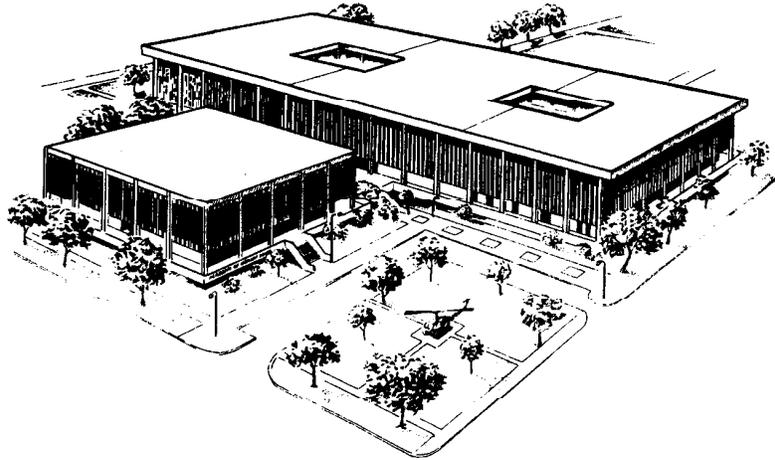




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AMEDDC&S PLAYS KEY ROLE IN JOB SHADOWING EVENT

As a part of an ongoing Partnership Program with San Antonio youth, on 2 Feb the AMEDDC&S teamed with Fifth U.S. Army, the Fort Sam Houston Garrison, the Texas Army National Guard, and the San Antonio Recruiting Battalion to host National Ground Hog Job Shadow Day. Job Shadow Day 2000 was a joint effort of *America's Promise*, the *National School-to-Work Office*, *Junior Achievement*, and the *American Society of Association Executives*. In the words of *America's Promise* Chairman, Retired General Colin Powell, "the rationale behind Job Shadow Day is simple. A recent poll shows that job shadow participants are more positive about their future, more likely to complete high school and more likely to attend college than nonparticipants. They are also more likely to end up gainfully employed."

Sixty-five Roosevelt High School students were given an opportunity to participate in five diverse Army career fields: Combat Arms, Medical, Veterinary, Criminal Justice, and Aviation. Soldiers and Department of the Army civilian personnel teamed up to give the students a variety of Job Shadowing experiences. Throughout the

day, the students observed and participated in selected training venues, toured installation facilities, and had lunch at an Army dining facility.

Two of the specific Job Shadow tracks requested by Roosevelt High School were "Medical" and "Veterinary." This presented the Academy of Health Sciences (AHS) with an occasion to showcase three of its teaching departments and give the students an opportunity to observe several unique military medical career specialties. The 16 medical track students were divided into two groups and escorted to the Department of Clinical Support Services (DCSS) and the Department of Preventive Health Services (DPHS). In the Pharmacy Branch, DCSS, they were able to observe and participate in the preparation of intravenous medications in a sterile environment. The Medical Zoology Branch, DPHS, demonstrated the care and handling of arachnids and arthropods. In the Environmental Quality Branch, they were shown the basics of environmental quality (air and water) testing as well as the operation of a ground water model simulation.

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AMEDD READINESS STARTS HERE!

COMMANDER'S CORNER

MG James B. Peake



Welcome to the year 2000...and a special welcome to those soldiers of the 147th Medical Logistics Battalion just returning from rotations in Bosnia and Haiti. I deeply appreciate the sacrifices you and your families have made during these extended deployments and I am extremely proud of all that you accomplished. Your dedication and selfless service are shining examples of all that is great about our Army and our AMEDD.

As we embark on the new millennium, I'd like to take this opportunity to discuss some of the challenges and opportunities of the next year. To better look into the future, it is worth a brief look back to establish where we have been. The last year of the 20th Century was an extremely busy year for the AMEDDC&S. In addition to the daily training mission, the unit and personnel deployments, and a myriad of other missions, the AMEDDC&S became involved in two major ongoing projects.

