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## From the Top

### Leadership and Technology

Modern technology dominates every aspect of how we live, work, and prepare for the challenging future. In the world of soldiering, we have come a long way, from camouflage to satellite communication on the battlefield. Never in history have there been so many inventions and futuristic systems to enhance our armed forces in completing the global mission. Our weapons are lighter and have been upgraded to locate moving targets in total darkness or without direct vision. Video cams will be adapted to our Kevlars; our dog tags will soon carry every bit of information about us - medical and personnel information wherever we go. As all of us obtain and augment these futuristic weapons and technologies to our units, there's one element all the scientists and inventors cannot replace: leadership and the professional soldier.

Time and time again, the best piece of equipment in the Army's arsenal is the soldier and its leaders - Officers and NCOs. The concept of minimizing the age-old problems of traditional battlefield tactics has always been a puzzle to solve for every soldier in the field. The Trojan Army used a large wooden horse to secretly enter their enemy's most heavily guarded city and Hannibal used elephants to cross the snowy mountains of the Alps, surprising and defeating the Romans. Innovators and military masterminds

have been thinking up new ways to make it easier to confront and defeat the enemy in any terrain or weather element. But no matter what new vehicles or high-tech weapons there are - there is always a soldier behind the technology.



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The individual soldier is a resource of limitless capabilities which only succeeds on how well we, as leaders, train and set the highest of moral and military standards. Technology thrives on the battlefield and in our hospitals, but is worthless without the soldier factor. Leadership, integrity, courage, and duty can never be placed into a Pentium chip and loaded into our recruits in Basic and AIT. Leadership and soldiering start within ourselves, and must be exercised everyday in all we do as NCOs. Soldiers are the most powerful part of high-tech warrior systems! High-tech battlefield field computers and satellites will make the job easier, but let's remember that the most complex computer systems can never replace basic soldier skills. Technology is the tool to assist us and not replace us on the battlefield. Leadership starts with soldiering and mentoring.

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## Reserve Component training checklist

More than 5,000 Reserve Component soldiers annually attend courses at Fort Sam Houston, TX. Some of these soldiers report with situations that create a hardship and may cause the student's performance to suffer because of inability to focus on training. Many of these situations could be prevented if soldiers would ensure that:

- All course prerequisites (as started in ATRRS) are met.
- Soldier's 201 file has been hand carried to the Student Processing Center or contacted the USAR/ARNG Liaison at (210) 221-4864/4865/5050 for a forwarding address.
- Valid orders are in hand with reporting location, POC, and orders cover the period of training outlined in ATRRS.
- Passed a valid APFT within the last 30-45 days.
- Documents pertaining to dependents (Birth Certificates, Marriage License, family healthcare plans, or others needed).
- Required time in service remains after completion of course .

Verifying that soldiers meet the above criteria will facilitate course enrollment and minimize problems that could surface while at Fort Sam Houston. For questions pertaining to Reserve Component enlisted soldiers training at Fort Sam Houston, TX, **contact:** SFC Torres, (210) 221-4864.

## Attention 91Bs and 91Cs: 91W is coming!

The AMEDD recently approved the creation of a new MOS: 91W (Healthcare Specialist). The 91W will be skilled in emergency and primary care, evacuation, and force health protection. Advanced classroom, laboratory, field and clinical learning experiences will be an integral part of the learning environment for the 91W. Classroom innovations and technology enablers will be leveraged to bring about the best training possible.

All 91Bs and 91Cs will eventually reclassify into the new MOS. Ample time and training opportunities will be made available for all soldiers to be successful in the transition to 91W. The Army also remains committed to the LPN and all licensed LPNs will be awarded the M6 Additional Skill Identifier designator once they successfully reclassify. Future issues of Outlook will provide details on the train-up and reclassification plan - stay tuned!

### Medical Reengineering Initiative (MRI)

Several changes are taking place in AMEDD units to ensure effective support under Force XXI. The AMEDD conversion process is known as the Medical Reengineering Initiative or "MRI." Providing this information to units ensures that all are aware of the vision and what it takes to see that compatibility remains constant with our forces and the rest of the Army. "Knowledge is Power."

The Army Training and Evaluation Program (ARTEP) Branch and the New Organization Training Branch of the Department of Training have combined to offer some of the latest information pertaining to MRI implementation to units and organizations worldwide. A typical Mobile Training Team "train-up" agenda that may be modified at your request could read:

Introduction of Team (5 min).

Briefing Agenda (5 min).

Global Threat Brief (30-45 min) = Discusses current medical threat/current events.

MRI Overview Brief (1 hr) = An overview of what MRI is; how it compares with MF2K.

