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● Recognition

CAPT Clara Stevens PT, DPT, MPH, MA

is a Supervisory Physical Therapist serving as the Officer in Charge (OIC) of the Public Health Emergency Response Strike Team (PHERST) at Naval Medical Center Camp Lejeune. Continue to [page 8](#) to learn more about her career and the significant impact she has had in the DoD.

● Officers in the Spotlight

LCDR Keyonica Lassiter BSN, RN, ACRN

is a Branch Chief in the Capability Requirements Management Division, Health Delivery Capabilities Branch in J-5 at the Defense Health Agency (DHA). Continue to [page 12](#) to learn more about the important work that LCDR Lassiter leads in DHA

LT Amber Martz

is a Nurse Practitioner with the DoD at the Military Entrance Processing Station (MEPS) in Memphis, TN serving in a unique and exciting role within the DoD. Continue to [page 13](#) to learn more about one of our 4th Quarter DoD Spotlight Officers.

● Feature

Tuberculosis on the Texas Border: Collaboration and Expertise Lead the Way

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Tuberculosis on the Texas Border: Collaboration and Expertise Lead the Way

by LCDR Steven C Trevino

LCDR Steven Trevino recently joined leading TB nurses from across Texas, including representatives from the Texas Department of State and Health Services (DSHS) and various city health departments, at the 2025 Tuberculosis (TB) Nurse Expert Meeting in San Antonio, Texas. The two-day event, hosted by the Heartland National TB Center (HNTC), fostered collaboration and the sharing of best practices in the ongoing battle against tuberculosis.



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The TX DSHS Binational Tuberculosis (TB) Program plays a crucial role in this effort, specifically targeting the high TB incidence along the Texas-Mexico border. Guided by both TX DSHS and the Secretary of Health, the program provides vital TB prevention and care services at four strategic sites to safeguard the health of Texans and control the spread of the disease.

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The meeting featured expert panel discussions, covering topics from the Texas Binational TB Program to advancements in multidrug-resistant TB and effective treatment regimens. HNTC further supports these efforts by offering free medical consultation services to healthcare professionals throughout Texas, emphasizing patient-centered care and positive treatment outcomes. They also provide diverse training opportunities to empower partners and agencies in achieving TB elimination through improved care, reduced transmission, and patient empowerment. This comprehensive approach, leveraging both regional programs and expert support, is vital to tackling TB in Texas and the United States.

LCDR Trevino plans on using the knowledge from the TB Nurse Expert Meeting to improve TB screening and prevention for CONUS and OCONUS missions, especially implementing HNTC's patient-centered approach and TB awareness training to enhance health outcomes and reduce stigma within the force.



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