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ROLL CALL, MUSTER AND REPORT!

Super Bowl

Wisconsin Blizzard

Texas Blizzard (6 days of ice, then snow only to repeat itself Wed Feb 9 in the early am)

Food of the Week. Cinnamon Rolls - Beef Vegetable soup

PLAN OF THE WEEK NOTES!

In Da-NEWS *8404*

From The Forums:

METC 'C' schools: From new user [Navy_Wife92](#) "I was wondering if me and my son go with my husband or not since it is a year long and where it would be." Will spouses be able to accompany Sailor to METC 'C' schools?

MoH recipient Giunta opts not to re-enlist

Medal of Honor recipient Staff Sgt. Sal Giunta is leaving the Army.

Giunta has decided not to sign a contract for continued service in the Army, public affairs officer Todd Oliver said Tuesday.

The 26-year-old Hiawatha, Iowa, native has been the face of the Afghanistan war since President Obama presented him with the nation's highest military award in November. "SSG Giunta's military service will end on or about 13 June," Oliver wrote in an e-mail from Italy.

Senators: Why is help for caregivers delayed?

A bipartisan group of senators that last year helped to pass landmark legislation providing more support for caregivers of severely wounded veterans is pushing the administration to stop stalling implementation of the new law.

The Caregivers and Veterans Omnibus Health Services Act of 2010 was signed into law May 5 and was supposed to take effect Jan. 20. So far, nothing has happened — not even the development of an implementation plan that was supposed to be complete by the end of November.

"To date, the Obama administration has failed to even set out its initial plan to carry out the law," says a statement issued by the office of Sen. Patty Murray, D-Wash., the Senate Veterans' Affairs Committee chairwoman and one of the 18 senators who fired off a letter Monday asking Veterans Affairs Secretary Eric Shinseki and Jack Lew, director of the White House's Office of Management and Budget, what is taking so long.

Ten Democrats, seven Republicans and one independent signed the letter.

XO takes over after 24th MEU firing

The 24th Marine Expeditionary Unit will be commanded by executive officer Lt. Col. Jason Waldron until a permanent replacement is announced.

Former MEU commander Col. Robert G. Petit, was relieved of command Feb. 5, following his arrest in connection with a theft at Walmart in Jacksonville, N.C.

Since Sept. 17, Petit had been in command of the 24th MEU — one of only seven MEUs across the Corps. Leading a MEU is a highly coveted position, and commanders usually go on to become general officers.

The decision by II Marine Expeditionary Force commander Lt. Gen. John M. Paxton to fire Petit “followed a Marine Corps inquiry into the facts relating to Petit’s Jan. 29 arrest by the Jacksonville Police Department for misdemeanor larceny,” according to a press release from Paxton’s office.

Petit was relieved “due to a loss of confidence in his ability to command,” the release said.

[Report: BRAC to bring traffic headaches](#)

Some military installations growing as a result of base realignment and closure actions will see traffic worsen to such a degree that little can be done in the short term to alleviate it, according to a congressionally mandated report released Monday.

The report calls on Congress to fast-track funds for transportation projects that could be initiated within one year and completed within three years, and says the Defense Department should shoulder its “fair share” of the costs.

In the BRAC areas studied, “congestion is certain to increase substantially, to the extent we feel immediate action” is needed, said Joseph Sussman, chairman of the committee that studied federal funding of transportation improvements in BRAC cases.

[1MC Commentary](#)

The end is near

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Ninety eight years after the Navy began training Hospital Corpsmen at Naval Training Center Great Lakes, IL, the Naval Hospital Corps School, is scheduled to be decommissioned on 28 July

2011.

The final class at Great Lakes is scheduled to convene on 13 April. The Navy and Air Force consolidated Basic Medical Technician Corpsman Program will launch on 18 April at the Medical Education and Training Campus, Fort Sam Houston, San Antonio, TX.

The school building in Texas is enormous at 240,000 square feet; it is currently being outfitted with equipment. The other three major training buildings and the headquarters building were completed on time. Navy and Air Force staff for METC are arriving daily in Texas.

