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AMEDDC&S welcomes new CSM

The Army Medical Department Center and School's (AMEDDC&S) new Command Sergeant Major is CSM Adolph M. Arista. A native Texan with more than 26 years service, CSM Arista comes to the AMEDDC&S from the 44th Medical Brigade at Fort Bragg, NC. CSM Arista and his wife Paula have one son, Adolph III, who is attending the 91E Dental Laboratory Specialist Course at Sheppard AFB, TX.

PA Program requirements change

The academic prerequisites for application to the Interservice Physician Assistant Program (IPAP) have changed. Applicants must have a minimum of 60 semester hours of college credit, 30 of which must be resident college courses. The remaining credit may be granted for CLEP, DANTES, ACTPEP, and correspondence courses. The following college courses are mandatory: 6 hours of English Composition; 6 hours of Humanities and/or Social Sciences; 3 hours of College Algebra; 3 hours of Psychology, 6 hours of Chemistry; 3 hours of Physiology, and 3 hours of Anatomy (or 6 hours of Anatomy and Physiology if these courses were taught together). A minimum grade point average of 2.50 must be achieved on all courses receiving a numeric grade.

Military training and experience may be evaluated for award of in-residence credit by submitting a student copy of their military transcript. Applicants seeking military experience evaluation must submit a request for a transcript from: Operations Center, AARTS, 415 McPherson Avenue, Fort Leavenworth KS 66027-1373 and include this transcript in their application.

For more information on application to IPAP, **contact:** MAJ Gross or MAJ Davis, DSN 536-0386/0360 or (502) 626-0386/0360. Or you can visit the website: www.goarmy.com/med/painfo.htm for application guidance to the program.

From the Top

It was General Friedrich von Steuben who coined the phrase "the noncommissioned officer is the backbone of the Army." The duties of the noncommissioned officer (NCO) were also set forth by General von Steuben and still inspire our NCO corps today. Corporals and Sergeants of the American Revolution were expected to train recruits in matters of military life, including drill and ceremonies, military bearing, and marksmanship. During the American Army's early days, NCOs did not have a standard criteria for their duties; they made the best of what they had: courage, loyalty, and the desire to succeed.



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One of the greatest responsibilities of these early NCOs was frequently proven on the battlefield: by closing the ranks while under fire; by directing the fighting force to engage the enemy; by clearing the wounded; and by motivating their soldiers to aim true and reload quickly. The ability to lead on the battlefield and in the garrison environment is one of the strongest attributes an NCO possesses. Facing the challenges of warfare shoulder-to-shoulder, NCOs and soldiers create an unbeatable combination of camaraderie, honor, and victory.

Today's Army expects more from NCOs. It calls upon them to be more proficient in leadership, new technology/equipment, and soldier MOS skills. The NCO has assumed multiple roles in every phase of Army life. We now specialize in far more than just maintaining the battlefield; we have mastered the challenges of both wartime and peacetime environments. We have highly regarded formalized training such as the Professional Leadership Development Course, the Basic and Advanced NCO Academies, and the Sergeants Major Academy to reinforce an NCO's professional credibility. In an effort to more widely disperse command and control, today's Corporals and Sergeants have greater responsibility than ever before.

Common sense leadership and basic soldiering have provided our nation with the ability to succeed on battlefields around the world...these fundamental philosophies continue today. The simple battlefield tactics of our first-generation NCOs is alive and well in today's Army. As we approach the new millenium, it is prudent for us to remember the basics practiced by our predecessors: close ranks, aim true, and complete the mission, to protect our nation's values and Conserve the Fighting Strength.

**Professional Postgraduate Short Course Program
FY 99**

| TITLE | BR | CRS CODE | DATE | LOCATION | PROJECT OFFICER | DSN |
|--|----|----------|--------------|----------------|-----------------|----------|
| Medical Logistics Enl Short Course 42E/71G/76J/91A | EN | A0710 | 10-14 May 99 | San Antonio TX | SGM Prater | 471-6264 |
| Chief & Senior Clinical NCO Short Course | EN | A0712 | 16-20 May 99 | Washington DC | SGM Croft | 662-6870 |
| Military & Professional Skills for the Practical Nurse | EN | A0713 | 1-5 Aug 99 | El Paso TX | MSG Crite | 979-2098 |
| MEDCOM CSM/SGM/SR NCO Short Course | EN | A0715 | 11-16 Apr 99 | San Antonio TX | SGM Burch | 471-6710 |
| Enl Clinical Support Short Course 91K/91P/91Q | EN | A0716 | 14-18 Jun 99 | San Antonio TX | SGM Williams | 471 7674 |