The first of these was the combination of the MOSs 91B, Combat Medic, and 91C, Licensed Practical Nurse, into the new 91W. Combining the best of the 91B and 91C MOSs with additional qualifications like EMT-B certification, the 91W will provide the critical lifesaving care in the forward areas of the battlefield. Last year, the 91W Transition team was established and immediately went to work establishing course requirements, an organization structure, and requirements for current 91Bs and 91Cs to transition to 91W. Their work will continue this year at a hectic pace: POs for both the transition and 91W course must be established, distance learning must be integrated into these courses, and a 91W instruction branch organization must be finalized and staffed.

The second major change is even more dramatic. The establishment of a medium weight force, now named the Initial Brigade Combat Team (IBCT), will require a tremendous amount of input from the AMEDD. The smallest detail from designing the IBCT's medical support down to establishing detailed vehicle load plans must be developed, staffed and implemented – all in a very short time. A change like this cross-cuts all of the elements of DTLOMS – it impacts on the whole of the AMEDD Center and School.

We in the AMEDD have a great opportunity to make a significant impact on the Army in the upcoming year. At all levels, we must be able to think conceptually, develop workable plans and execute in detail. While time is a precious commodity for us all, we must resist the urge to take shortcuts: we can not develop new ideas in a vacuum – we must work with the rest of the Army to ensure an idea's viability. We have the expertise to develop medical units with state-of-the-art medical equipment; however, if they can not quickly deploy to support operations, we will have failed in our mission.

Technology will continue to be an enabler for all of us to work more efficiently while managing multiple projects. We must maximize the use of information technology – from simple e-mails to fully interactive distance learning to operate effectively. Our goal should be to make the AMEDD Center and School the preeminent institution in the development and use of information technology. I invite you to go to the website: www.us.army.mil/ to see and register for "Army Knowledge Online." This "Army Portal" was heavily influenced by our AMEDD Knowledge Management Network and our outstanding staff in the Center for Health Education and Studies.

This is all complex work, but given the professionalism I see demonstrated here on a daily basis, I am confident we can and will succeed. Your hard work and dedication are the reasons Fort Sam Houston will continue to lead the way for not only the rest of the AMEDD, but for the entire Army.

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Award of Excellence Winners Selected

Winners have been selected for the 1999 AMEDD Regimental Award of Excellence in Allied Health Care. The annual award is sponsored by The Surgeon General of the Army and the National Museum of Allied Healthcare Professionals. It recognizes the exceptional contributions of individuals to the Army, the AMEDD, and the civilian community.

Colonel Valerie J. Rice is the winner in the Officer category, for contributions in the fields of occupational therapy, ergonomics, and research. She is an Occupational Therapist and currently serves as the Director, Operation Aegis-Injury Control, AMEDDC&S.

The enlisted winner is MSG Wan Y. Kim, NCOIC, U.S. Army Center for Health Promotion and Prevention-Pacific, Camp Zama, Japan. His award was presented for significant contributions to the AMEDD Preventive Medicine Program and the Army's environmental/occupational health initiatives that have enhanced Army readiness and the positive reputation of the AMEDD.

From the Nonresident Instruction Branch

Starting on 1 Apr, the AMEDD Correspondence Course program enters the worldwide web as School Code 555. Soldiers who apply for enrollment in self-development courses and subcourses will do so over the Internet. The web address is:

www.atrrs.army.mil

Soldiers who enroll prior to 1 Apr will continue under the present AMEDDC&S system. Current records of self-development courses will **not** be transferred to the Internet.

As of 1 Apr, personnel who wish to enroll in a correspondence course Phase 1 in order to qualify for a resident Phase 2 must request their unit (Quota Manager/Personnel Office) to make a reservation for Phase 1 in the Army Training Requirements and Resources System. Reservation for a Phase 2 class can be made at that time. Paper-based applications (DA Form 145) will **no longer** be accepted for Phase 1; these applications will be returned

to the unit by the AMEDDC&S for correct reservation procedure.

