## *Cracking the CME Nut*

Military medical education at Readiness Frontiers is rigorous, thorough and professional in order to meet very specific military requirements clearly delineated by applicable regulations. Certain professional medical education may be certified for Category 1 CME (Continuing Medical Education) if certain reasonable criteria are met:

1) For the participants, they must show attendance by a sign in roster, critique the program, identify barriers to learning, and acknowledge commercial bias.
2) For speakers and presenters, they must identify any commercial interest or bias, formulate educational presentations that endeavor to satisfy the requirements of adult learning principles, execute a written document of agreement, and provide the director with copies of a resume and the presentation.
3) For the director, he/she must assess the educational needs of the target audience, assure that the above criteria are met, that attendance roster is maintained for 6 years, that hours of credit are certified, certificates of attendance given and financial disclosure accomplished.

In short, improved accountability requires additional work, but if it is accomplished, the participants may be awarded Category 1 CME. With requirements for Category 1 CME, it is well worth the effort to acquire such certification for our participants.

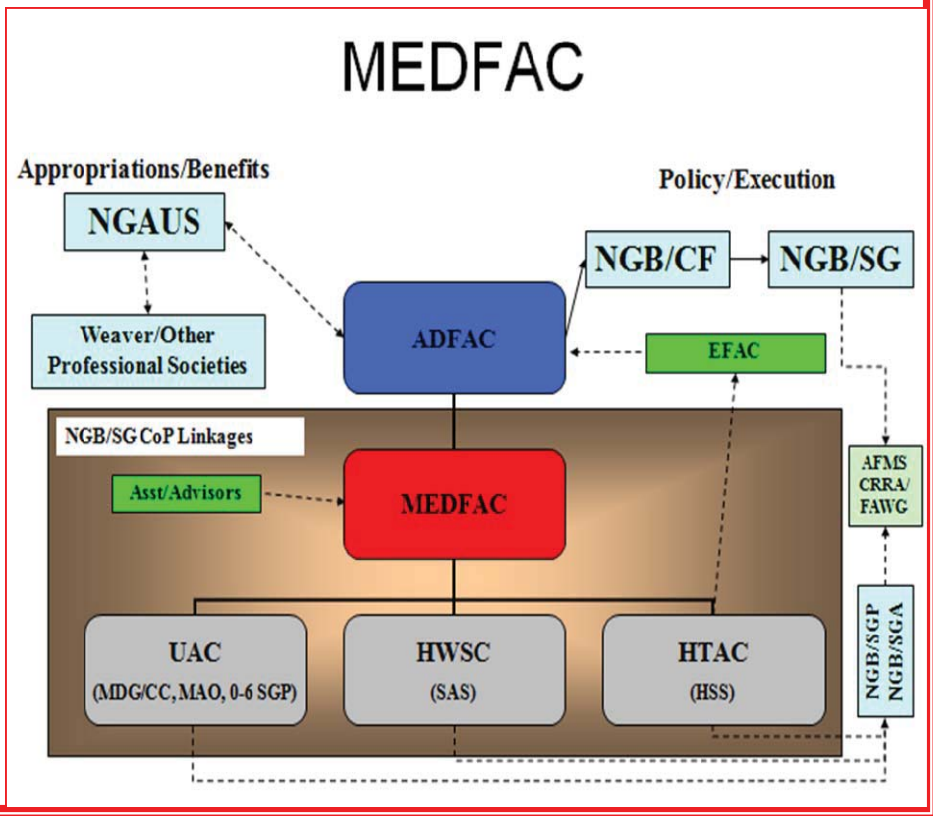
As part of the accreditation process, the following statements must be made regarding the Alliance of Air National Guard Flight Surgeons Educational Program (the wording is critically important and no deviation is allowed):

"Jointly Sponsored by the Fort Wayne Medical Education Program and the AANGFS (Alliance of Air National Guard Flight Surgeons).

This activity has been planned and implemented in accordance with the Essential Areas and Policies of the Indiana State Medical Association through the joint sponsorship of the Fort Wayne Medical Education Program and the AANGFS. The Fort Wayne Medical Education Program is accredited by the Indiana State Medical Association to provide continuing education for physicians.

The Fort Wayne Medical Education Program designates this live activity for a maximum of 26.5 *AMA PRA Category 1 Credits* ™ . Physicians should claim only the credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity."

***The Alliance of Air National Guard Flight Surgeons is deeply appreciative of the education, support and assistance of Dr. James Buchanan and Ms JeriSue Petrie, Director of Continuing Professional Development, Fort Wayne Medical Education Program—Thank you so much, WWP***

*For issues to be addressed and policy formulated, there must be a free flow of information to those who can most appropriately address such issues.* The **UAC (Unit Advisory Council)** consists of senior Medical Group executive staff (MDG/CC, MAO, O6 SGP) who address concerns of importance to the entire Medical Groups. The **HWSC (Human Weapons System Council),** chaired by Col Pat Aiello, (pataiello@gmail.com), consists of senior weapons systems (e.g. F-16, Tankers, Strategic Air, Special Operations)subject matter experts, primarily from the ranks of the State Air Surgeons, who provide medical expertise and guidance to the line and line feedback to the HWSC. The **HTAC (Health Technician Advisory Council)** chaired by Chief Mark Bailey, (mark.bailey.2@ang.af.mil), consists of senior medical enlisted members who address issues of concern to the enlisted members. Issues raised by each group are channeled and addressed to the most appropriate venue such as the MEDFAC, the ANG/SG, staff, or other councils.

The UAC, HWSC and HTAC form the **MEDFAC (Medical Field Advisory Council)** chaired by Col William Pond, (wwpond@aol.com, 260-602-5167) who serves (with valuable assistance from ANG/SG Col Brett Wyrick and his staff) as the Air National Guard Medical Service representative to the ADFAC (Air Directorate Field Advisory Council) with other members representing Strat Air, DOS, Rescue/ Special Ops, F-16, Co-C2, MSG, RPA, A10, KC-135, MXG, CRTC/BOS, DPSAC, Space/Cyber, ISR, C-130, JAG, F-15/F22 , TCAP, DOS & EFAC. Issues addressed by the ADFAC are of national scope and may span many systems and years.