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**IRAQ WAR VETERAN DENTIST
DECLARES WAR ON CROOKED TEETH**
Her Own Braces Turned Her to Career in Orthodontics
*“Treats patients with same care, concern and compassion
that she gave our troops fighting for our freedom”*

RANDOLPH, MASS. (Issued Summer 2011) -- “As a teen I personally experienced the profound and positive impact that Orthodontics can have in a person’s life,” recalls Dr. Janeen Hughes, the Orthodontist who heads ARCH Orthodontics offices in Randolph, Canton and Brockton and treats patients from a score of surrounding towns.

‘Orthos’ (the first half of the word Orthodontist) is Greek for ‘straight or proper.’ And in the case of Dr. Hughes, it’s a perfect description of how she views her work and treats each patient.

“When I was 10, our family dentist suggested that my parents take me to an Orthodontist,” she recalls. “Not only couldn’t I pronounce the word; I didn’t know what they do. I imagined they had some ‘secret’ method to straighten teeth, and that they’d make me look like a movie star. Years later, I understand and appreciate what I liked so much about those early experiences and why I chose this profession. I like the longstanding doctor-patient relationship, and the ability to give people great smiles and improve their self-esteem using both art and science.”

While most of her patients are kids between ages 10 – 16 (about the age she was on her first orthodontic visit), Hughes says she has patients from 4 to 60. “Today, people in their 30s or 40s who never had alignment when they were younger, now have a career and they want to look better. Many choose invisible braces such as Invisalign, and turn to a specialist.”

General dentists often refer patients to Hughes to address issues related to shifting teeth, tooth loss, changing facial structure, periodontal disease, or TMJ, a joint condition that causes severe jaw pain and headaches. The Orthodontist diagnoses the problem, then works closely with the patient to devise and implement a treatment that the patient fully understands.

Dr. Hughes, who has been at ARCH Orthodontics for nearly a year, earned dual degrees at the University of Pennsylvania, graduating in 2001 with a Master’s degree in Education and a Doctor of Dental Medicine (DMD). The events of 9/11 inspired Hughes to change her plans and became a dentist with a Marine unit headed for Iraq.

Hughes also served as the only dentist onboard an amphibious ship during Operation Desert Storm off Kuwait in 2004. Lieutenant Commander Hughes earned a Navy Commendation Medal and a Letter of Appreciation for Outstanding Orthodontic Service from the U.S. Navy. She received board certification from the American Board of Orthodontics and completed her Orthodontics residency in 2007 at Wilford Hall Medical Center in San Antonio, TX.

“As a parent, I understand the emotions and needs of children,” says Hughes, as she reflects on her experience as a teacher, clinician and leader: “My life experiences have prepared me well to serve my patients. I welcome the new challenges that each day brings.”

Dr. Chavez, who began ARCH Orthodontics 37 years ago, said, “Just as Dr. Hughes cared for our troops, we are very proud to have her here at ARCH Orthodontics where she treats patients with the same ARCH care, concern and compassion she gave our troops fighting for our freedom.”

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