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RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE TEXAS

MEMORANDUM FOR HPSP STUDENTS

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FROM: HQ AFPC/DPAMD  
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SUBJECT: Application Procedures for Residency Selection

The Air Force consistently offers some of the finest AEGD-1, GPR, and specialty programs in the country. It is now time for you to prepare to enter active duty, and we highly encourage you to enter through our world class residency programs.

- HPSP students **must** apply to the AEGD-1 or GPR program.
- There is no guarantee that an HPSP student will be selected for the AEGD-1 or GPR program due to the high level of competition.
- The 23 September 2008 Residency Selection Board is offering graduating HPSP students the opportunity to apply for selected military residency programs located at either Lackland AFB TX or Travis AFB CA. The specialty programs allowing you to apply this year are listed below.
  - HPSP students are limited to applying to only one of these additional residency programs.
  - Application to one of these residency programs **is in addition** to applying to the AEGD-1 or GPR.

The prerequisites for applying to the AEGD-2, Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery, Oral Pathology, Periodontics, or Prosthodontics residencies are as follows:

- Must be in top 50% of graduating class
- A personal interview **must** be conducted with the Special Consultant in that specialty (or their designee).
- GRE with minimum score of 1000 (verbal/quantitative scores added together); analytical section will be for review only. (Application to the AEGD-2 program only **does not** require the GRE).
- Must attend Commissioned Officer Training (COT) while enrolled in dental school or graduate COT by mid June in order to begin 1 July residency training .

If you meet the prerequisites and wish to apply for one of these specialties, please contact our office **as soon as possible** so that we can help you prepare your application. The programs below in **bold** are open for your application this year. An additional source of information on the USAF Dental Corps to include AEGD-1 and GPR locations is available online at: <http://airforcemedicine.afms.mil/usafdental>

| Specialty Programs    | Program Length | Accept Dental Student Apps | Consider Deferment | Consultant             | Contact numbers       |
|-----------------------|----------------|----------------------------|--------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|
| <b>AEGD-1</b>         | <b>1 year</b>  | <b>YES</b>                 | <b>NO</b>          | <b>Col Larsen</b>      | <b>(210) 671-9805</b> |
| <b>GPR</b>            | <b>1 year</b>  | <b>YES</b>                 | <b>NO</b>          | <b>Col Larsen</b>      | <b>(210) 671-9805</b> |
| <b>AEGD-2</b>         | <b>2 years</b> | <b>YES</b>                 | <b>NO</b>          | <b>Col Larsen</b>      | <b>(210) 671-9805</b> |
| <b>Periodontics</b>   | <b>3 years</b> | <b>YES</b>                 | <b>NO</b>          | <b>Col Mackey</b>      | <b>(210) 292-6990</b> |
| <b>Prosthodontics</b> | <b>3 years</b> | <b>YES</b>                 | <b>NO</b>          | <b>Col Schneid</b>     | <b>(210) 292-6959</b> |
| <b>Oral Surgery</b>   | <b>4 years</b> | <b>YES</b>                 | <b>NO</b>          | <b>Col Smith</b>       | <b>(210) 292-5215</b> |
| <b>Oral Pathology</b> | <b>3 years</b> | <b>YES</b>                 | <b>YES</b>         | <b>Col Fowler</b>      | <b>(210) 292-5505</b> |
| <b>Endodontics</b>    | <b>2 years</b> | <b>NO</b>                  | <b>NO</b>          | <b>Col Rutledge</b>    | <b>(210) 292-7831</b> |
| <b>Orthodontics</b>   | <b>2 years</b> | <b>NO</b>                  | <b>NO</b>          | <b>Col Brendlinger</b> | <b>(210) 292-3330</b> |
| <b>Pediatric Dent</b> | <b>2 years</b> | <b>NO</b>                  | <b>YES</b>         | <b>Col Buhler</b>      | <b>(618) 256-2750</b> |

## APPLICATION FORMS

The following information is to help you in the application process as well as enhance your chances for selection. Now is the time to begin completing your package for submission to the Dental Residency Selection Board scheduled to convene 23 September 2008. Listed below are the forms that **you will need to complete** as well as forms that will need to be **completed by your dental school**. All forms must be returned to this office at the above address **no later than 5 September 2008** or your application will not meet the board.

- AF Form 1562**  
(3 each) - You will need to complete new 1562's. One from the Dean of Students or equivalent and two others from instructors or supervisors. Although the forms have been previously completed as part of the application for the HPSP Scholarship, they are not current. From experience, we have learned that 1562's from those who can personally assess your clinical skills (such as clinical instructors) are more powerful than those in non-clinical positions (such as Oral Biology or research instructors). Ensure the three forms are **returned to this office**. If you would like to submit an additional 3 letters of recommendation, you may do so, but it is optional.
- AETC Form 1413** - Have the appropriate office at your dental school complete this form showing current class standing, GPA and projected graduation date and **return to this office**. If your school does not have class rank or GPA, please have them submit a letter stating this fact.
- Official transcripts** - Have your dental school **send to this office** a copy of your transcripts (with raised seal) that include your junior year grades.
- NDE scores** - A certified copy of Part I of the NDE scores needs to be **sent to this office**.

