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Dear Members of the Army Dental Care Family,

The Federal Services Region of the American College of Prosthodontists will celebrate its first National Prosthodontics Awareness Week March 7 – 13, 2010. Prosthodontics is the American Dental Association recognized specialty that encompasses diagnosing, treatment planning, restoring and replacing the natural teeth in order to rehabilitate and maintain the function, comfort, appearance and health of patients.

Tooth loss results from caries, periodontal disease, traumatic injury, cancer or wear. Losing teeth places stress on the mouth's structures and shape causing the bone to shrink and possibly changing a person's facial appearance. Many adults who do not replace their missing teeth suffer poor self-esteem, premature aging, poor diet, loss of function and social embarrassment. By utilizing dental implants, fixed bridgework, removable partial dentures and complete dentures, a prosthodontists' expertise can change a smile and a life.

Please join me in recognizing prosthodontists throughout the Army Dental Care System, and help raise awareness of the specialty and how it can benefit our patients.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Russell J. Czerw".

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