. How you think is everything: Always be positive. Think success, not failure. Beware of negative environments
2. Decide on your true dreams and goals: Write down specific goals and develop a plan to reach them
3. Take action: Goals are nothing without action. Don’t be afraid to get started now – JUST DO IT!
4. Never stop learning: Go back to school or read – get training and acquire skills
5. Be persistent and work hard: Success is a marathon, not a sprint. Never give up!
6. Learn to Analyze details: Get all the facts, all the input, learn from your mistakes
7. Focus your time and efforts: Don’t let other people or things distract you
8. Don’t be afraid to innovate: Be different: leader.
9. Deal and communicate with people effectively: No person is an island. Learn to understand and motivate others.
10. Be honest and dependable: Take Responsibility: Otherwise, numbers 1-9 will not matter!

Now, a few words on Leadership – The Courage to Lead
Shortly after WWII, Gen George Marshall was asked to single out the most important ingredient of good leaders. Was it knowledge? Was it Insight? Experience? Compassion? He thought for a moment and said, “It’s Courage, because all else depends on that”

The Courage to admit you’re wrong
The Courage to change your mind
The Courage to discipline subordinates who need it
The Courage to stick to your principles
The Courage to change what needs changing
And finally – The Courage to put the organization’s needs above your own (follows what I said about assignments above).

Excellent leaders exemplify courage. They don’t fear failure. They don’t expect perfection, but they don’t tolerate obvious incompetence. Above all, they have the courage to want responsibility so they can make things better. Exceptional leaders have the ability to inspire people to turn challenging opportunities into remarkable successes using ethical means. In short, they have real courage, and from that courage, flows confidence and conviction. Remember a great quote from Harry Truman, “Leadership is the ability to get people to do what they don’t want to do and like it!” As you ponder that – ask yourself questions about your leadership.

1. Why would anyone want to follow me?
2. Why would anyone want to be on my team?
3. Do I have the four characteristics of admired leaders – Integrity, Visionary, Competent, Inspiring.

You should never underestimate the impact you can make on your organization by becoming a better
Fellow MSCs, a lot has happened since our last newsletter. As your Corps Director, I want you to know that I am very proud of all of you. Our MSCs continue to lead during some of the toughest times I’ve seen in the Air Force over the last 29+ years. As the graduation guest speaker for HSA Class 14-D, I remember telling graduates that it is a privilege and a pleasure seeing wave after wave after wave of exceptional young MSCs stepping up and filling gaps in our MSC rank and file. Those gaps were created by other waves of stellar MSCs moving onward and upward themselves. I once read a comment from a famous NFL quarterback: “There are no traffic jams along the extra mile”. This is so true. Although there are no traffic jams along the extra mile, I submit that there are a lot of MSC officers on this path. With that, I’d like to tell you all how our MSCs are stepping up as officers and leaders to continue to build the future of Air Force Medical Service.

Recently, the Air Force announced the results of the Health Professions Education Requirements Board (HPERB). Ninety-one young MSCs applied to this board, and forty-seven were selected. Eight were selected for AFIT, seven for an Education with Industry opportunity, and thirty for functional specific fellowships. We also selected two interns at our recent MSC Accession Board. Of note, the HPERB is considered an annual $10M investment in developing our Corps to its maximum potential.

Speaking of the recent MSC Accession Board, I can tell you with an abundance of confidence that your Corps’ future is very bright. In all, we had one hundred and seventy-three applicants, and we selected seventy-two. The board continues to be extremely competitive. Some of those newly selected officers will start their careers in the Air Force very soon, so bring them into the family with the best of class and mentorship.

The Air Force Developmental Education Designation Board (DEDB) results will be released very soon. We will find out who will be going to intermediate or senior level developmental education (IDE and SDE) opportunities. Sixty three MSCs applied for in-residence IDE with only three being selected. Twenty-six applicants applied for IDE Equivalency of which fifteen were selected. Additionally, twenty-six MSCs applied for SDE in-residence, and three were selected. Finally, two MSCs applied for SDE equivalency, and one was selected.

On more of a senior level, forty-seven MSCs applied for Squadron Command, and thirty-five were selected to compete to match; overall, twenty-four matched. Thirty-six MSCs applied for seven SGA openings, and twenty-two were selected to compete to match. Twelve MSCs applied for two AES/DO openings, and five were selected to compete to match. Fifty-two MSCs applied to attend the Interagency Institute for Federal Health Care Executives course; six MSCs were selected to attend. In addition, nineteen MSCs were selected to attend the Intermediate Executive Skills (IES) course. There were nine MSC Colonels selected of twelve applicants to attend the Joint Medical Executive Skills CAPSTONE course, and to compete for the tri-service Medical Strategic Leadership Program course.

