



## Veterans Find Careers in Healthcare After Training in General Richard B. Myers Veterans Biomedical Equipment Technology Program™

Dallas, TX. July 8, 2014 --- Dallas-based MediSend International launched the General Richard B. Myers



Veterans Biomedical Equipment Technology Program™ in fall 2013 to offer training in the growing field of biomedical technology to returning US veterans. In only five months, graduates are professionally trained to enter the workplace as skilled biomedical repair technicians (BMETs) with a future in the healthcare industry.

Veteran Anthony O'Neal graduated from the inaugural class in December 2013. He had been hoping for a career that held the promise of a financially secure future and the opportunity for advancement. After five months of training in the Myers Veterans Program, Anthony received his BMET certificate and in a matter of weeks he was employed by DaVita, a major US dialysis company.

The spring 2014 class has produced similar successes. Trainees graduated on Saturday June 28<sup>th</sup> and all

have jobs or pending job offers. Carl Jones from Fort Worth, Texas will be working for Baylor Scott & White Health. Scott Rodriguez from Beaumont, Texas has accepted a position in Alaska working for Southeast Alaska Regional Health Consortium. He and his wife are adventuresome and nature loving so they are thrilled about the move to Sitka and the



Graduates Scott Rodriguez, Carl Jones and Nesredin Ali

career opportunity. Scott calls his experience in the General Myers Program “invaluable”. Nesredin Ali from Boston is currently working for the MediSend Biomedical Repair Laboratory until a job offer in Boston has been finalized.

“Veterans can bring a sense of leadership and dignity to any organization. MediSend’s elite training program will create viable job opportunities and the potential for a lifetime of increased earning power for these men and women. It is an investment in the future for individuals who have served their country and protected our security both here and abroad,” said General Richard B. Myers, 15<sup>th</sup> Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and namesake of the program.

The General Myers Biomedical Equipment Technology Program™ is entirely privately funded.



*Polly Weidenkopf from ReserveAid with General Richard B. Myers*

Scholarships are provided through the generosity of corporations, foundations, organizations and individuals, and include tuition, travel, and supplies. ReserveAid has established an ongoing scholarship program that is transforming the lives of veterans and their families. Strasburger Law Firm, BP, Aon, American Airlines, Hillcrest Foundation and Hawn Foundation have also been major contributors to the program. Baylor Scott & White Health provides a professional internship for the trainees where they shadow seasoned biomedical equipment technicians and observe practical application of their training in a hospital setting.

“We are in hopes of growing this program to help many more veterans achieve a future of financial security in a respected, growing career. MediSend has successfully trained technicians for hospitals in twenty countries around the world and now we are seeing exciting outcomes for our veteran graduates,” says Nick Hallack, MediSend’s President and CEO. Hallack also says that he takes great pride in the sustainability and capacity-building aspects of MediSend’s programs, “Helping someone find a future that benefits them, their families and their community could not be more rewarding!”

For more information on the Veterans Program at MediSend go to [www.veteransbiomedicaltraining.org](http://www.veteransbiomedicaltraining.org) or call Nick Hallack at 214.575.5006, ext.112

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