



# VETERINARY SERVICE NEWS

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## U.S. Army Veterinary Corps Recognized with the 2015 AVMA President's Award



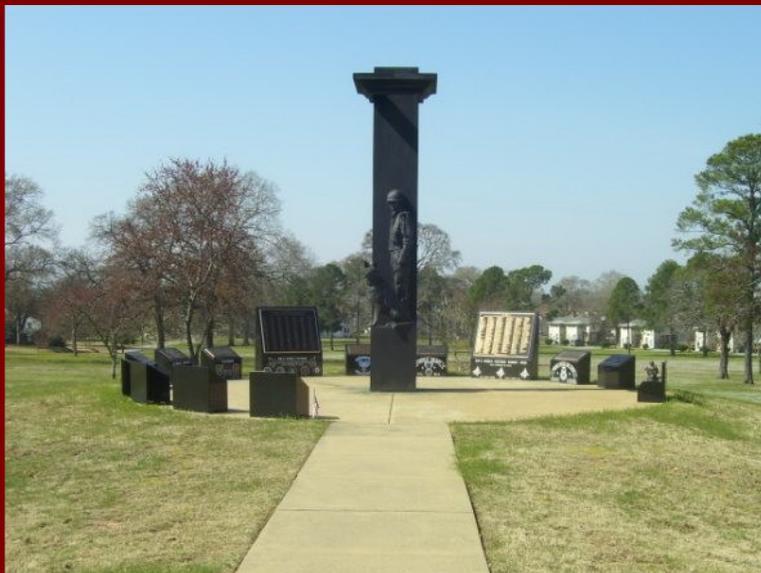
**The United States Army Veterinary Corps was honored by the outgoing AVMA President with an American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA) President's award. This award is given annually to individuals or groups making a positive impact on veterinary health, organizations and the profession. The U.S. Army Veterinary Corps was specifically recognized for its impact on One Health. In the picture above the Public Health Command District-Joint Base Lewis McChord Commander receives the AVMA President's Award for the US Army Veterinary Corps at the 2015 AVMA Convention in Boston, MA.**

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## MWD Monument at National Infantry Museum, Fort Benning, Recognizes VC



# Uniformed Veterinary Medical Association



The Uniformed Veterinary Medical Association (UVMA) is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization aiming to advance uniformed veterinary medicine with activities to promote morale, support recruitment and retention, provide education, foster historical perspective and appreciation of uniformed veterinary history, to provide a means of recognition of those who serve and who have served the nation via uniformed veterinary medicine and foster interaction with international uniformed veterinary colleagues.

For more information go to <http://www.uniformedvma.org/index.html>

## Retirement of the 25th Chief of the US Army Veterinary Corps—BG John L. Poppe



At 1600, September 29, 2015, Brigadier General John L. Poppe became the Army's newest retiree after 28 years of service to the nation. His retirement ceremony was held at the Fort Sam Houston Caisson stables (the original Fort Sam Houston Veterinary Hospital built in 1908). Lieutenant General Patricia Horoho hosted the event and spoke of BG Poppe's "unflappable" and "personable" leadership as the Veterinary Corps Chief from 2011-2015. BG Poppe was awarded the Distinguished Service Medal and presented certificates of appreciation from President Barack Obama, Governor Greg Abbott (Texas) and Chief of Staff of the Army, General Mark Milley, to name a few. In addition, his family was recognized with several awards for their service to the nation. BG Poppe thanked the numerous attendees, humbly expressed his gratitude for the honor to serve and signed off with a "Bad Dog Six, Out!" Thanks Sir!

## 248th MDVSS IN AFGHANISTAN

Veterinary Food Inspectors (VFIs) conduct receipt inspections on twice-weekly perishable subsistence deliveries. Receipt inspections focus on food safety/defense issues, contractual compliance and approved source verification. VFIs work with receiving personnel in order to determine the disposition of questionable items. A 68T accompanied the detachment sergent and a 68R on this receipt inspection to cross-train and learn about the VFI mission.



*Left: VS Soldiers and two contractors inspect yogurt delivered during a perishable subsistence delivery.*

On 05 JUL, a Veterinary Team trained on the principles of reflexive firing and firing around obstacles. Reflexive firing consisted of turning 90° left and right, and 180°. Soldiers were required, on cue, to assume the proper firing position and stance, place the selector lever on semi, use the correct aiming technique for the target's distance, and engage the target. Soldiers were also trained on advanced rifle marksmanship including firing around obstacles using both supported and unsupported positions.



*Right: VS Soldiers practice different firing positions including firing behind cover and shooting around corners.*



## 248th MDVSS IN AFGHANISTAN (cont.)

A Veterinary Service Team took some time to learn about some of the Army's non-medical missions in Afghanistan. The team learned about the mission of the ScanEagle Unmanned Aerial System and were able to participate in a launch. "The ScanEagle Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV) is a 40 lbs UAV designed for continuous mission of 15+ hours, cruising at speed of 50 knots at an altitude of 5,000 meters. The system was designed for autonomous field operation. It can be launched and retrieved over any terrain, including naval operations." (ScanEagle information from <http://defense-update.com/products/s/scaneagle.htm>)



*Left to right: VS Soldiers hold an Unmanned Aerial Vehicle.*

Veterinary Service Soldiers traveled to the Prime Vendor (Anham) Warehouse to conduct the semi-annual commercial sanitary audit.

*VS Soldiers and Georgian Guardian Angels await pick up by Black Hawk.*



*Food Safety Officer discusses SOPs with Anham QA.*

## 248th MDVSS IN AFGHANISTAN (cont.)

A food inspection team recently conducted an inspection of frozen pizza from a non-profit organization before the pizzas were delivered across Afghanistan to provide a “slice of home” and help boost morale. They sent 4,500 frozen cheese pizzas for distribution from the Class 1 yard. The pizzas were shipped in insulated containers packed with dry ice.