Besides these selections, your MSC Development Team vectored nearly one hundred and fifty MSCs at the September DT. Thirty-seven of forty MSC applicants were recently matched to their MSC functional areas at the recent Specialty Match Board. Additionally, we will soon find out MSC promotion board results for those competing for Major, Lt Col, and Colonel. Can’t wait!
This year’s Group Command Selection Board (CSB) netted the largest MSC selection rate ever. We garnered nearly one third of the candidate selections from all five AFMS Corps. Two of our Colonels were selected to compete for Tier 1 Medical Groups, and thirteen were selected to compete for Tier 2 Medical Groups. Overall, five hundred and ten AFMS officers competed, and only forty-eight were selected (fifteen of which were MSCs).

Lastly, our recent 4A/MSC celebration week was a huge success. BG Gen Potter and CMSgt McClelland opened up the week with a thirty minute live video DCO broadcast from the local Fort Belvoir Officers Club. They emphasized the importance of our bond with the 4As, to include multi-directional mentoring, leadership, and long-lasting relationships.

As you can see, the Corps has been very busy. I commend you for answering the call to leadership, all to make our AF and AFMS the great institution it is. The AF and AFMS depend on you each and every day, so keep stepping up!

Please be safe during the upcoming holiday season!!!

The last five months have been a whirlwind here in the Corps Office. I was fortunate to be able to sit in on both of the Medical Service Corps Development Team meetings, two MSC Senior Council meetings, the MSC Accession Board, attend parts of the Intermediate Executive Skills course (IES) and Combined Senior Leader Conference (CSLC). In addition, we had two San Antonio area MSC dinners and the first ever 4A/MSC Appreciation Week live webinar kick-off luncheon. Whew! It’s been busy. With that said, there are a lot of good things going on around our corps and it is my job to ensure you all know about it. That is where you come in; I need your help.

Starting in January 2015 the MSC Newsletter will be published in a real, relevant, and condensed manner. It will become a monthly publication with real-time information that is important for you to know. In order to transition to a smaller publication with more frequency the Corps Office needs content submissions from the field. We are looking for tidbits of information that are valuable and informative to the MSC officer. Are there things you wished you had known sooner? Is there a piece of advice that a mentor gave you that has been invaluable to your career that you think everyone should know? Do you have a story that you’d like to share about a particularly enlightening experience? Additionally, we would like to highlight one or two officers around the Corps every month that are making a difference. Send us a brief synopsis of the individual’s accomplishments along with a photo caption. Also, be sure to submit any other news or accomplishments to recognize the outstanding performance being done by the officers in our Corps.

The MSC newsletter is your source of information for and about the Corps, but the Corps Office needs your help to ensure that the information is meaningful and relevant. Please feel free to submit information for consideration at any time through coordination with your chain of command to the MSC org box at: usaf.pentagon.af-sg.mbx.msc-corps-office@mail.mil.

Check it out! The 2014 Medical Service Corps Strategic Plan is approved and posted to the Kx along with a Tri-Fold and Goal Cards for download and print.
PATIENT SAFETY – THE HEALTHCARE LEADER’S ROLE
Colonel James J. Burks, FACHE, AFMOA Director, Medical Support Operations & Administrator
MSC Associate Corps Chief for Administration

We all have formative moments in our lives, professionally and personally. I recall one of mine – a conversation in 2008 with a valued mentor – Major General (U.S. Army-Retired) David Rubenstein, FACHE. During our visit, General Rubenstein asked me a compelling question: “Jay, what keeps you awake at night?” I thought about the General’s question for a moment, and was embarrassed that I could not come up with a good answer.

Fast forward a few years later, when I was a medical group commander…and the answer hit me like a bucket of ice water poured over my head – “a patient safety event in our medical facility that results in harm to a patient… has our medical group done EVERYTHING possible to ensure safe, high-quality healthcare (e.g., training, credentialing, privileging, access & capacity management, clinical and decision support systems, policies, procedures, checklists, cross-checks, resources, peer review, and more…)?”

