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# Army medical units go five years DUI free

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An Army Medicine in Europe unit was recently recognized for reaching a rare milestone in keeping their members safe.

The Headquarters and Headquarters Company Bavaria Medical Department Activity has had no incidents of Driving While Intoxicated/Driving Under the Influence for five years. The unit may have been DUI free for more than five years, but the current tracking system has only been in use since 2007.

Four other Europe-based medical units – U.S. Army Medical Research Unit-Europe in Heidelberg, Kleber Health Clinic in Kaiserslautern, Livorno (Italy) Health Clinic, and Stuttgart Army Health Clinic – were also recognized for reaching the five-year milestone.

Europe Regional Medical Command Safety Manager Carol Fontanese said that everyone, from the private to the field grade officer, has a responsibility in reducing drunk driving incidents.

"Achieving this accomplishment is a reflection of engaged leadership and Soldiers taking care of Soldiers" Fontanese said. "Soldiers within ERMC are aware of how a DUI/DWI can change someone's life and are engaged in ensuring Soldiers have a plan in place for off-duty activities to allow for safe transportation home."

Soldiers were encouraged to take care of Soldiers...to embrace a culture of safety, Fontanese said. This included actions such as having plans in place for a non-drinking friend or family member to drive them home if they would be drinking alcohol.

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“It is always a good thing to have folks recognized for the positive things they do. I must caveat this by stating that being DWI/DUI free should not be a goal, it should be a requirement,” said Capt. Brandon Ward, BMEDDAC HHC commander. “I do appreciate that our unit has been recognized for this achievement but if all goes well, more and more units in the Army will earn this distinction.”

Each unit will receive a plaque handmade by another safety award winner, Staff Sgt. Lon Mullaney, who recently received the U.S. Army Medical Command Individual Award of Excellence in Safety. Mullaney volunteers at the MWR Wood Shop on Patton Barracks.

"Sergeant Mullaney volunteered to make the DUI/DWI plaques for units who achieve one, two, three, four and five years DUI/DWI free," Fontanese said. "This is another example of Soldiers and NCOs leading the way to ensure safety first and always."

Each unit will also receive a three-day pass in recognition of their achievement.

ERMC Command Sgt. Maj. Robert Luciano said these units exemplify the Army Value of Integrity.

“Soldiers need to do the right thing both on- and off-duty, and that’s exactly what these Soldiers are doing,” Luciano said. “This is also a testament to the hard work and positive influence of unit NCOs and Senior NCOs.”