*A 68R inspects  
cheese pizzas  
from Pizza 4  
Patriots.*



On 16 JUN 2015, the a Veterinary Team conducted a receipt inspection demonstration for the Base Support Group Commander from Turkey. The demonstration provided the BSG Commander first-hand knowledge on US and NATO Support and Procurement Agency (NSPA) inspection procedures enabling a more complete food safety and quality assurance program in country.



*A 68R and  
NSPA rep.  
demonstrate  
checking bolts  
on doors and  
seals for  
tampering.*

*A 68R explains  
what to check  
for when  
inspecting  
FF&V.*



## 248th MDVSS IN AFGHANISTAN (cont.)

A veterinary team joined forces with a Norwegian veterinary team to perform dental prophylaxis and extractions on an explosives detection dog (EDD) from Turkey.



*L to R: Animal Care Specialist (68T) flushing a catheter to check placement prior to induction of anesthesia. 68T using rongeurs and hand scaler to remove large calculus accumulations while a Norwegian Vet Tech monitors anesthesia. 68T using an ultrasonic scaler to remove calculus and tartar.*

On 14 JUL 2015, a Veterinary Corps Officer (VCO) trained members of the 402<sup>nd</sup> and 946<sup>th</sup> Forward Surgical Teams to be first line non-veterinary healthcare responders for working dog casualties. Training focused on basic MWD PE/handling techniques and heat injury clinical signs and treatment options.

*A VCO presenting didactic training on treatment of canine heat casualties.*



*VCO trains the 402 FST Commander on exam of a MWD.*

## 248th MDVSS IN AFGHANISTAN (cont.)

A Veterinary Medicine team conducted training for the Afghan Border Patrol (ABP) K9 team members.



*VS personnel discuss general husbandry with TAA ABP K9 Unit.*

*A VCO speaks with the ABP Commander and his K9 handlers about training expectations.*

Food Inspection teams regularly inspect subsistence in the Class I Yards to ensure that only high quality food and water products are being shipped to dining facilities throughout Combined Joint Operational Area-Afghanistan (CJOA-A).



An inspected water container ready to be shipped.

Food inspector inspects water heading to FOB Fenty.

## 248th MDVSS IN AFGHANISTAN (cont.)

Several members of the 248<sup>th</sup> MDVSS (FWD) team recently conducted a semi-annual food sanitation and defense audit at a Bottled Water/Ice plant in order for the facility to remain a DoD approved source IAW AR 40-657.



General Manager explains bottle water operations to VS Soldiers.



VS Soldiers meet with key plant managers to review current Standard Operating Procedures.



Soldier prepares for movement.

A veterinary team trained Afghan veterinarians from the UK NGO Nowzad on blood smears, ear cytology, and fecal flotation in order to enhance their capabilities by teaching skills that they can perform in their clinic with minimal capital investment and modest experience.



Clockwise from top left: 68T explaining how to prepare and read a blood smear; Afghan vets preparing blood smears; Afghan vet staining a blood smear; 68T describing how to use a fecalizer cup

## 248th MDVSS IN AFGHANISTAN (cont.)

The diligence, expertise and ability of Veterinary Food Inspectors in Afghanistan has reaped rewards to the Army Food Program, upon documenting and reporting Ribeye steaks grossly outside of specifications. On June 27, 2015, Veterinary Food Inspectors from the 248<sup>th</sup> MDVSS conducted a NAMP Inspection of Ribeye Steaks at a Class I yard. The red meat inspection team was led by the senior enlisted VFI in Afghanistan. Contractual documents require a NAMP 1112A, and specifies that the lip shall be cut on the short



VS Soldiers perform lip measurement and obtain the weight

rib side with a straight cut that is ventral to, but no more than 2.0 inches from the longissimus dorsi, leaving the lip firmly attached. The 248<sup>th</sup> team measured one case of ribeyes containing 64 individual steaks. The average lip measurement was found to be 2.4 inches with only 12 individual steaks meeting the 2 inch specification. The 248<sup>th</sup> also took the weight of each steak, which as described by the manufacturers label should be 10 ounces. The average weight of the steaks was found to be 8.5 ounces with a range of 7 to 10 ounces. Similar results were

recorded in Kuwait by the 43<sup>rd</sup> MDVSS, indicating a potential loss to the government spanning multiple theaters, several years and massive profits. Once a big part of the Veterinary mission, refocus on the required skills has proven again that Veterinary Food Inspectors can have significant impact on the diner and the conservation of the government's financial interests.



The bottom left shows the steaks which met the lip and weight specifications. The top left shows the steaks meeting the lip measurement specification. The group on the right are the steaks that did not meet the two inch lip requirement.

- CW5 Sean Lonnecker

## PHCD-Fort Hood, Oklahoma Branch Conducts Rabies Clinics

Oklahoma Branch Veterinary Services participated in the Native Americans for Injury Prevention Coalition's Annual Rabies Clinics in May and June 2015.

During the nine rabies clinics, veterinary staff dedicated over thirty hours and administered 492 animal rabies vaccinations. Oklahoma Branch Veterinary Services positively impacted the following communities in western Oklahoma:

Apache Tribe, Caddo Nation, Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes, Comanche Nation CHR, Delaware Nation, Kiowa Tribe, and Wichita Tribe. The partnership between Oklahoma Branch Veterinary Services and the Western Tribes of Oklahoma was established in 1998 and has elevated community preventative medicine awareness and compliance.

## PHCD-Fort Hood Soldier Represents Armed Forces on Basketball Team



SGT Angela Tisdale attended basketball camp on 9-27 June 2015 at Indian Town Gap, PA as a member of the United States Armed Forces Basketball Team. The team competed in France on 28 June -5 July 2015 for the First Women's World Military Basketball Tournament, receiving a bronze medal for their efforts.