It was a Wednesday morning, and I had just returned to my office from a wing staff meeting. I was settling-in for the rest of the day’s routine schedule, when the phone rang…(click here for full article)

* The views in this article are those of the author.
** Thanks to Col (Dr) Leslie Wilson and Col (Dr) Kim Pietszak, AFMOA Clinical Quality Division, for their thoughtful reviews and contributions to this article. Thanks as well to my wife, Valerie, for her review and continuous encouragement.

COST ASSESSMENT AND PROGRAM EVALUATION - CAPE
Ms. Denise Comfort, Division Chief, Cost Assessment and Program Evaluation

“All models are flawed, some are useful”

A recent McKinsey Global Institute study called data analytics "the next frontier for innovation, competition and productivity."

The analytics market is always growing and changing. Currently, there is an increasing demand in the market for analytics resources as employers search for qualified candidates and experienced employees look for the right fit for their skills. The Air Force Medical Service (AFMS) is no different. Every key resourcing decision made by senior Military Health System (MHS) leaders involves analytics recommendations. As we move more and more quickly towards a culture of evidence-based, data-rich decision making, the skills of a data analyst will become even more relevant and desirable. As the Division Chief for Cost Assessment and Program Evaluation (CAPE), I wanted to introduce you to the opportunities available within the Air Force Medical Service for data analysts. At the MSC DT held in July of 2014, we competitively selected the first-ever AFMS CAPE Fellow. The lucky MSC chosen for this coveted position will begin his/her training in the summer of 2015 for one year and will follow on with us at the Defense Health Headquarters (DHHQ) or at one of our seven currency platforms.
Data analysts are as important as the best engineers and designers. Job recruiters would say they’re more important. (www.usatoday.com)

Why CAPE?... “Truth never damages a cause that is just.” — Mahatma Gandhi

The AFMS must position itself to deliver best value health support for key operational stakeholders such as Combatant Commanders and the Line of the Air Force, fellow partners within the MHS, and a diverse and global patient population. Given this requirement, the AFMS must optimize resources to meet the needs of the stakeholders in a fiscally challenging environment while maintaining an appropriate level of stewardship to the taxpayers. Optimization means to maximize clinical opportunities for active duty medics to remain current in their profession and maximize capabilities within MTFs to deliver Better Care and Better Health at the Best Value. This optimization will require the AFMS to adopt a market-based and readiness-based strategy to deliver the Best Value based on Readiness, Currency or Business Case (RCA/CCA/BCA) in combination or individually. This concept is used to evaluate the “merit” of each Department of Defense (DoD) medical market.

HOW?..... Smoke and Mirrors are out; Transparency is in......

The word, “transparency,” implies a clear lens through which an object is seen more easily or in more detail. Transparency has always been a critical component of leadership. When you’re transparent, you invite trust by revealing that you have nothing to hide. You establish yourself as an honest, credible person in the eyes of others.

"It's never been a better time to be a data scientist," known in the industry as quantitative jocks, says John Manoogian III, co-founder and chief technology officer at 140 Proof.

CAPE provides expert consultation and support for Readiness, Currency and Business case (RCA/CCA/BCA) based resourcing and strategic business planning to the Air Force Surgeon General for the tasks listed below. We provide strategies and recommendations to optimize the use of resources and the delivery of healthcare. We also advise stakeholders and decision makers during the Program Objective Memorandum (POM) build process through the AFMS Corporate Structure, and CAPE SG8E provides objective analyses during the POM build.

On a day-to-day basis, CAPE personnel perform the following functions:


WHO???

Currently we have 8 funded authorizations in Falls Church, Virginia at the DHHQ (1 Col, 1 Lt Col, 2 Majors and 4 Civilians). In addition there is a Lt Col, one Civilian and nine Contractors at AFMOA in San Antonio. Through the recent addition of our fellowship program we plan to grow this specialty throughout the AFMS and make it a viable relevant career track for the Medical Service Corps. We hope the other Corps will also see the value of this career track and participate with us as well. We plan to add an AFIT-sponsored Master’s Degree Program in Medical Informatics to our repertoire in the near future.