Active Component soldiers apply by submitting DA Form 3838 to: DEPT OF HEALTH ED & TNG, ATTN MCCS HE SGM, CDR AHS, 1750 GREELEY RD STE 205, FORT SAM HOUSTON TX 78234-6122. FAX 471-2832. **Army National Guard** soldiers apply on National Guard Bureau (NGB) Form 64, or contact SGM Lansing, NGB Surgeon's Office at DSN 327-9531 or (703) 607-9531. Army Reserve soldiers apply through unit training channels on DA Form 1058 to: AR-PERSCOM, ATTN ARPC HS HSE SFC RUTHRAUFF, 9700 PAGE BLVD, ST LOUIS, MO 63132-5200. Phone (314) 592-0000, ext. 3611 or e-mail Harry.Ruthrauff@arpstl-emh2.army.mil. **Contact:** Unit Project Officer or MEDCOM Program Manager, DSN 471-0144, (210) 221-0144, FAX DSN 471-2832, (210) 221-2832, or e-mail sgm.abu.nasar@cs.amedd.army.mil. You must apply **60 days** before the start date of requested course.



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MOS 91X Qualification

If you were previously in MOS 91F or 91G and now hold MOS 91X with ASIY2, you must complete a train-up package to have the ASI removed in order to show MOS qualification. The train-up package is available from the Nonresident Instruction Branch, DSN 471-5877, (210) 221-5877, or 1-800-344-2380.

ARTEP update

- An article in the last Outlook stated that ARTEP 8-955-MTP, Mission Training Plan for the Combat Support Hospital, would be ready for FY 99 distribution. However, the Coordinating Draft for the MTP has been put on hold for Final Draft publication due to changes in the TOE for the 84-bed hospital company (echelons above corps). Use ARTEP 8-705-MTP until further notice.

- If you have received a recent copy of an ARTEP-MTP without a Combined Arms Strategy (CATS) - APPENDIX A, you can download it from the Internet at: <http://139.161.210/dts/CATS.htm>. The CATS that you download is an interim version to be used by medical units until further notice.

For more information or for disk copies of ARTEP 8-705-MTP (available in WordPerfect), contact: Ms. Cres M. Garza, DSN 471-2672/1291, (210) 221-2672/1291, or e-mail at crescenciana.garza@cs.amedd.army.mil.

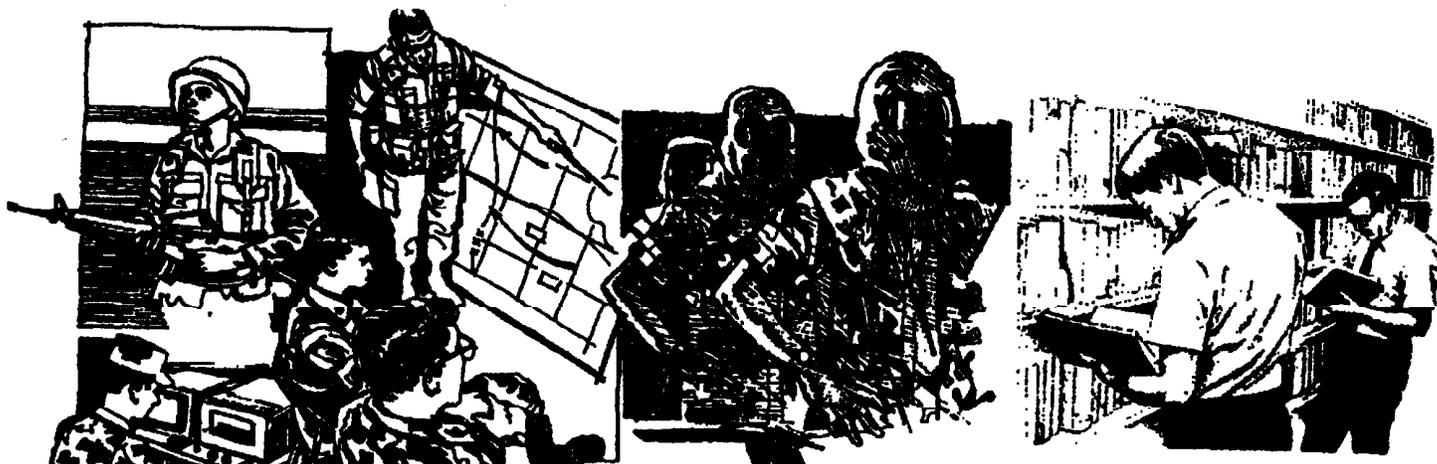
Reserve soldiers MOS 91B with ASI

If you were previously in a medical MOS that was reclassified to Medical Specialist (MOS 91B) with an Additional Skill Identifier (ASI), you must be 91B qualified. There are three ways to become qualified: (1) complete MOS 91B10 resident course at the AMEDDC&S, (2) complete MOS qualification training at one of seven Total Army School Systems Health Services Battalions, or (3) complete a local EMT course plus the exportable train-up packet. All Reserve Component soldiers must be MOS qualified by 1 Oct 2000. Reserve Component soldiers not 91B qualified will be reclassified to the needs of the Army.

