



# ARMY MEDICINE'S LEGACY OF CARE

COMBAT READY CARE ... THIS WE'LL DEFEND!

YESTERDAY, TODAY, ALWAYS - SAVING LIVES SINCE 1775!



JULY 07 – JULY 13, 2025

23 DAYS  
JUL 4 - JUL 27



**July 7, 1944**

During the Battle of Saipan, CPT Ben Salomon, a U.S. Army dentist, was killed in action while defending his aid station. He fought off a large number of Japanese Soldiers, using a machine gun after its gunner was killed, and was found with 98 enemy bodies near his position.

## FEATURE



**July 9, 1918**

The U.S. Army Warrant Officer Corps is officially established when the Army Mine Planter Service was created as part of the Coast Artillery Corps. In 1919 Army Medicine saw the need for specialized medical equipment experts and created what became the Health Services Maintenance Officer (670A).



**July 12, 1943**

The U.S. Army Pharmacy Corps is officially established as a branch of the Regular Army.

## WEEK IN REVIEW

**July 8, 1944**

The first course for military psychiatric training in civilian schools concludes, with 39 officers graduating from Columbia University and 28 at New York University.

**July 10, 1943**

Beginning on July 10 through August 20, a total of 20,734 U.S. Soldiers, 338 Allied, and 1,583 enemy troops were admitted to U.S. Army hospitals during Operation Husky, the Allied Invasion of Sicily.

**July 11, 1918**

The War Department circulates the full text of the Vocational Rehabilitation Act, and the early policy of the Division of Physical Reconstruction. In August the U.S. Army Surgeon General announced the completion of plans for physical reconstruction of disabled servicemen.

**July 13, 1905**

U.S. Army Circular No. 33 is issued to provide for contract dental surgeons and enlisted dental assistants be carried on Army Muster rolls and on returns of the hospital at their permanent stations.

## 250<sup>TH</sup> U.S. ARMY MEDICINE EVENTS

- July 25 Afternoon MEDCOM Cake Cutting  
JBSA Museum Tour  
Evening Reception/Celebration/  
Cake Cutting - JBSA Resident  
Center  
National Museum of Health and  
Medicine Display at DHHQ Salon A
- July 26 Esprit De Corps PT - MEDCOM  
and MRC-W
- July 28 DHHQ Cake Cutting
- July 30 Twilight Tattoo (Fort Myer)
- July 31 Night at the Museum

(Events are subject to change)



**CHIEF WARRANT  
OFFICER 5 (CW5)  
DEANNA L. HUGHES  
U.S. ARMY MEDICAL  
COMMAND**

On September 9, 2024, the U.S. Army Medical Regiment welcomed Chief Warrant Officer 5 Deanna Hughes as its first Command Chief Warrant Officer (CCWO) and the Senior Warrant Officer Advisor (SWOA) to The Surgeon General.

As the lead for the Army Medical Regiment Warrant Officer Cohort, Hughes is a key advisor for integrating technical expertise across the AMEDD. She provides expert technical advice and recommendations while partnering with others to close capability gaps ensuring the delivery of ready combat formations.

*"In the beginning, our Warrant Officers were strictly repair technicians, but today they operate multimillion-dollar budgets, oversee the entire lifecycle of medical equipment, purchase and distribute equipment and supplies, manage the maintenance shops, and eliminate excess or outdated equipment. They do it all!"*

- LTG Mary K. Izaguirre

## FEATURE - U.S. ARMY WARRANT OFFICER CORPS

Warrant officers are the Army's subject matter experts in technical areas. In Army Medicine, the warrant officer handles the role of the Health Services Maintenance Officer (670A) with professionalism and a commitment to saving lives.

The roots of the Health Services Maintenance Officer begin in 1919 when the Army first recognized the need for a central medical repair facility. Even then, leaders in Army Medicine saw that medical equipment for both the fixed and deployable facilities was complex enough to require specialized maintainers. By 1922, the St. Louis Medical Depot under the control of the Army Surgeon General became the first Medical Maintenance Shop.

Today, the 670A is responsible for managing medical maintenance requirements and execution for both the deployable and fixed medical activities. They supervise the technical and tactical performance of biomedical equipment and medical supply specialists. They lead, coach, and train staff in the proper care, use, and operator maintenance of medical equipment and medical systems. If that isn't enough, the 670A also provides guidance and technical expertise to commanders and staff on all issues concerning the medical equipment lifecycle.

Happy 107th Birthday Warrant Officers!



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