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## From the Top AMEDD Project Warrior

Instilling the lessons of the simulated battlefields of the Combat Training Centers (CTCs) in doctrine and future AMEDD leaders is the role of the AMEDD Project Warrior NCOs. Whether writing doctrine, developing training literature, or leading small group instruction at the AMEDD NCO Academy or Officer Basic Course, the U.S. Army Medical Department Center and School (AMEDDC&S) puts Project Warrior NCOs out front in its program to assimilate the lessons of the CTCs and current operational deployments.

Project Warrior is a TRADOC program designed to bring the expertise developed by the Observer Controllers (OCs) at the CTCs to the proponent institutions. Noncommissioned Officer Project Warrior candidates are selected from promotable SSGs or SFCs who have completed a successful tour as a platoon sergeant. Once selected for the program, AMEDD OCs spend 2 years at the Joint Readiness Training Center (JRTC), National Training Center (NTC), or Combat Maneuver Training Center (CMTC) where they coach, teach, and mentor their peers. "Our OCs are top NCOs when they get selected for Project Warrior" said CSM Adolph Arista, AMEDDC&S Command Sergeant Major. "When they arrive here after 2 years at the CTCs, they've seen every possible way leaders attempt to apply doctrine in a stressful training situation. They know what works, what doesn't work, and why. We put them in positions here where they can contribute from the first day; I expect them to hit the ground running."

The three "dirt" CTCs, the NTC at Fort Irwin, CA, the JRTC at Fort Polk, LA, and the CMTC at Hohenfels, Federal Republic of Germany, are home to the 20 AMEDD NCO OCs who are divided up among the maneuver, maneuver support, and maneuver sustainment teams. The NCO works with the medical platoon and section sergeants while the Medical Service Corps captain works with the platoon leader. Both OCs coach, teach, and mentor the medical platoon, drawing from extensive experience in tactical operations and their knowledge of doctrine and training publications to team-teach the entire unit. "It's great to watch the growth take place during a rotation" said SFC Bobby Jenkins, who is now an Advanced NCO Course (ANCOC) small group leader at the AMEDD NCO Academy. "Most units don't have the resources to do an extensive train-up prior to a rotation at a CTC, so they come in at a lower level of training readiness. In many cases the leaders haven't had a lot of practice at leading in a stressful environment like the JRTC. The OCs talk to the leaders a

lot, refreshing things they learned at the NCO Academy and walking them through the process. After a while, the unit begins to function like they've been doing this for months, and it's great to see them gain success." Sergeant Jenkins draws on his 2 years of coaching units as he leads his ANCOC students through the curriculum. "There's no



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substitute for having been there – done that" says CSM Zulma Santiago, Commandant of the AMEDD NCO Academy. "We not only have Project Warrior NCOs on the staff, but Project Warrior NCOs come in from other jobs at the AMEDDC&S to share their knowledge and insights with the students. It's a great relationship, and the students know they're getting the best and most current instructor talent available."

The AMEDD leverages Project Warrior NCO expertise through the quarterly teleconference between the AMEDD CTC OCs, the Center and School Staff and the MACOM, Corps and Division Surgeons, and the Division Medical Operating Centers. The CTC OCs brief the current positive and negative trends. The AMEDD Lessons Learned Office coordinates staff follow up and posts the results on their web site for medical units to use when preparing for a deployment or CTC rotation. The AMEDD Lessons Learned provides deployment after action reports and lessons learned information, training resources, articles, and a current database of CTC observations that users can download based on their own personal needs. "The web site has developed over time into a tremendous resource for medics in the field" said CSM James M. Aplin, MEDCOM Command Sergeant Major. "Our Project Warriors are pivotal to our success. We send them to deployed units to gather their lessons learned and experiences. Having the kind of expertise that these NCOs bring to the table is a valuable asset for the AMEDD."

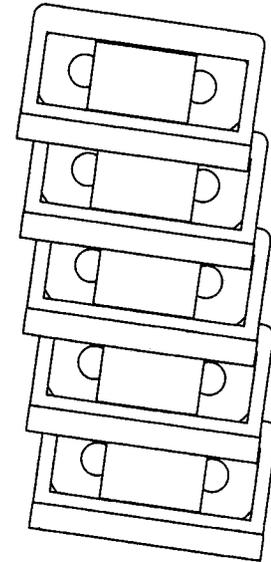
The AMEDD's success in utilizing Project Warrior NCOs is proof positive that the NCO Corps has a pivotal role to play in the success of any organization. Whether coaching units on the simulated battlefields of the CTCs, writing AMEDD doctrine, developing training publications, or mentoring the next generation of AMEDD leaders, AMEDD Project Warrior NCOs lead the way.

