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MEDICAL MATERIEL

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Effective with AFMLL 01-97, publication of the letter will be monthly instead of bi-weekly. In addition to publication of the monthly AFMLL, a monthly Supplement containing the Excess listing and Quality Assurance information will be distributed midway between AFMLLs. Deadline for submission of AFMLL articles is by the first of each month. Printed copies of the AFMLL will be distributed the middle of each month, and the monthly supplement will be distributed the end of each month. *Although this issue will arrive late due to scheduling difficulties, future editions should be received as scheduled.* (AFMLO/FOA, Rita Miller, DSN 343-4158)

Enlisted Members Eligible For Enrollment in the Association of Military Surgeons of the United States (AMSUS)

Present and former enlisted members of the uniformed services in grades E-5 through E-9, and their civilian equivalents, are now eligible for membership in the Association of Military Surgeons of the United States (AMSUS).

AMSUS is the Society of Federal Health Agencies, a medical health group dedicated to the advancement of all aspects of federal medicine -- professional, scientific, educational, and administrative within the Department of Defense, Department of Veterans Affairs, and the Department of Health and Human Services. Members include both active and Reserve

members of the Army, Navy, Air Force and U.S. Public Health Service.

AMSUS members voted overwhelmingly to include enlisted members during the association's Nov 96 annual meeting in San Antonio TX.

"The rapid changes occurring in military and federal medicine place increased reliance and responsibility on our career enlisted medical personnel," said retired Lt Gen Max Bralliar, executive director of AMSUS. "I sincerely believe membership in AMSUS will enhance their opportunity for professional growth and increase interchange with other federal medical leaders while further strengthening AMSUS," Bralliar stated.

More than 6,000 professionals attended the annual meeting. Under the Air Force's initiative, major format changes occurred. Emphasis was placed on continuity of theme throughout the meeting, while providing maximum continuing health education credit for the sessions.

In addition to hosting the annual meeting, AMSUS publishes "Military Medicine", a monthly professional journal and the quarterly "AMSUS Newsletter." AMSUS members are primary contributors and receive these periodicals as part of their membership. Additional membership information is available on the worldwide web at <http://www.amsus.org> or by contacting AMSUS at 9320 Old Georgetown Road, Bethesda, MD 20814; telephone (301) 897-8800. (HQ AFMSA/SGSL, CMSgt Dave Rea, DSN 240-3946)

Continuation of Hospital Aseptic Management Systems (Hams) At Your Facility

An unprecedented rate and degree of change affects virtually every aspect of the way we do business today, and Hospital Aseptic Management Systems (HAMS) is no exception. Right-sizing demands a collective effort to reaffirm the policy that determines which medical treatment facilities (MTFs) should continue to be cleaned using HAMS (as centrally managed by AFMSA/SGSLC and procured by HSC/PKOV), and which MTFs should utilize their base contracting office to establish a local housekeeping contract.

To remain in the HAMS program, your MTF must be a "bedded" facility. Ambulatory surgery holding beds do not, in isolation, qualify a facility as bedded. The MTF must have medical and surgery wards to be considered bedded.

In addition, the MTF must have a complete seven-day-a-week labor/delivery/nursery that is currently being utilized as designed, and/or have a surgery facility that is currently functioning as designed. Ambulatory surgery will not suffice. An acute care facility/ambulance dispatch area open on Saturday and Sunday does not require a HAMS contract.

The decision concerning which way your facility will go should be made a year before a reprocurement is necessary to allow time to initiate the appropriate coverage. The decision should be based on the configuration of your facility *at that time*, or what the facility is anticipated to look like with reasonable certainty in the near term. You will generally not make the decision based upon what your facility *might* look like 2 to 5 years in the future.

If your facility is currently in the HAMS program, it generally makes good business sense to remain through your available option years regardless of your current configuration. If you find it appropriate to initiate a local contract sooner, you do not have to accept your FY 98 option year if you notify SGSLC prior to 1 Aug 1997. If your facility is not currently being serviced by HAMS and you

feel you qualify, contract SGSLC to be included in the next viable cycle.

If/when the decision is made to transition your facility out of HAMS, SGSLC has a housekeeping statement of work (SOW), and will assist you in any way required to "tailor" that SOW to your specific needs. With the exception of requirements dealing with corporate experience, and certain International Executive Housekeepers Association (IEHA) Certified Managers experience requirements, any HAMS SOW can be utilized in a locally procured housekeeping contract. If your MTF is now an acute care clinic with ambulatory surgery, it is easier and more appropriate to start with a clinic housekeeping SOW and tailor towards a HAMS SOW. (HQ AFMSA/SGSLC, Mr. Jimmie Connell, DSN 240-3944)

Enlisted Quarterly Assignment Listing

The newest Enlisted Quarterly Assignment Listing (EQUAL) of available enlisted assignments overseas arrives at military personnel flights and on the Air Force Personnel Center's World Wide Web home page on 4 Feb 97.

