

Good morning.

Let me begin by saying on behalf of Rear Admiral Roberts, the METC Commandant, thank you for this opportunity to be with you today. Thank you for letting me speak to you about the quality of education and training that our active duty and reserve personnel receive at METC and more specifically in the areas of Emergency Medical Technician, Paramedic, and Licensed Vocational Nursing.

While this slide may give you the impression that I'll be doing that from the perspective of a Doctor of Educational Administration who is a Navy Commander, as well as someone who is fixated with how many initials he can stack up after his name, that's not the message, rather, it's a point. I think it's far more important that you know I'm talking to you today, at least initially, as Seaman Recruit Seal.

Seaman recruit Seal proudly enlisted in the Navy in 1990 and because he wasn't smart enough to give up, he managed to complete all those degrees while on active duty. And let me tell you it was much harder than it looks on this slide because I had to needlessly repeat scads of courses in satisfaction of each degree. Sometimes almost twice as many courses than required. I've attended 15 colleges and universities and if there's a reason to deny transfer credit I've seen it more than once.

Doing this as a student I often thought gosh, getting this degree seems a lot harder than it needs to be. Guess what? Today I can say in my expert opinion, I was right. It was then and it still is too hard for military personnel to complete their civilian credentials. I can also tell you that it's no accident I'm here today as I am. You see, this is my mission and this is my passion.

Hopefully these will be enough to provide you with what you need to make a difference, to make a profound difference in the lives of our veterans, active duty, and reserve military personnel. But their not just personnel. They're folks who trade the cloth of our nation for civies, and call Kansas home. And as you're about to see, they come home with more education, more training, and more real experience often times in austere environments and even under fire.

But before I do that, I think it's very important to frame the larger context of our discussion about EMT, Paramedic, & LVN education and training. To do that, I'd like to show you a short video about the Medical Education and Training Campus that now exists at Fort Sam Houston of Joint Base San Antonio.

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Medical Education and Training Campus (METC)



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METC Scope

Become a National Strategic Asset

- 64 programs of instruction (11 not yet transferred)
- ~6000 students (all services) on any given day
- ~20,000 annual student throughput
- ~1140 staff/faculty billets (all services)
 - 842 military staff/instructors
 - 298 civilians staff/instructors
- Primary entry portal for Army, Navy, AF, enlisted medical trainees
- The largest educational consolidation in US military history

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METC Students become:

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- Aerospace Medical Service Apprentices*
- Behavioral Health Techs
- Biomedical Repair Techs
- Cardiopulmonary Techs
- Combat Medics*
- Cytotechnologists
- Dental Assistants
- Dental Prosthetic Technicians
- Diagnostic Ultrasonographers
- Diet/Nutrition Techs
- Electroneurodiagnostic Techs
- Hospital Corpsmen*
- Laboratory Techs
- Nuclear Medicine Techs
- Occupational Therapy Techs
- Orthopedic Technicians
- Pharmacy Technicians
- Physical Therapy Techs
- Radiographers
- Respiratory Techs
- Surgical Techs
- Urology Techs
- Veterinary Techs
- **And many more...**

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METC Programs of Instruction

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- Standardized
 - Accreditation, certification and competency levels
 - Curriculum
 - Faculty qualifications
 - Academic systems integration
 - Clinical/Phase II training
- Accreditation, Affiliation, and Certification
 - Institution wide accreditation and affiliation
 - Council of Occupational Education
 - CCAF – Community College of Air Force
 - o DoE Regional Accreditation via Southern Association of College and Schools
 - ACE – American Council on Education
 - Programmatic/Specialized accreditation.
 - 18 National/Professional Practice Agencies

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What Others Think of METC

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- Institute for Credentialing Excellence
 - Presidential Commendation
- Texas Workforce Commission
 - College Credit for Heroes (34 sh credit, \$2.4B/yr)
- VA-DoD Sharing
 - \$100M of cost avoidance (and counting)

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- Indian Health Service Pharmacy Tech Pilot
 - Independent Pharm Tech practice
- VA Veterans Initiative
 - 650 Medics, Techs & Corpsmen into VA ERs
- College & University Matriculation
 - 50 new METC degree plans

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Emergency Medical Technician

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- METC
- National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians.
- D.O.T. National Standard Curriculum for EMT
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- D.O.T. National Standard Curriculum for EMT
- Army & Air Force get NREMT certified
- Navy is eligible for NREMT certification

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Paramedic

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- National Registry Paramedic
 - Army only program
 - Same in terms of requirements and standards
 - Kansas EMS
 - Flight Paramedic Training (Pilot)

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Licensed Practical Nurse

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- US Army Practical Nurse Course
 - Army only program
 - Texas State Board of Nurse Examiners
 - NCLEX PN

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