The following forms need to be completed/signed by you and **returned immediately to this office:**

- Statement of Training and Location
- Agreement for Extended Active Duty
- Statement of Understanding
- Short Notice EAD Statement

**Interviews for AEGD-1, GPR and AEGD-2:** The location for personal interviews is determined by the state where you are attending dental school. Please match your state to the respective AEGD program listed below. **Call the AEGD program director, dictated by your state, to set up an interview no later than 25 August 2008.** The interview is a chance for you to discuss geographic preferences as well as scope of clinical practice. The director might ask you to furnish a copy of your transcripts, personal CV, etc. Please have these available when asked. Call one week prior to your interview to confirm the time and place. Arrive 15 minutes early to your appointed time in proper attire to help make a good first impression. At the personal interview, you will be given a tour of the clinic, and a chance to sell yourself. Last minute requests may not and have not always been granted. **Be sure to inform your interviewer which program you desire (AEGD-1, GPR, or AEGD-2).**

Air Force Academy: CO, OR

Offutt: NE, IA, MO

Bolling: MA, NY, MD, PA (Eastern), NJ, CT

Eglin: GA, PR (Puerto Rico), FL

Keesler: AL, MS

Barksdale LA

Langley: NC, SC VA

Nellis: NV

Scott: MN, WI, TN, IL

Sheppard: OK, Northern TX

Lackland: Southern TX

Travis: CA, WA

Wright-Patterson: KY, PA (Pittsburgh), WV, MI, IN, OH

Elmendorf: (by telephone)

Unlike the civilian match system, it is **not necessary** to complete the interview at the program you wish to attend. Your selection to your residency of choice is based upon the competitiveness of your record, **not** which director

accomplished the interview. The telephone interview is another option, although the selection board finds personal interviews make the applicant package more competitive.

**FOR INTERVIEWS REGARDING SPECIALTY TRAINING – The consultant’s name and contact number are listed in the table on page 1.**

**Important facts to remember:**

1. The yearly annual bonus (Additional Special Pay) of \$4,000 is contingent on the fact that you enter the Air Force with a valid state dental license. Note ASP should be increasing to \$10,000 within the next few months.
2. All Air Force dental officers must hold a current, active, unrestricted license to practice dentistry in a state or jurisdiction of the United States. Graduates who must serve an active duty service commitment for a health professions scholarship and new graduates entering an Air Force residency program (including AEGD-1 or GPR) must, at a minimum, show proof of having passed both Part I and Part II of the National Board and of having challenged a state or regional licensing clinical board examination prior to reporting to Commissioned Officers Training School (COT). A license must be obtained within 365 days of arrival at the first duty station. Failure to obtain a license within this timeframe may result in punitive administrative actions.
3. Due to projected full staffing in most specialties and down-sizing within the Dental Corps, there will be very few educational deferments granted. These deferments will be granted on a case-by-case basis depending on the needs of specific specialties. Refer to the table on page 1 for further clarification. You should NOT apply for any civilian programs without the written consent of the Air Force Dental Education Officer.
4. Two positions are offered in the General Practice Residency (GPR) at Keesler AFB MS. This is a great program for anyone interest in future specialty training in Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery, Periodontics, or Hospital Dentistry, please call this office for more information. Please indicate on the “Statement of Training and Location” if you desire a GPR position.
5. When you accepted an active duty officer’s commission you incurred a 3 year active duty Minimum Service Obligation (MSO). Due to your HPSP scholarship you also incurred a separate educational Active Duty Service Commitment (ADSC), which is year for year of sponsorship with a 2 year minimum. Attending a specialty program will extend your educational ADSC. These educational ADSC's will be served concurrently (at the same time) with your MSO. Some examples are in the table below.

| <b><u>HPSP Length</u></b> | <b><u>Additional Training</u></b> | <b><u>Total Time on Active Duty</u></b> |
|---------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|
| 1 or 2 year HPSP          | None                              | 3 years                                 |
|                           | AEGD-1/GPR                        | 3 years                                 |
|                           | AEGD-2                            | 4 years                                 |
|                           | Perio/Prosthodontics              | 6 years*                                |
|                           | Oral Surgery                      | 8 years*                                |
| 3 year HPSP               | None                              | 3 years                                 |
|                           | AEGD-1/GPR                        | 4 years                                 |
|                           | AEGD-2                            | 5 years                                 |
|                           | Perio/Prosthodontics              | 6 years*                                |
|                           | Oral Surgery                      | 8 years*                                |
| 4 year HPSP               | None                              | 4 years                                 |
|                           | AEGD-1/GPR                        | 5 years                                 |
|                           | AEGD-2                            | 6 years                                 |
|                           | Perio/Prosthodontics              | 7 years*                                |
|                           | Oral Surgery                      | 8 years*                                |

\* Total time on active duty will increase if selected to attend an Air Force sponsored civilian program rather than a military sponsored program

6. Following graduation from your residency program you will incur a commitment for moving. The commitment could extend your service obligation by up to 45 days for stateside moves and for overseas the tour length will determine your obligation.

**GPR** \_\_\_\_\_

**AEGD-2** \_\_\_\_\_

**Oral Surgery** \_\_\_\_\_

**Periodontics** \_\_\_\_\_

**Prosthodontics** \_\_\_\_\_

**Oral Pathology** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
**PRINTED NAME**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**SIGNATURE**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**DATE**

**RETURN THIS FORM TO:**      HQ AFPC/DPAMD  
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