ARTEP Brief (1 hr) = Latest MRI MTP, if available; proper use of the ARTEP and its relation to developing unit METL.

Unit Specific Briefings (1 hr for each unit briefed) = A detailed look at structure changes, mission, and capabilities of unit redesigned under MRI.

Total train-up = 4-6 hours if all units are briefed.

Training can also be packaged to allow organizations to conduct it on their own. For more information, visit our Web Site at <http://139.161.168.210/dts/Not.htm>, call DSN 471-9082, (210) 295-9082, e-mail [cpt.eric.edwards@cs.amedd.army.mil](mailto:cpt.eric.edwards@cs.amedd.army.mil) / [crescenciana.garza@cs.amedd.army.mil](mailto:crescenciana.garza@cs.amedd.army.mil), Fax DSN 471-1571 or (210) 221-1571.

### 91D Course improved/ accredited

The 91D (Operating Room Specialist) Course has been improved in several areas. The classroom training facility has been remodeled and 20 student computers added. An increase in course length has been approved and the 91B prerequisite has been deleted. Phase I will increase from 6 to 9 weeks with a start date of 29 Oct 99. Phase II will increase from 6 to 10 weeks and ends 31 Mar 00. Some 91B Course components will be added to the new curriculum.

A team from the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs conducted an in-depth site visit to examine teaching venues, instructor performance, and admin operations. Accreditation was approved on 22 Apr 99 and does not expire until 2001. **Contact:** LTC Peralta, Operating Room Specialist Course Director, DSN 471-0847, (210) 221-0675, or e-mail [luc.lu.ann.peralta@cs.amedd.army.mil](mailto:luc.lu.ann.peralta@cs.amedd.army.mil) for more information.

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## New DL Area on the KMN

Looking for a way to keep up with the skyrocketing advances in training today's Army? Log on the AMEDD Center & School's new Distance Learning (DL) collaborative site on the Knowledge Management Network (KMN) for the latest training information available. Examples of topics you will find in the DL area include: information papers containing catalogs, distribution procedures, and points of contact on numerous types of training support (the "blue book"); links to correspondence courses and combat lifesaver information; and listings of video teletraining. In addition to receiving information, you will have the opportunity to provide your input and contribute to the Army's ongoing efforts to improve training opportunities for our soldiers.

The following instructions will get you there: use your computer browser to reach the KMN home page at <http://kmn.army.mil>. Please note that use of the KMN requires Netscape 4.05 or Internet Explorer 4.01. If you have not previously registered, you will have to complete an initial registration in order to receive a user id and password.

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## U.S. Army 303-N9 Physical Therapy Specialty Course 91B ASI: N9

The 303-N9 Course is an introduction to delivery of healthcare and physical therapy services in relation to other patient-oriented services. In Phase I training (17 weeks), students are instructed in mechanisms of normal movement and functions of the human body and consideration on how these are altered in selected congenital, traumatic, and pathological conditions. Enlisted students are given a solid foundation in the basic science of physical therapy techniques. Upon completion of the 303-N9 training, Army students are awarded the Additional Skill Identifier N9. Phase II training (10 weeks) consists of on-the-job training in a clinical environment. Check the Web Page at [www.cs.amedd.army.mil.ptsc](http://www.cs.amedd.army.mil.ptsc) for complete information.

There are three classes per year with a maximum enrollment of 40 students per class. Typically, the enrollment mix is eight Navy students, one Coast Guard or Allied Health student, with the remaining students all Active and Reserve Army. The American Council on Education recommends an award of 35 college credits for successful course completion. Acceptance of credits by degree granting institutions varies. **Contact:** SFC Kenyon, Program NCOIC, DSN 471-6187/7579, (210) 221-6187/7579, Fax 471-7585 or (210) 221-7585.

## Skill Level One training available

The AMEDD needs Skill Level One soldiers in MOS 91C (Practical Nurse) and 91Q (Pharmacy Specialist). The 91C Course prepares selected personnel to provide basic practical nursing support during delivery of medical and nursing care to patients during peacetime and mobilization. This two-phase 52-week course consists of Phase I classroom and Phase II hands-on rotation at one of the Medical Treatment Facilities. After completion of training, soldiers must obtain and maintain a valid current LPN license per AR 601-210. Soldiers would be allowed to apply for 91B and 91C training with a waiver of the 1-year requirement to serve as a 91B.

The 91Q Course provides a working knowledge of drug sources, preparation, uses, incompatibilities, and doses; pharmaceutical symbols and terms; storage, control and dispensing procedures performed under supervision of a Pharmacy officer or a Medical Corps officer. This course is accredited by the American Society of Hospital Pharmacists.