## PHCD-Fort Hood, Fort Sam Houston Branch

AAFES sponsored a resiliency event for WTU Soldiers on 29 July 15 at Joint Base San Antonio. The event host was snake-handler, Jackie Biddy who brought some non-venomous snakes for the Soldiers to handle. Veterinary service personnel assisted with this event and performed health checks for the snakes prior to allowing the WTU Soldiers to handle them.



Joint Base San Antonio MWR had a back-to-school bash on 1 August 15 and several Veterinary Service Soldiers volunteered and participated in the event. The Soldiers assisted with set-up and tear-down along with handing out school supplies to about 800 families that attended the event.

## Bahrain VTF Hosts Cub Scouts



VS Soldiers, Habibi (cat), and Troop 826 at the NSA Bahrain VTF.

On April 26 , 2015, eleven boys from the 826 Cub Scout Troop, Manama, Bahrain visited the Bahrain Veterinary Treatment facility. The scouts received a behind the scenes tour of the clinic and learned about keeping their pets healthy. The scouts and veterinary staff discussed vaccinations and preventative medicine for dogs and cats, microchipping pets, dental care, and keeping their toys picked up to avoid gastrointestinal foreign body surgery. The clinic NCOIC taught the scouts and their parents about the NSA Bahrain feral cats. Animal bite prevention was also discussed with the troop. The kids successfully completed the

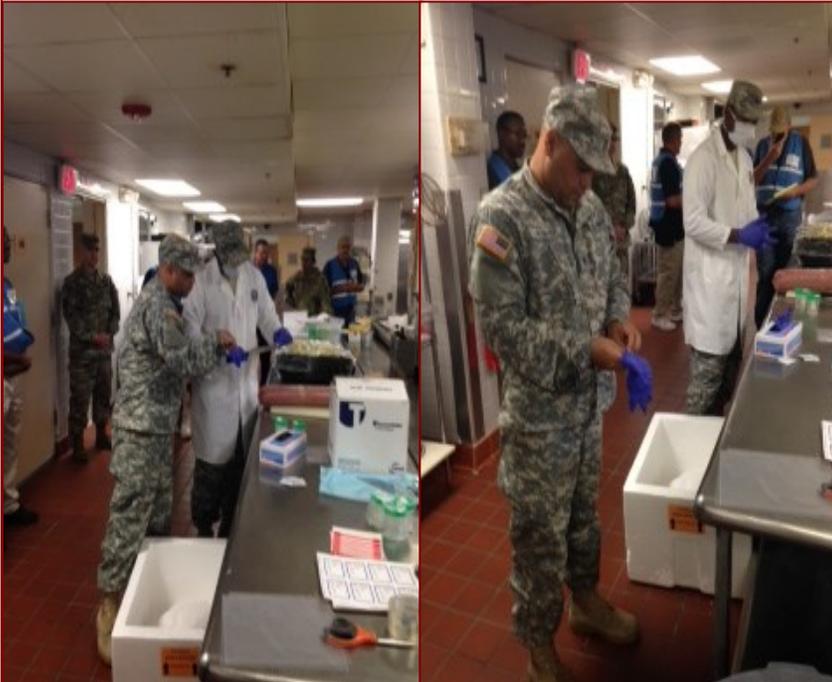
requirements for their science belt loop, scientist activity badge as well as one part of the "pet care" academic pin.

## PHCD-Ft. Hood Soldiers Participate in Foodborne Illness Exercise

Oklahoma Branch Veterinary Services participated in the Fort Sill Foodborne Illness Full Scale Exercise on 11-13 August. The event involved multiagency collaboration to include: Preventive Medicine, Oklahoma State Department of Health, Urgent Care Clinicians, Environmental Health, Veterinary Services, MWR and DECA. This was the

first foodborne related exercise that Fort Sill has initiated. At the conclusion of the exercise, participants were able to validate Fort Sill's ability to perform an epidemiological investigation, laboratory testing, food defense, food safety, and sample testing in response to a foodborne illness outbreak.

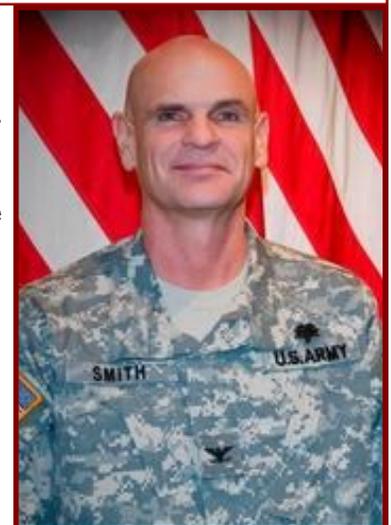
68R works with dining facility Soldier on Fort Sill to pull aseptic samples during their installation's Foodborne Illness Full-Scale Exercise.



## VCO to be Inducted into Defense Logistics Agency Hall of Fame

The Commander, DLA Troop Support, is proud to announce the selection of COL John C. Smith, USA (deceased) as an inductee into the DLA Troop Support Hall of Fame! COL Smith served as the Chief Food Safety Officer and Senior Veterinarian in the Subsistence supply chain from 2006 to 2011. In this capacity, COL Smith was responsible for worldwide support, assistance, and technical guidance, concerning food safety and quality assurance issues for DLA customers. He made an everlasting contribution to Troop Support and, collectively, we are a better organization as a result of his efforts...now and in the future.

COL Smith will be inducted posthumously in a HOF ceremony that will take place later this year and additional information will be forthcoming.



