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**MEDICAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING CAMPUS RECEIVES  
ICE PRESIDENTIAL COMMENDATION**

WASHINGTON, DC – The Institute for Credentialing Excellence (ICE) is pleased to award the Medical Education and Training Campus (METC) with the ICE Presidential Commendation for their significant contributions in military workforce development. The METC was recognized today by ICE President Melissa Murer Corrigan, RPh, at the 2011 ICE Annual Educational Conference in New Orleans, Louisiana.

With more than 60 academic programs and 24,000 annual graduates, the METC is the largest enlisted military medical training facility in the world. The METC offers training to enlisted military personnel in a wide range of medical subspecialties including dental assistants, pharmacy technicians, physical therapy, occupational therapy and nuclear medicine.

The METC campus, based within Fort Sam Houston in San Antonio, Texas, has become the medical training hub for the United States Army, Navy, Air Force and Coast Guard medics, corpsmen, and medical technicians. This centralized model for training and education allows for standardization of medical practices and a new level of collaboration across the armed forces.

“My colleagues and I are proud and honored to be a part of the Medical Education and Training Campus during this historic time, making a positive impact on the future of our enlisted medical force,” said Commander Chris Lynch, Program Director for Pharmacy Training at the METC. “We look forward to continuing our mission to train the world’s finest medics, corpsmen and techs, supporting our nation’s ability to engage globally.”

In addition to raising the quality of care throughout the military, the facility prepares service men and women for successful civilian careers. In recent years, veterans have struggled to find jobs once they return to civilian life, with unemployment among veterans as much as four percent higher than the national rate. Collaborating with military agencies and civilian educational and certification programs, the METC has been working to reverse this trend. By working with medical credentialing bodies, METC is able to ensure that their graduates have the same skills and abilities as those with non-military educations.

Present to receive the commendation were Rear Admiral Bob Kiser, Commandant of the METC, Commander Chris Lynch, and Ensign Jennifer Nestor from the METC.

Kiser, a board certified family physician and fellow of the American Academy of Family Physicians, has overseen clinical operations in a wide range of posts with the US Navy, including serving as chief medical officer as well as commander of Navy Medicine East and Navy Medical Center Portsmouth. He is the inaugural commandant of the METC, serving in that post since May 28, 2010.

“I am extremely proud of the men and women of all services, both uniformed and civilian, who give the Medical Education and Training Campus life,” said Kiser. “METC is the center of a new revolution in medical enlisted training; a revolution that affirms the value of working together versus working separately, demonstrates the power of synergy and elevates the level of instruction collectively available to the soldiers, sailors, airmen and coast guardsmen who constitute the medical enlisted force. By 2015, essentially every medical enlisted servicemember, E-5 and below, will be a graduate of the Medical Education and Training Campus. The skills, talents and perspectives those graduates learn here will be the foundation of our collective success in military medicine for many years to come.”

More information about the METC and its various medical programs can be found at [www.metc.mil](http://www.metc.mil).

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