Interested soldiers should consult with their Training NCO to ensure they meet the course prerequisites as listed in the ATRRS. Review special information for recommended preparatory courses that should be completed prior to attending the actual course. **Contact:** Mr. Powell, AMEDD Personnel Proponent Directorate, DSN 471-9963 or (210) 221-9963. All request for waivers must be submitted to: CDR AMEDDC&S, APPD, ATTN MCCS DE, 1400 E GRAYSON STREET, FORT SAM HOUSTON, TX 78234-6175.

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## Medical Logistics Specialist

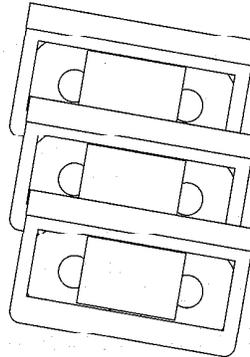
Soldiers holding MOS 76J (Medical Supply Specialist) will have a new title in the future. The revision submitted, which changes MOS 76J to 91J and Medical Supply Specialist to Medical Logistics Specialist, has been approved. The title of Medical Logistics Specialist better describes the duties of procurement, maintenance, distribution, and replacement of medical equipment and materials being performed by soldiers awarded MOS 91J. Changing 76J to 91J will provide for proper affiliation into the AMEDD Enlisted Career Management Field 91 (Medical). Personnel reclassification, to include any required revision to personnel records, publication of orders, and/or submission of SIDPERS transaction, will be accomplished by the affected soldiers Personnel Service Center during 1 June - 30 September 2001. Effective date of reclassification will be 30 September 2001. **Contact:** Mr. Caldwell, AMEDD Personnel Proponent Directorate, DSN 471-9963 or (210) 221-9963.

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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):

- Initiate Treatment of Burns, 19:41 (PIN #710606)
- Apply a Universal Splint, 04:25 (PIN #710661)
- Perform Basic Emergency Treatment of a Diabetic Patient, 09:20 (PIN #710686)
- Initiate an Intravenous Infusion in a Field Environment, 10:00 (PIN #710691)
- Common Preventable Dental Diseases, 07:14 (PIN #710650)
- Dental Support in a Theater of Operations, 20:00 (PIN #709769)
- Survey a Casualty in a Combat Setting, 16:46 (PIN #710023)
- Perform a Venipuncture to Obtain a Blood Specimen, 08:54 (PIN #710427)
- Establish Priorities for Treatment in Combat Setting, 07:16 (PIN #710428)
- Protect Yourself Against Heat, 10:00 (PIN #710007)



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.

## Correspondence Course books deleted

The following subcourses are no longer available on an individual selected basis. Students enrolled in a course, which includes the subcourses, will receive them as scheduled.

- MD0009 - Regional Human Anatomy
- MD0022 - Medical Records and Patient Administration I
- MD0024 - Staff Procedures I
- MD0042 - General Military Subjects
- MD0433 - Health Service Support of Special Forces
- MD0436 - Preventive Medicine
- MD0453 - Aeromedical Evacuation

Subcourse SS0527, Draw Bar, Pie, and Flow Charts, is being deleted. Students in the Statistics and Communication Skills for the Quality Assurance Inspector Course must complete this subcourse by 1 Oct 99 to receive credit. **Contact:** Nonresident Instruction Branch, DSN 471-5877, (210) 221-5877, or 1-800-344-2380.

## 91S career path to promotion

Getting promoted in today's competitive Army is tough in any MOS. The 91S (Preventive Medicine Specialist) usually needs 798 points to make E-5 or E-6. What can you do to help yourself get promoted and be better qualified at your job?

First, take every opportunity to further your education. There are several resident courses at the AMEDDC&S specifically for the Preventive Medicine Specialist. They include the Sexually Transmitted and Other Communicable Disease Intervention Course, Basic Industrial Hygiene Course, Intermediate Industrial Hygiene Course, Health Physics Specialty Course, additional skill identifier, and the DOD Pest Management Certification and Recertification Course. Each of these helps the 91S further specialize and are worth promotion points. Check the AMEDDC&S home page at [www.cs.amedd.army.mil](http://www.cs.amedd.army.mil) for more information on these courses.

Although the MOS does not require earning annual educational credits, it is important that the 91S continue to learn more about their job after IET. Civilian courses and certifications are also available to assist the 91S in becoming a Preventive Medicine expert. Check out certifications offered by the National Sanitation Foundation and the National Environment Health Association. DANTES' certifications and some college courses in environmental health and safety are available through your local education center.

Take the initiative to find out what is available. Don't wait for the promotion points to drop. You must take the responsibility to develop your skills. It will make you a better Preventive Medicine Specialist and provide skills you can use after retirement or ETS from the Army.

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