- Robert A. Ratner, Chief of Staff, DLA Troop Support

## 422nd MDVS Training

In July, 2015, the 422<sup>nd</sup> MDVS out of Rockville, MD with personnel augmentations from the 169<sup>th</sup> MDVS out of Atlanta, GA, and 367<sup>nd</sup> from Baton Rouge, Louisiana, participated in the Chenango County Innovative Readiness Training (IRT) in the town of Norwich NY. The IRT is a collaboration between state and local governments and the Department of Defense that provides training opportunities to our veterinary and medical personnel while providing no-cost services to underserved communities. Veterinary Corps personnel provide preventive health measures in the form of no-cost Rabies vaccinations as well as spay and neuter surgeries for dogs and cats. In addition, this provides the Veterinary Corps experience deploying, setting up, running, and redeploying a functional veterinary hospital under field conditions. A Veterinary Corps Officer just returning from Basic Officer Leadership Course led the team in the very successful exercise. The collaboration resulted in 187 surgical procedures and 400 vaccinations, as well as a 360-degree learning environment.



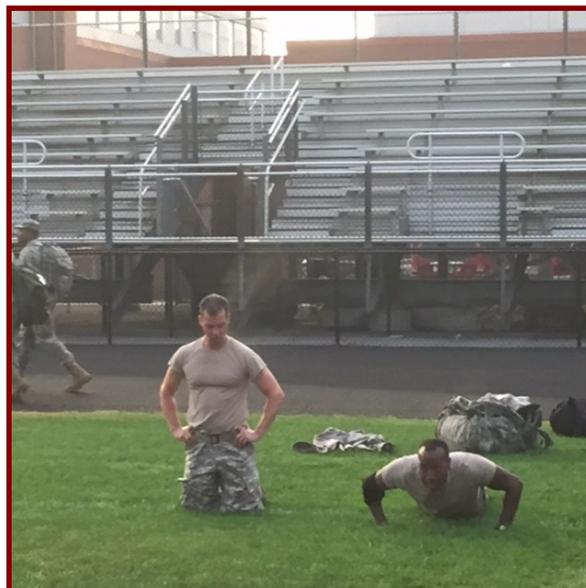
The 422nd MDVS conducted Annual Training at Ft. A.P. Hill, Virginia, during the first half of August. The soldiers of the 422nd worked on several soldiering tasks, such as day and night land navigation; response to direct and indirect fire; reaction to UXO; EST training; and, H.E.A.T (Humvee rollover and egress training). Also conducted was 68R (food safety inspection) training, with inspections of the Ft. A.P. Hill PX, TISA, and DFAC. Lastly, the 422nd joined together on a 5-mile Road March, as well as several opportunities for physical training.



## 422nd MDVS IronSoldier Competition

The 422nd MDVS conducted the first annual IronSoldier competition, comprising the following events to be completed in 2 hours:

4mile Ruck March  
 100 pushups  
 100 wide arm squats  
 100 foot fireman carry  
 100 foot high crawl  
 100 foot forward lunges  
 100 foot Burpees  
 100 jumping jacks  
 1/4 mile sprint



### Army Directive 2015-32 (RC Officer Accessions Grade)

1. Effective 13 August 2015 all Officers entering the U.S. Army Reserve Veterinary Corps will be commissioned as CPTs, not as 1LTs. We have been working to level the playing field between the AC and RC on this point for many years.

2. For those in leadership positions, make sure that the individuals who are coming into your units as newly commissioned officers with a commissioning (swearing in date) of 13 Aug 15 or later have been commissioned as CPTs, not 1LTs. If their commissioning paperwork states that they were commissioned as 1LTs, not CPTs, they will have to go before an Army Board for Correction of Military Records (ABCMR) to have the error corrected. As anyone who has dealt with the ABCMR can attest, that is a long and painful process, so if it needs to occur, get started on it right away.

3. For the 19 1LTs remaining who have been commissioned in the last several years as 1LTs, and have not yet been promoted to CPT, there is no provision in this regulation that allows these individuals to go back and petition for advancement to the grade of CPT. They will remain as 1LTs until they have the opportunity to go before the promotion board and compete for selection to O-3. As leaders of these 19 1LTs, it is imperative that we assist them in preparing their promotion packets so that they present themselves in the best possible light to the promotion board.

Keith J. Jacoby  
 COL, VC, USAR

Deputy Corps Chief, Mobilization and Reserve Affairs

## 445th MDVS Participate in WAREX

The 445th MDVS out of Independence, Missouri conducted a 3 week Warrior Exercise (WAREX) in Fort Hunter Liggett, California from mid-July through early August 2015.



Reserve VS Soldiers completing the Field Sanitation Course.

During the exercise 445th MDVS Soldiers received training in skills such as reacting to an ambush and IED identification from active duty Soldiers assigned to the 1st Infantry Division and Reserve Soldiers from the 91st training Support Brigade. Also, four Soldiers completed the four day Field Sanitation Course. These four Soldiers completed the 40 hour course during a stressful and strenuous field training exercise. One 445th MDVS Soldier scored the only perfect score on the final exam in a class of over 40 students.

In addition, 445th MDVS NCOs (below) were chosen to participate in an NCO Induction Ceremony held in the field. The ceremony was put on by the 139th Medical Brigade.



## VCO Recognized by University of Tennessee and Promotes Human Animal Bond during LTHET

### Personal Quote



The Dog Bite Prevention program is one of H.A.B.I.T.'s most important community health outreach efforts. The program is delivered as a 45 minute presentation to the most susceptible target audience, school aged children. This photo was taken shortly after celebrity canine "Shelby" and I gave a presentation to second graders at A.L. Lotts Elementary.

Todd French - winner of the Dr. John New Award (Veterinary Public Health)

<http://publichealth.utk.edu/default.html>

"Through this internship, H.A.B.I.T. provided me with the tools to influence program dynamics and help refresh the organizational image in the local community. My experience will undoubtedly help me cultivate similar programs for the military.

"As an active duty military veterinarian with a human-animal bond specialty, I will be tasked to develop, oversee, and provide consultation for animal assisted intervention programs on military installations worldwide. The program development, evaluation, community assessment, and public health outreach techniques I learned through the MPH program and H.A.B.I.T. internship have unequivocally provided me with the tools to successfully accomplish this mission."