If you are interested in more information on this career track please discuss it with your senior MSC. A career changing experience in CAPE will give you a wealth of exposure to a wide range of activities that exist across the MHS and you will develop a skill in evaluating program efficacy. In addition you will be a crucial voice in providing poignant change resulting in a better AFMS and MHS… join in and experience the opportunity!! (Click here for more details)
Someone recently asked me why I would give up a weekend to spend time with a bunch of retirees (not the word actually used) when I attended the recent Biennial MSC Association Meeting in St. Louis. That weekend 1st Lt Jessica Murray (375th AES) and I had the opportunity of assisting Randy Borg and Jim Moreland with the MSC history project. You will soon see why I felt that when my wife and I left after the Saturday evening banquet I was the luckiest one that attended the weekend event.

Arriving at the perfect time during the business meeting allowed me to hear a discussion about encouraging the involvement of younger MSCs. When I overheard what the Association’s average age was, it was then I knew my attendance didn’t even make a dent to that average! While I don’t have any new ideas on increasing participation that haven’t been tried before, I can pass along why this MSC chose to invest the time. It boils down to this -- as a youngster, through my grandfather, I had the chance to know vets down at the VFW hall and that strongly influenced my perception of those that walked before me. I feel their lessons are not from a generation(s) long passed, rather lessons for future generations to carry forward.

Over some 9 hours I formally interviewed 8 retired MSCs and their stories made the pages of the many leadership books come alive. It was the love of the people, the love of the mission, and the feeling of serving their country that truly shined through. Even though Jessica was concluding a rather hectic workweek, she was able to step up and interview John Klotsko and Ken Hermann, as well as attend the banquet. I extend my gratitude to John Riley, Don Taylor, Chet Baumer, Pat Hoey, Don Good, Ken Hermann, Wayne Terry, and Bob Bauer for extending me the privilege of chatting with them. When asked about “words of wisdom” to pass on to the next generation here are a few of the nuggets they shared:

- Take a little risk…on yourself.
- Live in the moment.
- We give our time to what truly matters. This includes your family, your church, your community, your job; all of which makes up your country.
- You get more than one chance to get it right (sometimes 2 or 3 times).
- Work hard and play hard.
- Don’t define yourself by your job.
- People respect what you do, not what you say or write.
- Dream! You have to dream a little – people are forgetting how to do this. (This came from a MSC who will be turning 90 soon, Happy Birthday Chet!).
- Most importantly, it all boils down to Esprit de Corps. We each have that responsibility to build it!

Having met many wonderful MSCs and equally wonderful spouses at the convention, I hope when the Association comes to Washington, DC in 2015, that you make the time in your busy schedule to attend. If you have half the experience I did, you will see what MSC Esprit de Corps can truly be and possibly take a little bit back to your unit, workplace, or community. I want to sum up the comments and feelings during my weekend by sharing excerpts from the farewell address of Ronald Reagan I heard growing up: “We've done our part – friends; we did it. We weren't just marking time. We made a difference – and we left her in good hands. All in all, not bad; not bad at all.”  (Article originally published in the MSC Association Newsletter, December 2013)
GIRL’S RULE AT TRAVIS
Colonel Doreen Wilder, Administrator, David Grant Medical Center, 60th Medical Group, Travis AFB

Well, it has finally happened. After over 23 years as an MSC in the Air Force, I have finally seen the number of female MSCs assigned to a Medical Treatment Facility (MTF) outnumber the males. This may not seem like a big deal for most of the male MSCs because you have always had a senior mentor available in your gender. However, for the junior female MSCs at Travis, they now have an MSC female mentor available in every grade. This has not been the case for me or other females during the majority of our careers.

Currently only 35% of the Medical Service Corps consists of females. In the September/October 2008 edition of the Journal of Healthcare Management, Dr Paula M. Lantz wrote an article on “Gender and Leadership in Healthcare Administration: 21st Century Progress and Challenges.” In the article she describes how women compose 78 percent of the healthcare industry's workforce and are the largest consumers of healthcare (Kirchheimer 2007) but between 1990 to 2012 a study conducted on American College of Healthcare Executives’ members documented the proportion of female Chief Executive Officers has shown little positive movement in the last 22 years (American College of Healthcare Executives 2012). Dr Lantz further goes on to describe a 2002 study conducted by Witt/Kieffer on the preparation of future leaders in healthcare. This study showed that forty-eight percent of the respondents stated that the healthcare industry failed to develop women leaders effectively.

