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CRDAMC honors graduates from GME program

FORT HOOD, Texas – Carl R. Darnall Army Medical Center honored graduates from its graduate-level residency, fellowship and hospital administration programs in a ceremony June 19 at the Killeen Civic and Convention Center.

Darnall's programs have a long-standing reputation for excellence, especially as they help residents progress to board certification eligibility. Residents from Darnall's Family Medicine Residency Program (FMRP) consistently score well above the national average on in-training exams, with many residents scoring above the 90th percentile and the Emergency Medicine Residency Program (EMRP) is ranked in the top ten in the country.

The EMRP was established at Darnall in 1980 to take opportunity of the high volume of critically ill and injured patients who come to the busiest Emergency Room in the Army Medical Command.

Maj. Daniel Brillhart, EMRP graduate, said he felt the training prepared him for the fast paced emergency room. Brillhart was an Armor officer for 13 years and after his last deployment to Iraq he decided to change careers.

"I thrive on the fast pace and urgency in an emergency room. I like the variety and depth of emergency medicine," Brillhart said. "You never know what to expect. You have to be able to react quickly and expertly."

The Darnall's FMRP, which began in 2000, offers an ideal setting for training Family Medicine as residents are exposed to a broad spectrum of medical conditions seen in primary care, emphasizing continuous and comprehensive health care.

"I expected the program to be hard, so I wasn't surprised there. But the quality of the training was definitely more than I expected. It's really prepared me to be the best doctor I can be," said

Capt. Jenna Silakoski, FMRP graduate. “I’ve always had the desire to give back and I feel honored to be able to take care of Soldiers and their families.”

Continuing its efforts in medical education excellence, Darnall established a year-long Emergency Medicine Ultrasound Fellowship Program in July 2010 to teach advanced ultrasound techniques needed in both garrison and deployed military environments. It is one of the fastest growing areas of Emergency Medicine.

The Family Medicine Obstetrics Fellowship, established at CRDAMC in 2012, is a joint venture between the Department of Family and Community Medicine and the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology. The Army’s first and only program of this type, the fellowship is a rigorous 12-month program designed to train board certified family physicians in the management of complicated and operative obstetrics.

The U.S. Army-Baylor University Graduate Program in Health and Business Administration prepares its graduates, officers and civilians, to function adeptly as key staff members in complex health care environments, while providing a foundation to develop into future leaders of the federal healthcare sector.