-MAJ Todd French, DVM

<http://publichealth.utk.edu/fieldplacement/tfrench/tfrench.html>

## Farm to fork: Army food inspectors run gamut



Story by Heather Huber of the Fort Campbell Courier. For full story see the following link:

[http://www.fortcampbellcourier.com/news/article\\_736a4442-36fb-11e5-8a28-5ffae78bcf97.html](http://www.fortcampbellcourier.com/news/article_736a4442-36fb-11e5-8a28-5ffae78bcf97.html)

Veterinary Service Food Safety Officers go over Primary Milk Ordinance requirements with an employee at a fluid milk plant in Denmark in 2014. The food safety specialists travel to countries supplying food to deployed Soldiers to ensure they meet Army regulations.

## AVMA Future Leaders Program 2014-15



Over the last year, I had the honor of representing the U.S. Army Veterinary Corps as part of the 2014-15 AVMA Future Leaders Program (FLP). The FLP began in 2011. Over the last four years the AVMA has selected 10 veterinarians per year to participate in this year-long volunteer program focused on leadership development while also providing innovative, useful resources for AVMA members. The program allows participants to obtain feedback on their current leadership skills, receive direct mentorship from professional facilitators as well as established leaders within the veterinary profession, and practice collaboration through work on a specific project for the AVMA. The year culminates with the unveiling of that project's results as well as a symposium during the annual AVMA Convention.

### 2014-2015 AVMA Future Leaders

The 2014-15 class project was focused on Wellness within the Veterinary Profession. As professional care providers, veterinarians often wait until they are

emotionally fatigued before turning inward to reflect and address their own needs. The stresses of workplace management and financial burdens, combined with placing the needs of clients and patients first, can lead to burn out and/or compassion fatigue. Unfortunately poor personal wellness is common in the veterinary profession and all too often support resources are not available or openly discussed. The AVMA felt it was imperative to begin having an open and honest conversation about personal and workplace wellness. The FLP class developed a comprehensive wellness website that begins with the Professional Quality of Life (ProQOL) assessment. The ProQOL is a widely validated, self-scored assessment tool that measures the positive and negative effects of helping others and provides a point of introspection to focus on one's own self-care needs. Upon completing the assessment, AVMA members are then directed to a self-care tool kit with topics ranging from understanding their own vulnerabilities to stress management practices. During the 2015 AVMA Convention in Boston, the group put together a 4-hour symposium on Wellness in the Workplace as well as a roundtable luncheon that allowed participants to engage in small group discussions on a variety of wellness issues. We also presented our work to the AVMA Board of Directors and the SAVMA House of Delegates.

As a member of the active duty military, I have access to extensive resources that address personal wellness. The last 14 years of combat operations have resulted in the rapid expansion of resources to assist service members during difficult emotional, physical, financial, and family hardships. As the only member of the FLP group in the military, I quickly realized how fortunate I am to be able to access this assistance for myself and my family. As we brainstormed our approach to this topic, it was sobering to think about how the vast majority of veterinarians in practice do not have a support system created by their employers. Professional organizations such as the AVMA as well as State and local Veterinary Medical Associations are beginning to understand this issue and take steps to connect even the most remote solo practitioner to resources that can help them.

Even though the military has numerous resources, Army Veterinary Corps Officers may find this new AVMA resource to be helpful in finding new ways to help themselves as well as their Soldiers and Civilians. The ProQOL assessment and Wellness toolkit can be found at <http://www.avma.org/wellness>. For more information on the AVMA Future Leaders Program, go to <https://www.avma.org/FutureLeaders>.

I would like to thank BG Poppe for recommending me for this program as well as his support during the convention in Boston. It was an honor and a privilege to serve. #GetYourWELLNESSon

by LTC Stephanie Mont

## Congratulations to the BOLC VTC 154-15 Graduates!!



Welcome to the United States Army Veterinary Corps and best of luck to each of you at your future assignments!



Veterinary Corps Officers (VCO) receive "Fear the Bite" training courtesy 802d Security Forces Squadron MWDs

# Save the Date!! U.S. Army Veterinary Corps 100th Birthday, 3 June 2016, Fort Sam Houston

## US Army Veterinary Corps 100th Anniversary



FRONT VIEW

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US Army  
Veterinary Corps

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Veterinary Corps Video at the  
following link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7kE8xhGG1PU&feature=youtu.be>

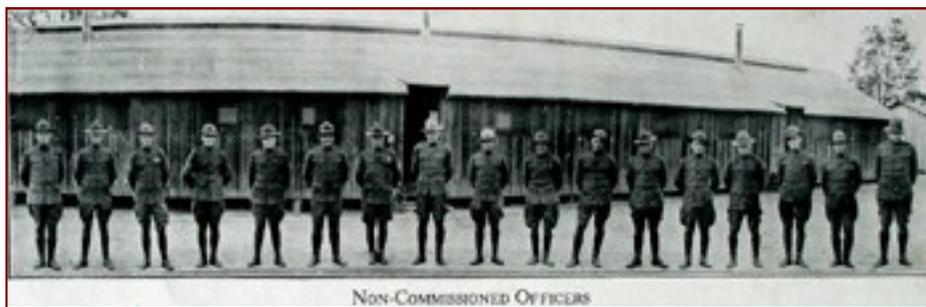
# US Army Veterinary Corps History

## World War I Veterinary Service Personnel Life

The Commander of Veterinary Hospital No. 9, St. Nazaire, France, was MAJ William Ratigan who designed the layout of the buildings in order to accommodate over 3000 horses at once. Often the unit was overfilled with patients.



The NCOs of the Company provided the majority of the military drill and training. There was a rapid increase in the size of the Company when on August 25, 1918 the Company had one Captain, one Lieutenant eleven sergeants and five hundred privates.