## AMEDD videotapes available

The following videotapes are available for use in your unit training through the Internet at <http://dodimagery.afis.osd.mil> where you can place your order. They are also available at your supporting Training Support Center or Visual Information Support Center. This list contains the production identification number, title, and running time:

### *Emergency Medicine Patient Education Series:*

- 711214 Back Pain, 7:41
- 711215 Fever and Children, 8:00
- 711216 Introduction to the Emergency Dept, 6:28
  
- 711047 Same Day Surgery: What to Expect, 13:55
- 710985 A Day in the Life of AMEDD Drill Sergeant, 6:01
- 710981 Medical Logistics: Ready Now and For the Future, 10:00
- 710929 What to Expect After Delivery: Maternal and Newborn Care, 22:18
- 770448 Universal Precautions in a Field Environment, 6:50
- 708473 Your Weight Control Diet, 30:00
- 504492 Healthcare Security: An Essential Element in Patient Care, 12:26



For USAMEDCOM personnel needing information on specific medical videotapes, access our web page at [www.cs.amedd.army.mil](http://www.cs.amedd.army.mil) or contact: AMEDDC&S Health Sciences Visual Information Division, DSN 471-3111 or (210) 221-3111.

### NCO Vision

An NCO Corps, grounded in heritage, values and tradition, that embodies the warrior ethos; values perpetual learning; and is capable of leading, training, and motivating soldiers.

#### *We must always be an NCO Corps that -*

- Leads by Example
- Trains from Experience
- Maintains and Enforces Standards
- Takes Care of Soldiers
- Adapts to a Changing World

### Physician Assistant training

The Interservice Physician Assistant Program (IPAP) at Fort Sam Houston, TX, is a unique opportunity for soldiers to continue receiving their pay while an getting education that leads to commissioning in the Army Medical Specialist Corps. Formed in 1966 when the Army, Air Force, and Navy combined their PA programs, the IPAP is now the largest PA program in the world. Coast Guard and select civilians have also received their PA education at the IPAP. The program pays for all tuition, fees, and books, and graduates are granted a baccalaureate degree from the University of Nebraska. Even though the Army will soon be accepting commissioned officers for training, the IPAP continues to be a great opportunity for enlisted soldiers to excel.

For information on the IPAP, access: <http://www.cs.amedd.army.mil/pap/frames.htm>. For information on application requirements and procedures, access: <http://www.goarmy.com/job/amedd/paqual3.htm>. **Contact:** MAJ Chitwood, IPAP PA Instructor, DSN 471-7179 or (210) 221-7179.

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**2001 EFMB CONUS/OCONUS Test Sites and Points of Contact**

	CONUS	POC	DSN	COMM
9-14 Jun	10th Mountain Div, Ft Drum, NY	1LT Wolf	341-4001	315-772-4001
18-22 Jun	10th CSH, Ft Carson, CO	MAJ Cutler	691-3982	719-526-3800
22-26 Jun	Iowa ARNG, Iowa City, IA	CPT Kruse	—	319-337-7675
<b>OCONUS</b>				
4th Qtr	1st Infantry Div, Germany	CPT Reynolds	355-8560	01149-9321-308611
22-27 Jul	HQ, 172d Sup Bn, Alaska	1LT Kee	317-353-1810	907-353-1810
16-21 Sep	1st Armored Div Spt Cmd, Germany	CPT Ruwe	490-7560	49-671-609-7560

Information concerning the EFMB program is located on the EFMB web page. Using a search engine, type in EFMB; the site is listed as "THE OFFICIAL SITE OF THE ARMY EFMB PROGRAM." **Contact:** SFC Mullis, EFMB Test Control Office, DSN 421-9453/9051, 295-9453/9051, or e-mail [Mark.Mullis@amedd.army.mil](mailto:Mark.Mullis@amedd.army.mil). The EFMB Test Control Office web address is: <http://www.cs.amedd.army.mil/dts/efmbhome.htm>.

**The Army School System (TASS) changes for FY 02**

Beginning 1 Oct 01, TASS battalions will train the transition courses for MOS 91W, Health Care Specialist. These courses are National Registry Emergency Medical Technician-Basic, Basic Trauma Life Support (Advanced Provider) or Pre-Hospital Trauma Life Support (Advanced Provider), and Trauma AIMS (advanced airway management, intravenous therapy, medications, shock trauma). During FY 01, the TASS battalion's training priority is their faculty and assigned personnel in order to prepare for FY 02. The transition training will continue through FY 09. Reclassification training for 91W soldiers holding MOSs other than 91B will begin 1 Oct 02.