For information on the exportable train-up packet, **contact:** Nonresident Instruction Branch, DSN 471-5877 or (210) 221-5877, ext. 3611.

Correspondence Course closure

Effective 1 Apr 99, the AMEDD Basic Sustainment Course and the AMEDD Advanced Sustainment Course, described in para 4-22 and 4-23 of DA Pamphlet 351-20, will close for new enrollments. Soldiers currently enrolled in either course will be advised of the date by which all instruction must be completed before the course is terminated. **Contact:** Nonresident Instruction Branch, DSN 471-5877, (210) 221-5877, or 1-800-344-2380.



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AMEDD Videotapes available

The AMEDDC&S has completed the following videotapes. They are available for unit training through your supporting Training Support Center (TSC), Visual Information Support Center (VISC), or the Internet at <http://dodimagery.afis.osd.mil>. This list contains the title, running time, and production identification number (PIN):

Policy for Treatment of Personnel Wounded by Depleted Uranium Munitions, 42:38 (PIN #711231)

Emergency Medicine Patient Education Series:

Introduction to the Emergency Department, 06:28 (PIN #711216)

Fever and Children, 08:00 (PIN #711215)

Back Pain, 07:41 (PIN #711214)

Pharmaceutical Weights and Measures, 10:33 (PIN #711161)

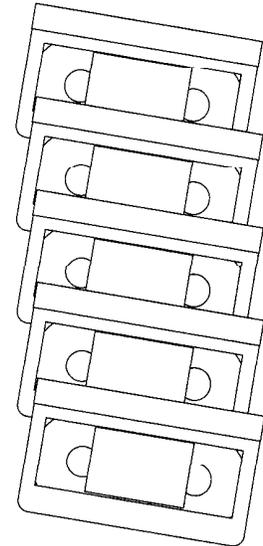
Initiate an Intravenous Infusion, 12:18 (PIN #710004)

Obtain a Patient's Vital Signs, 15:52 (PIN #710553)

Administering Intramuscular, Subcutaneous and Intradermal Injections, 36:45
(PIN #710492)

Military Implications of Dental Diseases, 09:00 (PIN #710486)

Protection from Respiratory Infections, 05:05 (PIN #710446)



A catalog or listing of other Department of the Army videotapes may be obtained at your supporting TSC or VISC. For MEDCOM personnel needing information on medical-specific videotapes, **contact:** AMEDDC&S Health Sciences Media Division, DSN 471-3111 or (210) 221-3111.

AMEDD reclassification opportunities

The Army Medical Department (AMEDD) has a need for skill level one soldiers in MOS 91V (Respiratory Specialist) and 91K (Medical Laboratory Specialist). Active Army may apply by submitting a DA Form 4187 for reclassification. First term soldiers considering reclassification must complete their first term of service. Submit DA Form 4187 through your local MILPO (no faxed copies will be accepted). When applying for a course, the packet must include DA Forms 4187, 2A, and 2-1 (or SIDPERS ERB), letters of recommendation evaluating the soldiers potential and ability to complete the course, and any additional documents required for the specific course. Soldiers may also request these MOSs as Option 3 under Reenlistment if otherwise eligible.

The **91V** course includes basic sciences, anatomy and physiology, CPR, physical therapy, clinical medicine, ventilation therapy, ethics, hospital law, and

Respiratory Specialist responsibilities. This two-phase course consists of Phase I didactic study and Phase II clinical training providing patient care under physician supervision. The **91K** course is two-phased. Phase I is technical instruction and student laboratory training. Phase II is a clinical laboratory rotation at one of 20 Army hospitals. The course allows graduates to take civilian certification examinations as Medical Laboratory Technicians after 1 year of experience.

Interested soldiers should consult with their Training NCO to ensure they meet course requirements listed in the Army Training Requirements and Resources System. Special information should also be reviewed for prep courses that should be completed before attending the actual course. Requests for waivers must be submitted to AMEDDC&S CDR, APPD, ATTN MCCS DE, 1400 E GRAYSON ST, FORT SAM HOUSTON TX 782234-6175.

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