The examining board consisted of MAJ Stokes, LT Lambert and LT Longley. The examination was oral. If found qualified, the application for commission was forwarded to the War Department. If the candidate failed, then there was an option to take a

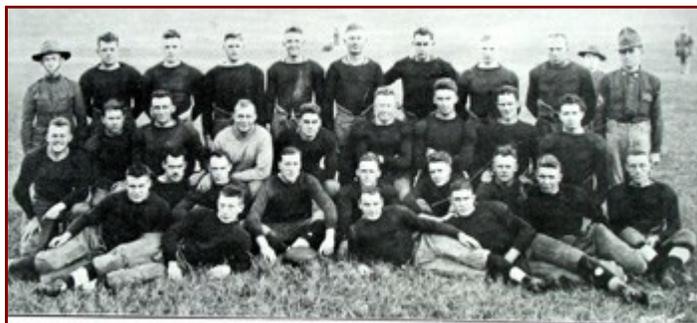
written exam. Those failing the written exam were eventually transferred "as the demands of the service saw fit."

To feed the entire training company and cadre took a platoon of cooks. Army humor has not changed. SGT "Toughie" St. Clair called for volunteers who were expert typists and mechanics and when the desired number of fair-faced, delicate-fingered "birds" stepped one pace to the front he informed them in simple words that..."the mess Sergeant had spuds and onions to peel."

Veterinary Corps Officers were expected to be accomplished equestrians. Horse shows, polo matches, racing and horse drills were common activities. These increased after the Armistice where there were fewer casualties and more free time.



The Veterinary Company No. 1 fielded a football team that included many ringers including: Sergeant Jock Southerland, Pittsburgh's famous guard, William McGill a Clemson Star, William F. Donahue, former halfback Alabama Polytechnical Institute, and John C. Dawson a University of Iowa star. They played for the Camp Greenleaf team, which also included Dental Co. No. 1. The team compiled an 8-0 record including beating two college teams, Auburn and Vanderbilt University. Only one team scored against them all season and they outscored their opponents 205 to 14!



FOOTBALL TEAM

From: <http://history.amedd.army.mil/corps/veterinary/vetcorps.html>

# US Army Veterinary Corps History

## Post-War Service, BG Raymond A. Kelsner

By

Nolan A. (Andy) Watson

After the fighting stopped at the close of World War I in 1918, the US Army shrank from its large wartime numbers to a much smaller force. American occupying units remained in part of Germany and American servicemen served in Russia and Siberia supporting the anti-Bolshevik or “White” Russian troops until 1922-1923.

The newly formed (1916) Veterinary Corps was greatly reduced as many of its member’s rejoined practices in civilian life, or returned to the reserves. Some Army Veterinarians were participants in the above mentioned activities and maintained equine health in both challenging areas. For veterinarians assigned to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Army (Army of Occupation) near Coblenz, Germany remount stations were greatly reduced, but still needed to ensure an available number of healthy horses. Army veterinarians serving in Russia and Siberia faced not only crippling cold, but limited forage for animals that hampered operations.

Closer to home, veterinarians were maintaining equine health and also studying diseases in laboratories or in jungle environments. One veterinary scientist, Raymond A. Kelsner (1892-1952), would rise to prominence during the inter-war period for his steadfast laboratory work. Although Kelsner joined the Army in 1918 during World War I, he did not see service overseas at that point, but would later serve in the Philippines and Panama.

In 1928, while in the Philippines, he developed a vaccine for rinderpest in cattle. His pioneering lab work led to: a test for detecting botulism in canned foods, the first “killed virus” vaccine that utilized chloroform as an inactivating chemical, and important observations in equine encephalomyelitis. He also improved the rabies vaccine of the time. Recognized for his achievements, Raymond Kelsner was selected as Chief of the US Army Veterinary Corps in 1938 and its first Brigadier General later during World War II. His leadership would prove beneficial as the Veterinary Corps expanded from 126 Veterinary officers to over 2,200 during World War II.

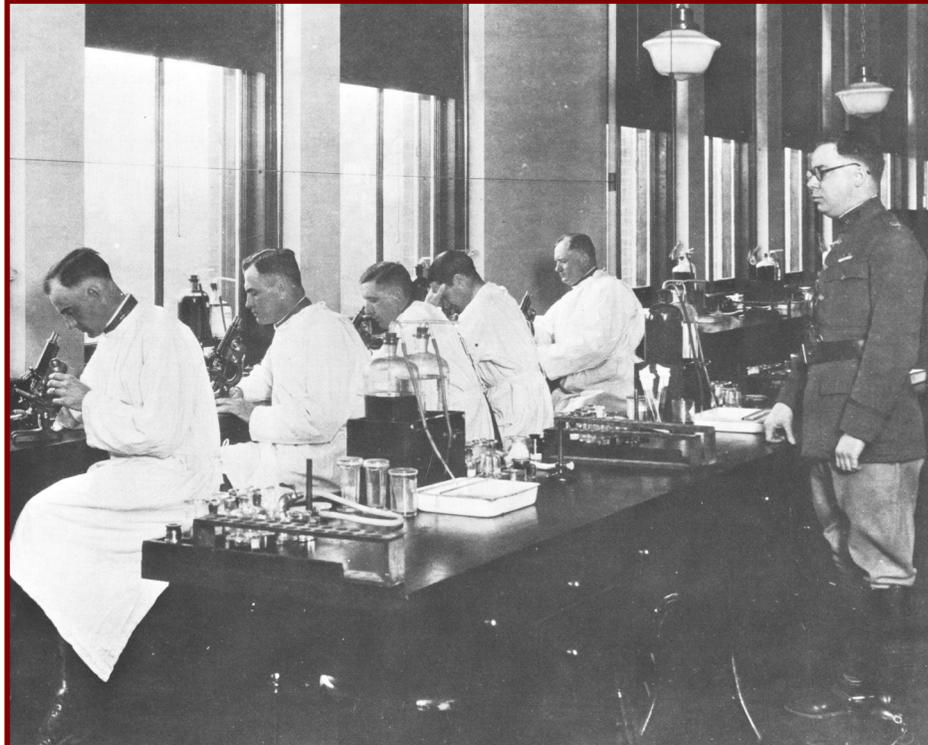


Image: CPT Raymond A. Kelsner standing on the far right in the bacteriological laboratory at the US Army Veterinary School, US Army Medical Center, Washington, DC. Circa 1925

