

# Doctors: One scores highest in nation

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hospital also graduated seven doctors who had completed their training at the DACH emergency medicine residency program. One of these graduates, Dr. (Capt.) Sudip Bose, received the highest score of 3,600 doctors taking American Board of Emergency Medicine's annual In-Training Exam.

"All of the residents in the United States take the exam," Bose said. "It feels nice and it's a good reflection on the program. On any given day anyone in the class could be number one and it helps attract good medical students and residents to the program."

The emergency medicine residents were: Dr. (Maj.) Mark Green, senior resident; Dr. (Capt.) Kermit Huebner, chief

resident; Bose; Dr. (Capt.) David Coffin; Dr. (Capt.) Randle Likes; Dr. (Capt.) Derek Linklater; and Dr. (Capt.) Gregory Shipkey.

Thirteen additional doctors who completed the second year of their residencies in the two programs were also recognized during the ceremony.

"In ancient times many of the best medical practices were developed by armies under the constant pressure of battle," said guest speaker Maj. Gen. George Higgins, deputy commander of III Corps and Fort Hood. "Hippocrates said, 'If one wants to become a surgeon, one should follow armies.'"

"In fact, in ancient Greek, the word 'surgeon' means 'extractor of arrows,'" Higgins said. "Does anyone here know how to extract arrows?"

Higgins related the story of a naval aviator named Charles Plum who parachuted from his plane after it was struck by a missile during the Vietnam War. Years later, after being released from a prisoner-of-war camp, Higgins said, Plum met a man he did not know, but who knew everything about him. When Plum asked how the man knew so much about him the man responded, "I packed your parachute."

"Every single time you get face-to-face with a one of your patients you're packing their parachute," Higgins said. "What will make the difference in the lives of the people you come into contact with is your personal interaction when you get face-to-face with people."

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