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Interservice Physician Assistant Program (IPAP), Tripler Army Medical Center, Hawaii

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Welcome to the first Interservice Physician Assistant Program, Tripler Army Medical Center Newsletter. The program was established at Tripler in 2005. Since then many outstanding Physician Assistant have graduated and become successful in their Army careers. We hope to bring highlights to those who support the program and aid in Physician Assistant Studies.

IPAP Graduation

Class 10-01 Graduates

The University of Nebraska, Army Medical Department and Tripler Army Medical Center graduated 8 of the Army's newest Physician Assistants January 6th, 2012. The Interservice Physician Assistant Program is a 52 week Master's Producing program ranked 13th in the nation.

Physician Assistants are the Army's primary medical provider to Soldiers at the Battalion, Brigade and Division levels and have supported Combat and Garrison missions since the Vietnam War. The Physician Assistant provides that needed broad range of medical services that are traditionally performed by Physicians.

The graduating class completed 2 phases (29 months total). Now that they have completed their Master's Degree in Physician Assistant Studies (MPAS). Each student must now pass the NCCPA National certification

Exam to become fully credentialed providers.

The new Physician Assistants will have a 2 week leave period and report to units ranging from Support Units to Infantry, Armor and Special Operations.



Graduating Class 01-10 (gaining post):

Left to Right/Front to Back

- CPT Mark Ganey (Ft Hood, TX)
- 1LT Lindsey Streightiff (Ft Carson, CO)
- 1LT Andrew Caswell (Ft Hood, TX)
- 1LT Nathaniel Turner (Ft Carson, CO)
- CPT William Berki (Ft Richardson, AK)
- 1LT Kawika Maskell (Korea)
- 1LT Andrew Nielsen (Ft Lewis, WA)
- 1LT John Stoner (Schofield Barracks, HI)



Expert Field Medical Badge

The EFMB is intended to recognize soldier medics who attain a high degree of professional skill and proficiency as afield medic. It rewards those who can expertly perform in a simulated combat environment, both soldier common tasks and medical tasks..

Guest Speaker



CW3 (Ret) VINCENT TENORIO UNITED STATES ARMY

Chief Warrant Officer 3 (Ret) Vincent Tenorio was born in the Philippines and immigrated to Hawaii at the age of six. He was drafted into the US Army on 18 October 1961 and attended basic training at Fort Ord, California. Upon graduation, he attended the medical specialist course at Fort Sam Houston, Texas with follow on assignment to 1st MECH, Fort Carson, Colorado.

Mr. Tenorio attended the first Army Physician Assistant Course in 1971 and was part of the first graduating class in 1973. He was the first Physician Assistant assigned to 25th Infantry Division, Hawaii. He was later stationed at Fort Lewis, Washington and also served in Korea. Mr. Tenorio retired as a Chief Warrant Officer 3 on 21 October 1981 with 20 years of service.

Mr Tenorio is currently the chairman for the physician assistant advisory committee to the Hawaii Medical Board and a practicing PA in the Tripler AMC Emergency Department.

Mr Tenorio inspired the graduates and challenged them with their future goals through his inspiring words of wisdom.

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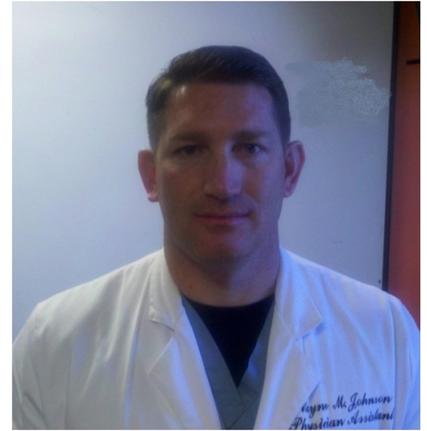


SPOTLIGHT

Interview conducted by CPT Brian Gomez, Physician Assistant Student at Tripler Army Medical Center

CPT Wayne Johnson graduated from the Interservice Physician Assistant Program 6 years ago, 2006 at Blanchfield Army Community Hospital located at Fort Campbell, Kentucky. Thru his 6 years as a PA he has deployed twice with two different units, the 45th Sustainment Brigade and 25th Combat Aviation Brigade (CAB), both located Hawaii.

CPT Johnson advanced his Physician Assistant training by attending the Army's Flight Surgeon Course at Fort Rucker, Alabama and is now in the first Physician Assistant to attend the Surgical Residency program for Physician Assistants at Tripler Army Medical Center. He will graduate this program with a Doctorate of Science (DSc) and is the 5th Physician Assistant to go through this program for the Army.



Gomez- What do you like best about your job (specialty)?

Johnson- I like working with various medical specialties and being involved in all aspects of patient care not just the initial process where most PAs spend their careers.

Gomez- How do you feel about the PA profession?

Johnson- I enjoy the profession. I think we owe a debt of gratitude to the PAs that came before us and paved the way, I think we must now push the envelope to new ground, such as DSc degrees and research.

Gomez- What do you feel is an essential element to being a successful provider?

Johnson- That you listen to what patients are telling you and try to provide the best care you can, even though you feel like you may not have the time to listen that what they are asking for.

Gomez- Do you have any words of wisdom for a new PA?

Johnson- You must stay update to date on the literature and changes that occur within medicine so that you can provide the best healthcare possible for your patients that you encounter. This is the most difficult task for a majority of PAs.

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CPT Sean Grimes Award



MAJ Marc Raciti, OPA-C

CPT Sean Grimes Award recipient

The Sean Grimes award is presented to honor the sacrifices made by CPT Grimes and the sacrifices made by those involved in the training of Physician Assistants.

CPT SEAN GRIMES was born in Pontiac Michigan and received his Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing from Michigan State University. He began his military career as an Army Nurse and went on to complete the Interservice Physician Assistant Program. On March 4, 2005, while assigned to the 1st BN, 9th ID Regiment of the 2nd Infantry Division, the armored HUMVEE that CPT Grimes was riding in was struck by an Improvised Explosive Device (IED). The blast claimed his life, along with 3 of his comrades.

MAJ Raciti is an Orthopedic Physician Assistant at Schofield Barracks Health Clinic who has worked diligently to ensure the successes of those PA student rotating thru his clinic. His attention to detail of the students learning and growth has earned him this honorable award. It is presented by each graduating class to the Physician Assistant who goes above his normal duties to coach and mentor future Physician Assistant's. His selection was a unanimous decision of the eight students that graduated.



Combat Medical Badge

The badge is awarded to any member of the Army Medical Department, at the rank of Colonel or below, who are assigned or attached to a medical unit (company or smaller size) which provides medical support to a ground combat arms unit during any period in which the unit was engaged in active ground combat.

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Current Students

<u>Class 02-10</u>	<u>Class 03-10</u>	<u>Class 01-11</u>
CPT Buchholz, Amanda	OC Ernst, John	<u>Incoming May 2012</u>
CPT Gomez, Brian	OC Salazar, Felipe	OC Beltran, Alejandro
CPT Soltas, Rett	OC Kaufman, Travis	OC Case, Frazer
		OC Sembroski, Karl

*OC= Officer Candidate

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