# US Army Veterinary Corps History

## The Veterinary Corps between World War I and World War II: The First Newsletter?

By

Nolan A. (Andy) Watson

After decreasing from the large force of World War I (2,300 Veterinary Corps officers and 18,000 enlisted personnel), new challenges arose. The Veterinary Corps which had only been in formal existence for two years at the close of the "Great War", still had the mission of providing treatment and support service to a shrinking number of equines, and also had to expand laboratory and research capabilities.

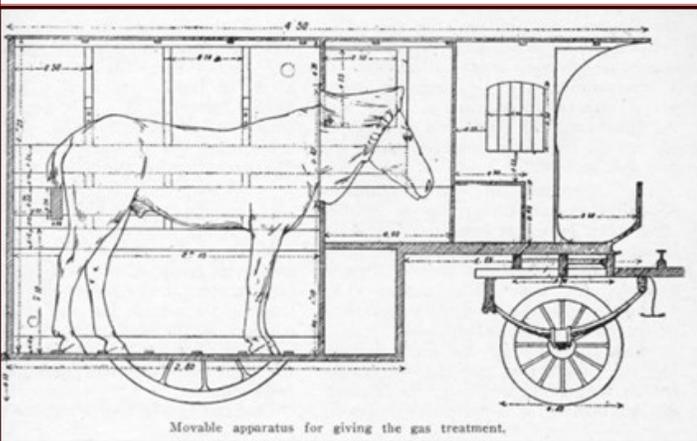
With a smaller number of troops and limited communication methods, one way to promote professionalism within the widely dispersed Veterinary Corps was through the creation and distribution of a formal newsletter. (Yes, this may seem familiar.) The Veterinary Bulletin was first published in 1920 and was continued to World War II, when its articles were largely absorbed by other Army medical journals and bulletins.<sup>1</sup> The Veterinary Bulletin featured veterinary procedures, Army policies, and reassignments.

### WEEKLY TELEGRAPHIC REPORT

From the considerable number of telegrams missing for the week ending June 4th, it is apparent that many veterinarians have misinterpreted the instructions in Veterinary Circular Letter No. 52. These instructions concern Form 102 only and bear no relation to the weekly telegraphic report, the rendition of which weekly is to continue as heretofore.

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The technology and language may have changed, but the tyranny of the "memo" has existed for some time.



Although this image and the accompanying article appeared in other publications previously; The Veterinary Bulletin included plans for mobile sulfur gas treatments (treatment of mange) for incapacitated animals or those in remote areas, as experienced during World War I.

These early additions of The Veterinary Bulletin are a great source of historical information and portions can be found online at the AMEDD Center and School's Stimson Library or hard copies can be read at the AMEDD Center of History and Heritage's Archives located in the AMEDD Museum.

<sup>1</sup> Author's note: There were other incarnations of the newsletter with changes in information, style, and distribution in the 1960s, 1980s-1990s, and more recently.

Problems encountered during World War I, or current veterinary health issues at various Army Posts were explored and treatment methods were shared. The problems could range from equine cases of rabies, detection of botulism, or improvised treatment methods for mange. In some years The Veterinary Bulletin focused on the health of government-owned animals and published animal morbidity/mortality lists. On the other end of the spectrum, noted guests to various stables and clinics with an interest in veterinary affairs were also mentioned, such as General John J. Pershing.

### YOUR COOPERATION IS NECESSARY

To prevent the occurrence of Azoturia. In the last BULLETIN intestinal disorders were discussed. Under the heading "dietary disorders" Azoturia is also included. A veterinary officer of over fifteen years' experience tells us that he has seen only one fatal case of Azoturia, yet statistics reported in the last quarter of 1919 show deaths were 23% of the admissions. Here are some pertinent extracts from an article on Paralytic Hemoglobinemia:

"\*\*\*\*\*Statistics of various authors tend to show that this disease is more prevalent during the winter season.\*\*\*\*\*"

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The beginning of a message to fellow Army veterinarians in the field.

# AMEDD Museum Seeks Exhibit Material

We encourage all the Corps and specialties to seek out and pass along photos, equipment, documents, and other objects to the AMEDD Museum and the ACHH archive which are related to their service. We can only exhibit the items and photographs that we have access to, so please help us to tell the AMEDD story even better.

Artifacts & Objects: 3D objects are accepted through the museum staff and require a small amount of paperwork that identifies the donor and any pertinent information about the provenance and history of the items. Once the museum is contacted and a few details are provided, a determination is made as to whether the museum can accept the material. It's a very simply process that keeps the collection of the museum from getting too cluttered with duplicative material.

The museum's phone number: **210-221-6358**

The museum's addresses:

**U.S. Army Medical Department Museum  
3898 Stanley Road (bldg. 1046)  
Ft Sam Houston, TX 78234**

Or

**U.S. Army Medical Department Museum  
P.O. Box 340244  
Ft Sam Houston, San Antonio TX 78234**

Documents and printed images/photos also require documentation and captions so that we know where these things originated from, but they can be sent/shipped directly to the ACHH Archives:

Archive phone number: **210-808-3297**

The archive's address:

**U.S. Army Medical Department Museum/ACHH Archive  
3898 Stanley Road (bldg. 1046)  
JBSA, Ft Sam Houston, San Antonio TX 78234**

For submitting digital photos to the museum: We need the very highest resolution possible. These can be submitted via email ( [usarmy.jbsa.medcom-ameddcs.list.amedd--regiment@mail.mil](mailto:usarmy.jbsa.medcom-ameddcs.list.amedd--regiment@mail.mil) ) CD or we can provide an online folder for large data files. For help with this contact Fran Trachta ( [francis.s.trachta.civ@mail.mil](mailto:francis.s.trachta.civ@mail.mil) ) Along with the high resolution copy of the photos we also need thorough captions, potentially a signed release (we can provide that via email).



