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Bacon's Bits

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Scavenger Hunt Winners!!



I cannot believe it's already spring! I can't say it's my favorite time of the year, but with all the bluebonnets and flowers blooming, it sure is beautiful here in San Antonio. But, the best part is – I have put away my fall shoes (somewhat reluctantly) and brought out my spring and summer shoes!

It has been a crazy busy couple of months or so for all of us. We had approximately 45 attendees at our MEPRS Fundamentals Class we offered at the beginning of March. The overall consensus was it was a great class and we received a lot of positive feedback

on how we could make the next class even better. Congratulations to Mr. James Sarver and Mr. John Daigle from Ft. Polk who were the winners of the MEPRS scavenger hunt! Not only did they answer all the questions correctly, they submitted the answers in record time. Congratulations again, and wear the shirts proudly!

Jeanie and I attended the first time ever UBU/UBO/MEPRS Conference last week with approximately ten other Army MEPRS personnel. Although, there was a lot of good information presented at the conference, I think the best part of the conference was the little Army MEPRS round table discussion we had in the cafeteria. It further enforced the need to start having our quarterly tele-conferences. Until next time – I leave you with this little poem:

Spring has sprung, the grass has ris',
 I wonder where the birdie is?
 There he is up in the sky,
 He dropped some whitewash in my eye!
 I'm alright, I won't cry,
 I'm just glad that cows can't fly!

Have a great month!



BEST-OF-THE-BEST

Army MTF MEPRS Office personnel are known for their dedication and meticulous performance of their duties. This is evident when reviewing the compliance with requirements placed on them from within their commands along with those imposed by MEDCOM.

MTF Ranking is based on point values assessed for compliance with current FY EAS Timeliness, DMHRSi Timecard Compliance, Financial Reconciliation submission, Narrative submission, and Discrepancies for FY07-FY11 (AMPO Discrepancies, and Unauthorized FTE's). Contact your AMPO analyst for additional details on the ranking methodology.

MEDCEN:
 FT. HOOD
 GREAT JOB!
 DIANE PAPKE & STAFF

BEDDED:
 FT. POLK
 EXCEPTIONAL EFFORTS!
 JAMES SARVER & STAFF

UNBEDDED:
 FT. LEAVENWORTH —
 LINDA HIXSON & STAFF
 FT. RUCKER —
 KATHY KELLEY & STAFF
 AWESOME JOB !

Deactivating FCCs in AHLTA/CHCS

With the emerging Patient Center Medical Home (PCMH) clinics, it is extremely important that activation and deactivation of MEPRS FCCs are coordinated through all systems. This is especially important when deactivating MEPRS FCCs in AHLTA/CHCS. Lack of coordination can result in lost workload. Prior to deactivating a MEPRS FCC in AHLTA/CHCS, please ensure there are no open encounters. Having the open encounters in AHLTA results in lost workload as the encounter cannot be captured in a work center where the MEPRS FCC is deactivated.

Nursing Workload and MEPRS

Nursing Workload is being scrutinized within the Department of the Army. All MEPRS Reporting Facilities will be bombarded with questions about Nursing Workload. WMSN is the Nursing Workload system of record, not MEPRS. Please remind your Nursing Staff that MEPRS is the Cost Accounting system and that all questions pertaining to Nursing Workload should be addressed to LTC Dawn Garcia (OTSG Nursing Method Analyst (NMA) Consultant). MEPRS will assist Nursing with all FCC and DMHRSi related issues, but Nursing Workload is not our area of expertise.

Questions & Answers

Q: I have employees that have left my site and they haven't deleted the names of the people that they granted worklist access. How can I get that deleted?

A: The DMHRSi user account belongs to the user. You can't access it and the help desk can't access it. Ensure that part of your training includes emphasizing the need to delete worklist access when an employee is no longer a timekeeper or timecard approver.

Association of the United States Army (AUSA)

The Medical Symposium will be held 27 June 2011 - 30 June 2011 in San Antonio, TX. This year, it will be a full conference. This means that there will be a full Resource Management track with 5 1/2 hours dedicated to MEPRS breakouts. Below are the topics:

WEDNESDAY, 29 June 2011

1300 - 1400 Presentation: GFEBs

- Lessons Learned
- Parsing Reports
- Understanding the Status of Funds Report

Speaker: Ms. Mona Bacon and Guest

Speaker

1400 - 1500 Presentation: GFEBs (Continued)

Speaker: Ms. Mona Bacon and Guest

Speaker

1530 - 1700 Presentation: Implementation of AMH from a MEPRS Perspective

Speaker: Mr. Harold Cardenas

THURSDAY, 30 June 2011

1000 - 1100 Presentation: Introduction to the DMHRSi Access Database

Speaker: Ms. Jeanie McCleary

1100 - 1200 Presentation: Understanding the DMHRSi DOD Batch and Time Card Status Report

Speaker: Ms. Catherine Soto

Conference information is available at:

<http://www.ausa.org/meetings/2011/symposia/medcom/Pages/AUSA'sILWArmyMedicalSymposiumExposition.aspx>