This list includes assignments for overseas jobs opening during the Oct through Dec time frame.

Personnel officials recommend assignment preferences be updated by 21 Feb, to ensure the information is updated in the computer system before actual assignments are released on 24 Mar 97.

EQUAL advertises upcoming assignment requirements, by Air Force Specialty Code and rank,

and gives people a chance to update their assignment preferences to match vacancies in a particular cycle. Members should review, prioritize and list specifically those assignment options available to them on EQUAL.

Separate listings for assignments available at overseas locations plus assignments available for those returning from overseas areas are published quarterly. Special duty assignments appear on EQUAL-Plus and are updated weekly.

Military personnel flights and unit orderly rooms will have copies of the listings and can help people update their preferences. People who are on temporary duty during the advertising period should contact the nearest personnel office for assistance.

Access the AFPC world wide web home page using the Uniform Resource Locator (URL) address

<http://www.afpc.af.mil>

Click on the highlighted "assignments" text to view the new list. (Courtesy AFPC News Service) (HQ AFMSA/SGSL, CMSgt David A. Rea, DSN 240-3949)

AETC Personnel Discuss Community College of the Air Force (CCAF)

The AFMLL is a specialized newsletter published monthly by the Air Force Medical Logistics Office. to provide medical materiel support data to Air Force medical activities worldwide. Our mission is to ensure all Air Force medical facilities receive the highest level of medical logistics support. In that regard, we solicit your articles for inclusion in the AFMLL to relay information for use by other activities. For additional information concerning this publication, call (301) 619-4158/DSN 343-4158 or write to the AIR FORCE MEDICAL LOGISTICS OFFICE/FOA, ATTN: Rita Miller, 1423 SULTAN DRIVE, SUITE 200, FORT DETRICK, MD 21702-5006. Articles may be data faxed to (301) 619-2557 or DSN 343-2557.

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Matters requiring AFMLO action after normal duty hours may be referred to the AFMLO Staff Duty Officer. The Staff Duty Officer may be reached at DSN 343-2400 or (301) 619-2400 between the hours of 1630 and 0700 weekdays, and anytime on weekends and holidays.

Promotions

Earning an associate's degree from the Community College of the Air Force won't guarantee promotion to the next grade, but it might get enlisted members closer to their goal.

Promotion selection rates were consistently higher for enlisted members with CCAF degrees than for those without the degree, according to a recent study conducted by the Headquarters Air Education and Training Command Personnel Directorate.

For enlisted members who have not completed an associate of applied science degree from CCAF, the motivation to complete a degree may make the difference in being selected or non-selected for promotion. "Although having a CCAF degree does not guarantee promotion," said Chief Master Sergeant Ernie Cano, Enlisted Force Management Section Chief, "people with CCAF degrees do better on promotion tests. The same positive study habits and test taking skills learned while completing a CCAF degree may help people better prepare for promotion testing."

Under the Weighted Airman Promotion System, enlisted people competing for promotion to Staff Sergeant, Technical Sergeant and Master Sergeant must take two tests -- the promotion fitness exam and the specialty knowledge test. For promotion to Senior Master Sergeant and Chief Master Sergeant, members take the U.S. Air Force Supervisory Exam.

Enlisted members who completed a CCAF degree typically scored five to 10 points higher on promotion tests than those with less than an associate's degree, according to analysis provided by the Air Force Personnel Center. The study also revealed for promotion to Senior and Chief Master Sergeant, CCAF graduates' evaluation board scores were also 10 to 15 points higher than those without an advanced academic degree. In 1996, 89 percent of all Senior Master Sergeant selects and 85 percent of all Chief Master Sergeant selects within AETC were CCAF graduates.

For more information on CCAF, call your local education office. (HQ AFMSA/SGSL, CMSgt Dave Rea, DSN 240-3946)

Information

Correction to AFMLO Mailing Address

Effective immediately, all mail to AFMLO should be addressed as follows:

AFMLO/(APPROPRIATE OFFICE SYMBOL)
ATTN: (Optional)
1423 SULTAN DRIVE, SUITE 200
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Notice that the name, street address, city, and state, are capital letters. The capitalization of this information enables the mail to be electronically sorted. (AFMLO/FOA, Rita Miller, DSN 343-4158)

Medical Logistics in Action

Headquarters, Air Force Medical Support Agency (HQ AFMSA) and the Air Force Medical Logistics Office (AFMLO) extend sincere congratulations to the personnel named below for their outstanding achievements. (AFMLO/FOA, Ms. Rita Miller, DSN 343-4158)

HQ Air Force Medical Support Agency Brooks AFB TX

MajGen (S) Michael K. Wyrick, Director of Medical Programs and Resources, Office of the Surgeon General, is pleased to announce the nominees and winners of the *Outstanding Medical Logistics Activities and Special Team Awards for 1996*.