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## Vietnam Center and Archive



## Conference Call for Papers and Panels “A Medical History of the Vietnam War”

On March 10-12, 2016, the Vietnam Center and Archive at Texas Tech University, Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences, and the Army Medical Department Center of History and Heritage will be co-sponsoring a conference on the medical history of the Vietnam War. This two-day conference will be hosted at the Doubletree Hotel, San Antonio, Texas.

Presentations on all facets of medicine and healthcare related to the Vietnam War are welcome to include historical understandings of military medicine as practiced by all participants and in all geographic regions, the repercussions of the war on the practice of medicine, medicine in various campaigns, medical care outside of Vietnam, effects on the home front, postwar medical issues, mental health issues, and related topics.

Conference organizers welcome both individual presentation proposals as well as pre-organized panel proposals that include two to three presentations. Conference sessions will follow the standard 90 minute format to include one hour for presentations and 30 minutes for questions and discussion. Presentations by veterans are especially encouraged as are presentations by graduate students. All of the conference organizers are partners with the Department of Defense's Vietnam War Commemoration. In keeping with that partnership, there will be a dignified event to thank veterans for their service.

**Proposal submission deadline is October 31, 2015.** Please send a 250 word abstract and separate two-page CV/resume to [steve.maxner@ttu.edu](mailto:steve.maxner@ttu.edu). If submitting a panel proposal, please include separate abstracts for each proposed presentation and CVs/resumes for each speaker.

Thank you for your interest in participating in this conference.

## **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. CPT Heather R. Huneycutt, Veterinary Corps Officer assigned to Public Health Command District, Fort Bragg, First Year Graduate Veterinary Education (FYGVE), lost her life in a motorcycle accident on August 23, 2015 in North Carolina. CPT Huneycutt was one of the newest members of the Veterinary Service family and we are all saddened by this tragedy. She is survived by her husband. Please keep her family in your thoughts and prayers during this most difficult time. CPT Huneycutt's potential will be greatly missed by the Army Medical Department and our deepest condolences go out to her family and friends.



Full obituary:

### **IN MEMORIAM**

**CPT Heather Waterman Huneycutt**

**March 24, 1989 - August 23, 2015**

Captain Heather Waterman Huneycutt, DVM, 26, of Bunnlevel, North Carolina, formerly of Shelbyville, passed away Sunday, August 23, 2015 in Harnett County, North Carolina.

She was born March 24, 1989, in Beech Grove, the daughter of John Lewis and Rebecca Sue "Becky" (Martin) Waterman. On August 2, 2014, she married Warrant Officer Mark Huneycutt, a Blackhawk Aviator, and he survives. Heather and Mark met while working as rickshaw drivers in Raleigh, they were both students at North Carolina State.

Heather is also survived by her loving parents of Shelbyville; paternal grandparents, Robert and Barb Waterman of Charlottesville; maternal grandmother, Sylvia Martin of Carthage; and her father-in-law and mother-in-law, Don and Julie Huneycutt of Hendersonville, North Carolina.

She was preceded in death by her paternal grandfather, Bill Martin.

Heather graduated from Morristown High School in 2007, Franklin College in 2011, and North Carolina State School of Veterinarian Medicine in May of 2015.

She was a member of Summit Church in Raleigh, North Carolina.

Heather was a captain in the U.S. Army Veterinary Corps.

She excelled both academics and athletics. Heather had a high GPA in biology and chemistry and her desire to learn was apparent.

Heather ran cross country and track, both at Morristown High School and Franklin College, and she holds records at both schools. In 2010, she competed in the NCAA Division III Women's Cross-Country National Championship, placing 37th of 279 runners. In 2011, she was selected for the Capital One Academic All-America second team in women's cross-country and track and field and also earned All-America honors by placing fourth in the 5,000-meter run in the NCAA Division III Championships.

She also became interested in sled dog veterinary care. Heather traveled to Norway and Alaska to sled dog races. During her studies, she was also one of four students selected to travel to Africa to observe the agriculture and to Ontario, Canada to work on a dairy farm.

Heather also leaves behind her dogs, Zaara and Tally; and her cat, Bodum.

Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, September 1, 2015 at Freeman Family Funeral Homes and Crematory, Carmony-Ewing Chapel, 819 S. Harrison St. in Shelbyville. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday, September 2, 2015 at the funeral home, with Coach Paul Sargent officiating. Interment will be at Hanover Cemetery in Shelby County, with full military honors.

Memorial contributions may be made to Dr. Heather Waterman Huneycutt Memorial Scholarship Fund, North Carolina Veterinary Medical Foundation, 1060 William Moore Drive, Raleigh, NC 27607 or at <https://securelb.imodules.com/s/1209/giving/plain.aspx?sid=1209&gid=214&pgid=3813&cid=6343> Select "Other - I would like to make a gift in a different area", and indicate/type in where you would like the money to be placed: Dr. Heather Waterman Huneycutt Memorial Scholarship

## **Unaffiliated Veterinary Service Facebook Pages**

1. UVMA (Uniformed Veterinary Medicine Association)
2. AREVP (Association of Retired Enlisted Veterinary Personnel)
3. The mighty 68R club
4. 68T, 68R and 68S NCO Leadership Support Forum
5. Soldiers of the Veterinary Corps
6. Army Veterinary Corps Group
7. Former Students of the 68R10 Veterinary Food Inspection (2012-2015)
8. 68T [Animal Care Specialist] MOS
9. ROVR