(Further information: Nonresident Instruction Branch, 1-5877)

Changes in Effect for Expert Field Medical Badge Testing

Department of the Army Pamphlet 40-20, *Expert Field Medical Badge (EFMB) Test*, has undergone numerous significant changes, which have been distributed to the field. The changes, which were effective 31 Dec 99, include:

- Army National Guard and U.S. Army Reserve units may conduct the EFMB during annual training.
- All test board members, including the test board chairperson, must be holders of the EFMB or CMB.
- Critical performance areas have increased from 11 to 12: day and night land navigation are now separate areas.
- The candidate **MUST** pass the "Prepare and Transmit a Medical Evacuation (MEDEVAC) Request" task.
- The packing list for the forced road march has been revised.

(Further information: EFMB Section, DTS, 5-9453/9051; [DSN 421-])

USASAM NCO Wins Double Honors

Staff Sergeant John P. Flannigan, an Aerospace Physiology Instructor at the U.S. Army School of Aviation Medicine, Fort Rucker, AL, has the distinction of receiving special recognition for excellence and professionalism twice within four months. In Oct 99, SSG Flannigan competed for, and was selected as the "NCO Academic Instructor of the 4th Quarter, CY99" for his ability in teaching altitude physiology. Later this year, he will compete for the U.S. Army Aviation Center "NCO Academic Instructor of the Year, CY99."

In Nov 99, SSG Flannigan competed for a position in the in the U.S. Army Medical Command NCO Executive Assistant Program and was subsequently selected to serve a six-month internship, starting in Dec 99. He is currently attached to the Office of The Surgeon General, U.S. Army, as an NCO Assistant, Department of Defense Anthrax Vaccination Program.

Job Shadowing Event

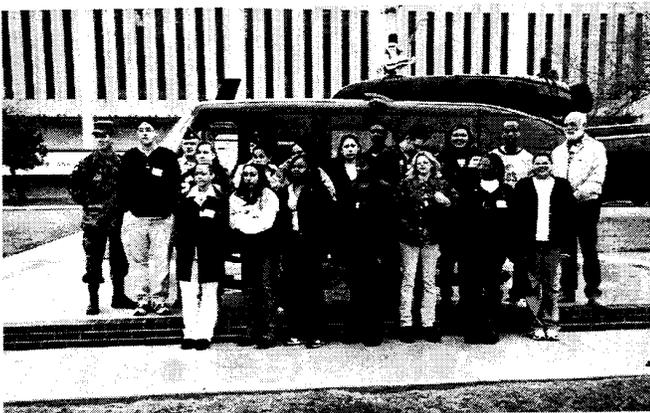
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The 12 Veterinary track students initially assembled at the Department of Veterinary Sciences' Animal Medicine Branch, Building 2657, where they were able to observe small animal sick call and the microscopic analysis of canine parasites. From that training venue, they moved to the Food Protection Branch, Building 325, to see a demonstration of food handling and inspection procedures. They were also able to take part in the egg candling process

that helps ensure quality and freshness and to inspect the newest versions of Meals, Ready-to-Eat (MREs).

The day's activities ended with LTC Linda Bratcher, Commander of the San Antonio Recruiting Battalion, chairing a discussion of the need to stay goal-oriented and avoid the obstacles of life. Doctor Barbara Menconi, Northeast Independent School District Job Shadow Day coordinator summed up the day by saying "Job Shadow Day was a tremendous success that offered valuable insight into the many opportunities the Army has to offer and the value of keeping goal-oriented."

JOB SHADOW DAY 2000



Medical track students from Roosevelt High School stop for a group photo before beginning their career opportunities tour at the Academy of Health Sciences.



Observing the preparation of medications in a sterile laboratory environment – Pharmacy Branch, Department of Clinical Support Services.



Arachnids and arthropods are the subject of SFC Thomas White's demonstration – Medical Zoology Branch, Department of Preventive Health Services.



Students prepare for hands-on exercise in food handling and inspection procedures – Food Protection Branch, Department of Veterinary Science.