Major Command nominees for Air Force-wide competition:

Category I

89th Medical Group
Andrews AFB MD

48th Medical Group
RAF Lakenheath England

59th Medical Wing
Lackland AFB TX

Category II

86th Medical Group
Ramstein AB GE

10th Medical Group
USAF Academy CO

42nd Medical Group
Maxwell AFB AL

3rd Medical Group
Elmendorf AFB AK

96th Medical Support Squadron
Eglin AFB FL

1st Medical Group
Langley AFB VA

Category III

92nd Medical Group
Fairchild AFB WA

469th Contingency Hospital
Frankfurt GE

30th Medical Group
Vandenberg AFB CA

51st Medical Group
Osan AB KO

70th Medical Logistics Flight
Brooks AFB TX

49th Medical Group
Holloman AFB NM

Category IV

90th Medical Group
F.E. Warren AFB WY

64th Medical Support Squadron
Reese AFB TX

8th Medical Support Squadron
Kunsan AB KO

65th Medical Group
Lajes Field PO

Air Force Winners:

Category I

89th Medical Group
Andrews AFB MD

Category II

42nd Medical Group
Maxwell AFB AL

Category III

49th Medical Group
Holloman AFB NM

Category IV

90th Medical Group
F.E. Warren AFB WY

Special Team

65th Medical Group
Lajes Field PO

Congratulations are extended to all nominees and winners. All nomination packages were extremely competitive, displaying a multitude of outstanding achievements at each location. Awards were presented at the 1996 USAF Medical Logistics Symposium Awards banquet in San Antonio TX during the week of 2-6 Dec 96.

**374th Medical Group
Yokota AB JA**

Adrian J. Jackson was promoted to **Airman**. **Eric W. Thompson** was promoted to **Senior Master Sergeant**. **A1C Marygail Harris** was selected as the 374th Medical Support Squadron Airman of the Quarter for the period Oct - Dec 96. **SSgt Wanita C. Williams** was selected as the 374th Medical Support Squadron Noncommissioned Officer of the Quarter for the period Oct - Dec 96. **Capt Christopher J. Blum** was selected as the 374th Medical Support Squadron Company Grade Officer of the Quarter for the period Oct - Dec 96. Capt Blum was also presented the Joint Service Commendation Medal for meritorious service while assigned to the Joint Medical Logistics Functional Development Center at Fort Detrick, MD.

439th Medical Squadron Westover ARB MA

SrA Jeffrey Picard was selected as the 439th Medical Squadron Outstanding Airman of the Year for 1996. **Capt Martha Shea** was selected as the 439th Medical Squadron Outstanding Junior Officer of the Year for 1996. **MSgt Karen Ross** was presented the Air Force Commendation Medal for duty performance while assigned to the 439th Medical Squadron.

3rd Medical Group Elmendorf AFB AK

Kimberly Webb was promoted to **Senior Airman**. **Donald J. Napierala** was promoted to **Master Sergeant**. **SrA Sacha N. Tomlinson** graduated from the Airman Leadership School with the John Levitow and the Academic Achievement Award. She was also selected as the 3rd Medical Group Airman of the Year for 1996. **SSgt Manuel Rivera** was presented the Air Force Commendation Medal for duty performance while assigned to the 39th Medical Group, Incirlik AB TU.

609th Air Support Squadron MCLB Albany GA

Marc C. Tucker was promoted to **Airman First Class**.

384th Training Squadron Sheppard AFB TX

The following personnel completed the Medical Materiel Craftsman Course, J3ACR4A171-001, Class Number: 961202, Graduation Date: 961213.

SSgt Garfield Adams	Keesler AFB MS
SSgt Fred Cloaninger	Keesler AFB MS
SSgt Larry Gurley	Little Rock AFB AR
SSgt Charles Hamilton	Lackland AFB TX
SSgt Randy LaClair	Little Rock AFB AR
SSgt Debra Pinard	Lackland AFB TX
SSgt James Simmons	Keesler AFB MS
SSgt Tonya Wise	Ramstein AB GE
SSgt Benito Wood	Travis AFB CA

The following personnel completed the Biomedical Equipment Apprentice Course, J3ABR4A231.001, Class Number: 960429.

A1C Gladys Acebedo	Andrews AFB MD
Amn Laura Hennessey	Seymour Johnson AFB NC
A1C Katherine Naugle	Nellis AFB NV
A1C Chad Rhoads	Edwards AFB CA
SSgt David Shere	Offutt AFB NE
A1C Lacey Shiflett	Tinker AFB OK
*A1C Andrew Slaughter	Seymour Johnson AFB NC

** - Denotes Honor Graduate*

AFMLO Messages/Listings

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QA Message	6353-0034	18 Dec 96	FOM-P
Last 1995 QA Message	5326-0041	22 Nov 95	FOM-P
DBPA Consolidated List	AFMLL 14/15-96	19 Jul 96	FOM-P
DBPA Message	R252002Z	28 Aug 96	FOM-P
Shared Procurement List	AFMLL 16-96	21 Jun 96	FOM-P
Technical Order 00-35A-39	R302000Z	30 May 96	FOC-T