So why did I point out these facts and bother to write this article? Because I believe that not only do we need to improve the mentoring of high-potential women in our corps, but all leaders throughout our corps need to ensure annual career counseling. We have been entrusted to develop the next generation of leaders for our corps. One of the ways we can accomplish that is by documenting an officers’ professional development needs in their Airmen Development Plan so that AFPC and the Development Teams can vector our junior MSCs into the right positions that will allow them to reach their highest potential. Our corps mission statement is to provide “Premier global health service support through innovation and inspirational leadership.” I challenge all of you to be inspirational leaders and to do what you can to develop and mentor our next generation of leaders.

REFERENCES:


Did you Know???
The 2014 Medical Service Corps Career Guide and new Career Path Tool are published to the Kx. MSCs are encouraged to begin using the CPT to track and project their careers. Leaders are encouraged to utilize the CPT during mentoring sessions. Just be sure to “Save” the documents and not “Check Out.”

To submit your article, click here: MSC Office Mailbox
AFPC Tidbits:

Noteworthy Dates

12 Jan: HSA Class 15B Begins
6 Feb: HSA Class 15B Graduation

2015 Assignment Cycles

15 Dec – 5 Jan: Summer PRD Window Opens
5 Jan: ADP's due to AFPC
7 Jan - 17 Mar: AFPC Matches
Summer (RNLTD 1 Jun – 30 Sep 15)

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HSA Schoolhouse Update:

Are you due to rotate to a new job? HSA Orientation Courses are a great way to prepare for the next functional area! Based on feedback from the field, we have added additional orientation courses (RMO, Med Log, IM/IT, & HPM). Check out our schedule: https://kx2.afms.mil/kj/kx7/hsaschool/Pages/Home.aspx

*Centrally funded slots are available; please check with the course POCs listed below:

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Medical Logistics
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Resource Management
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Medical Information Systems
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Medical Readiness
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DSN: 420-5388

*Medical Readiness training quotas are handled
**HSA Schoolhouse Update - Continued:**

Do you have a new MSC accession who will be attending HSA in the near future?

AFMS Kx HSA Website:  
[https://kx2.afms.mil/kj/kx7/hsaschool/Pages/Home.aspx](https://kx2.afms.mil/kj/kx7/hsaschool/Pages/Home.aspx)

Be sure to use the hyperlinks on the sidebar for general information, reporting instructions, and pre-course document requirements.

**Schoolhouse Feedback**

We rely heavily on feedback from HSA students and MSCs in the field…please use the survey link below to provide constructive feedback to the HSA Staff. We want to know what you think.

[**HSA Survey Link**](#)

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**Instructor Staff at Recent HSA Graduation:** Capt Greg Kirkwood, Maj Micaela Lewis, Capt Amanda Weber, Maj Jocelyn Whalen, Capt Lisa Osantowski, TSgt Tracey Rickert (not pictured, Maj Brenda Roberts)

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**Taking Care of One of Our Own**

Robins AFB 4As/MSCs paid tribute during 4A/MSC Appreciation Week to Katie Kress, Lt Col Christine Kress’ (NC) daughter, whom recently passed away from cancer. Katie had become a spirit of hope through her blog giving advice to other teens and families faced with cancer and other terminal illnesses. She wanted to leave a legacy by inspiring and helping others even after she was gone. Donations to the **Kaitlin E Kress Memorial Fund** can be made at any Wells Fargo banking institution.
## Announcements:

**Maj Randolph Bosch** – JB Langley-Eustis
**Lt Col Cory Baker** – Lakenheath
**Lt Col William Breedlove** – Patrick
**Lt Col Felicia Burks - Fairchild**
**Lt Col Pedro Burton Taylor** – Vandenburgh
**Lt Col Lee Ann Calderwood – Al Udeid**
**Lt Col (S) Peter French** – Kunsan
**Lt Col Jennifer Garrison** – Davis-Monthan
**Lt Col Dolfis Hall** – Kirtland
**Lt Col (S) Michael Hamilton - Barksdale**
**Lt Col Pagerine Jackson** – Mountain Home
**Lt Col Freddie Jenkins** – JBSA Lackland

**Lt Col Elbert Alford** – Holloman
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**Lt Col Charles Moniz** – Whiteman
**Lt Col Kathy Naylor – Grand Forks**
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If we have missed someone, please let us know. We are not routinely notified by the personnel system and rely on informal channels including retirement letter requests. To request a letter from the Corps Chief, please go to [https://kx2.afms.mil/kj/kx5/AFMedicalServiceCorps/Pages/home.aspx](https://kx2.afms.mil/kj/kx5/AFMedicalServiceCorps/Pages/home.aspx).

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