Ten instructors from NHCS were split-toured to provide continuity. We spent almost a year designing a consolidated basic medical course that would meet the needs of the Army, Navy and Air Force. There were compromises by all three services on content, contact hours and topic sequence. Then, when the instructor billet requirements were calculated, the Army withdrew from the consolidation stating they couldn't provide their required share of the instructors based on the tri-service staffing formula. (What? will Army students still be attending the consolidated training?)

The Navy and Air Force continued working to create a consolidated course based on the tri-service design. With the Army out of the picture, there were other compromises to arrive at the final course design. Currently we are in the middle of the curriculum development process. In broad strokes the 14 weeks of corpsman training will be: Unit 1 - Introduction to military medicine, including medical terms and basic life support. Unit 2 – Emergency medical technician skills. Unit 3 – Navy-specific corpsman training (concurrently USAF students will take the NR EMT certification exam.) Unit 4 - Basic nursing skills. Unit 5 - Intermediate nursing skills. Unit 6 – Enhanced physical assessment skills. Unit 7 - Clinical experience. With the Navy and Air Force training together in Units 1, 2, 4, and 5 we achieved about 75% consolidation of training.

Designing the consolidated dental training program began well, although some members were willful. The tri-service design team was praised as a role model for other programs. The team worked diligently to ensure that the needs of each service were addressed in the training plan, achieving 80% consolidation of training. When the plan was submitted to the Services for final approval, the Navy withdrew from the consolidation stating they couldn't provide the additional training days required to meet the consolidated training plan.

As a result, the three Services will be conducting parallel training at METC. The initial flag officer to command METC is an admiral and the Head of Academics is a Navy Captain, although the leadership will rotate among the services. expect there will be chaos in the first three to five years as the METC tri-service culture emerges.

It is likely in the next few years that the Army will join in the consolidated basic medical training and probable that HMs eventually will take the NR EMT certification exam. I also believe FMTB

(aka FMSS) would be enhanced by moving to METC, but that doesn't seem likely anytime soon given Army/Marine Corps politics. The Army has done a very good job in developing simulated battlefield training.

Currently NHCS has about 50 contract employees augmenting the staff. About 20 of them are instructors; most were prior HM "A" instructors. The majority of the NHCS civilians are planning to retire in Aug/Sep 2011. The NHCS decommissioning ceremony is in the initial planning stages. **If you'd like to be informed as the agenda is finalized, send me a note. Richard richard.brummitt@med.navy.mil**

Associates Degree Needed to be an instructor at NHCS in San Antonio.

S.M.O.T.M (Service Member of the Month)

None as of yet.. Need to put a blast out to the masses.

Veterans News:

'Widows' tax' lingers for military spouses

55,000 spouses unable to fully collect insurance benefits from DoD

By Kimberly Hefling - The Associated Press

Posted : Wednesday Feb 9, 2011 14:01:03 EST

WASHINGTON — Tens of thousands of the nation's war widows find it perplexing and downright disrespectful to their late military husbands: In order to fully collect on insurance their husbands bought for them when alive, they must marry another man.

And to qualify, the widows must remarry when they are 57 or older. Those who remarry earlier miss out, as do widows who never remarry.

VA outlines plan to help caregivers of wounded

By Kimberly Hefling - The Associated Press

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WASHINGTON — A long-awaited plan to give caregivers of severely wounded Iraq and Afghanistan veterans some extra help was unveiled Wednesday by the Veterans Affairs Department with few specifics about when it would be fully implemented and how many families would benefit.

A law signed May 5 by President Obama instructed the VA to provide more support to family members who give up their job so they can provide care such as feeding and bathing their loved one who was wounded at war. A monthly stipend, health insurance and mental health help were among the benefits. The law change was significant because it also instructed the VA for the first time to provide help directly to a veteran's family member.

Why only for Iraq/Afghanistan and not for 'all' veterans wounded in any war! What about PTSD?

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