

# Blanchfield Army Community Hospital Nurse Week 2012

The nurses of Blanchfield Army Community Hospital (BACH) located in Fort Campbell, Kentucky kicked off an awesome Nurse Week celebration in “retro” style. Wearing traditional nurse whites and caps, the BACH nurses were the talk of the installation!



Figure 1 Nurse Week Group Photo "Retro Day"



Figure 2 "MAJOR MAFIA"



Figure 3 Nurses on the Mother Baby Ward

On Tuesday, May 8<sup>th</sup>, the BACH nurses hosted a Prayer Breakfast serving bagels, fruit, and juice. The hospital chaplain led the group in a prayer and read the Nurse Prayer aloud. Following the prayer, we recognized the nominees and winner of the Blanchfield Preceptor of the Year award. Nominees included: Karen Borens, Vickie Clark, and 1LT Rachel Jackson; the winner was Jamye Gilliard. We then unveiled the “Flo’s Place” sign which was hand-made by one of our very own employees in the Nutrition Care Division in honor of COL Florence A. Blanchfield, the 7<sup>th</sup> Chief of the Army Nurse Corps from 1943-1947. Blanchfield Army Community Hospital remains the only Medical Department Activity (MEDDAC) named after an Army Nurse.





Figure 4 Flo's Place Dining Facility Dedication

Wednesday, May 9<sup>th</sup>, the nurse week committee hosted the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Fun Run around Joel Drive. Over 50 participants enjoyed the booming music, fun run, and IPOD raffle. Later that day, we hosted a clinical skills competition where we challenged various employees in bed-making skills, wrapping an extremity, completing nursing-related mathematical problems, performing an operation (the game), and conducting morning hygiene (shaving a balloon with a face). The Room of Horrors was on display, as well. The staff member who could identify the most infractions pertaining to HIPAA, Infection Control, and Patient Safety won a prize.



Figure 5 3rd Annual Fun Run

Thursday, May 10<sup>th</sup>, we invited COL (Ret.) Patricia Patrician to deliver a Continuing Education Unit presentation on Evidenced Based Practice. She also participated in the official cake cutting with our most junior nurse, 2LT Donald Fox.



Figure 6 BACH Cake Cutting with 2LT Donald Fox and COL (Ret. Patricia Patrician)

Friday, May 11<sup>th</sup>, we honored several nurses for nursing excellence based on the Patient Caring Touch Core Values. Additionally, we recognized Mrs. Patricia Cordts for earning her Doctorate in Nursing Practice. The BACH providers hosted a Barbeque Luncheon for the nursing staff and music was provided by the 101<sup>st</sup> Airborne Division Band! After a long week of fun-filled activities and prizes, the nurses closed out the week with a social at the Blackhorse Pub in downtown Clarksville.



Figure 7 Nurses at the Screaming Eagle Medical Home



Figure 8 Nurses at the Byrd Health Clinic



Figure 9 Nursing Excellence Award Ceremony and Provider Sponsored Luncheon



Figure 10 Nursing Excellence Award recipients



Figure 11 Mrs. Patricia Cordts accepting flowers



Figure 12 Nursing Excellence Award Committee recites the Nurse Prayer