Training of practical nurses will continue for those courses in session. New courses for practical nurses will start in FY 02 as the Additional Skill Identifier, M6, to MOS 91W. These soldiers will need to complete the transition courses of NREMT-B and BTLs (Adv) or PHTLS (Adv) prior to qualifying as a 91WM6. They will not need Trauma AIMS.

The Reserve Components have until the end of FY 09 to transition. Soldiers who do not transition by this time will be reclassified to the needs of the Army. **Contact:** Nonresident Instruction Branch, 1-800-344-2380, DSN 471-5877, or (210) 221-5877.

**Training Assessment Program (TAP)**

The Department of Academic Support and Quality Assurance, AMEDDC&S, manages the TAP. The program surveys graduates of AIT courses and their supervisors regarding the effectiveness of AMEDDC&S training. Supervisor ratings and comments are an essential part of the TAP program to identify training that is meeting the Army's needs and identify areas that need improvement.

A general assessment questionnaire "Measuring the Success of AMEDDC&S Training" is available on the AMEDD Knowledge Exchange at <http://208.12.176.60/home.php3#>.

Web-based questionnaires are being developed to assess the performance of MOS-specific tasks. Supervisors and graduates will be notified concerning web location and deadline to complete questionnaire. For more information, **contact:** SFC Rogers, Training Systems Evaluator, DSN 471-6477, (210) 221-6477, or [john.rogers@cen.amedd.army.mil](mailto:john.rogers@cen.amedd.army.mil).

## Army Transformation and 91W

Transformation is one of three parts of the Army Vision, which also includes people and readiness. The 91W, Health Care Specialist, is leading the way for the Army Medical Department's efforts to make the Army Vision a reality. The 91B and 91C MOS have always had a direct impact on people and readiness. On 1 Oct 02, when it becomes the Army's second largest MOS, this new medic will have an even greater impact on all three aspects of this vision.

The 91W has incorporated the requirements for the Army's transformation from today's Legacy Force, tomorrow's Interim Force, and the future's Objective Force. Transformation of the medic calls for a system of training and sustainment that will enable the medic to be proficient throughout the entire spectrum of operations. This training includes increased aptitude scores, longer training cycles, clinical rotations, national registry emergency medical technician-basic certification, improved field training exercises, advanced training in trauma assessment, airway management, medications, and shock management. The sustainment piece to this system is the Medical Readiness Proficiency Test that starts with training and testing of basic individual medical skills and systematically increases to more complex team or crew level skills.

The Objective Force will use new battlefield technology and the AMEDD is working to increase and improve the medic's technology base. The Health Care Specialist will support the Army as it transforms to a more responsive, deployable, agile, versatile, lethal, survivable, and sustainable force. For more information, access the 91W web page at <http://www.cs.amedd.army.mil/91W>.

## New Combat Arms Earplugs

"What did you say? I couldn't hear you. I'm wearing earplugs." This wouldn't happen if you were wearing the new combat arms earplugs. The new device is a double-plug design. One side is yellow and has a filter that protects the wearer from sudden impact noises sure as weapons fire, while the olive drab side works like a conventional earplug to shield against steady noises as those made by aircraft, large trucks, or lawn mowers.

With the yellow side of the plug properly inserted in the ear so that lightly pulling the plug doesn't remove it, it's possible to have normal volume conversations, yet still be protected from the impact noise of one's own weapon. New technology is great, but remember, the best earplug is still the one you actually use.

The new combat arms earplug is available through normal supply channels. The national stock number is 6515-01-466-2710. More information on this device is available from Doug Ohlin of the U.S. Army Center for Health Promotion and Preventive Medicine at [douglas.ohlin@amedd.army.mil](mailto:douglas.ohlin@amedd.army.mil). Contact: SFC Tyree, Physician Extenders Branch, Department of Medical Science, DSN 471-3189 or (210) 221-3189.

## Mission Training Plan (MTP) update

The Army Training and Evaluation Program Branch is making an effort to provide users with the latest MTP information. There are 30 MTPs available in the General Dennis Reimer Digital Library (RDL) at <http://155.217.58.58.atdls.htm>. Use the RDL tasks when there is a difference between the printed task information in the MTP and the RDL data. For more information, contact: Ms. Garza, DSN 4711-2672, (210) 221-2672, e-mail [crescenciana.garza@amedd.army.mil](mailto:crescenciana.garza@amedd.army.mil), or CPT Kays at [William.Kays@amedd.army.mil](mailto:William.Kays@amedd.army.mil).

## OUTLOOK web address changes

The Medical Soldiers OUTLOOK web address has changed. It can now be accessed through the redesigned Department of Academic Support and Quality Assurance Home Page at: <http://das.cs.amedd.army.mil/>. Click on JOURNAL and then on OUTLOOK to access the latest as well as back issues.