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From the Top

Command Sergeant Major Jack L. Clark, Jr, became command sergeant major of Medical Command and senior enlisted advisor to the Army Surgeon General, replacing CSM James M. Aplin, in a Change of Responsibility ceremony on 19 Feb at Fort Sam Houston, TX. Aplin retired after 27 years of military service. Clark was previously CSM of the North Atlantic Regional Medical Command and Walter Reed Army Medical Center.

Born in Auburndale, FL, CSM Clark entered the Army on 27 June 1973. He attended Basic Training at Fort Knox, KY; received his medical occupational specialty training at Fort Sam Houston, TX; and attended Airborne school at Fort Benning, GA.

His overseas assignments included one tour in Germany and one in Panama. Other assignments included duty with the 82nd Airborne Division, Fort Bragg, NC; 10th Mountain Division, Fort Drum, NY; Patterson Army Community Hospital, Fort Monmouth, NJ; Keller Army Community Hospital, West Point, NY; Madigan Army

Medical Center, Fort Lewis, WA, and Western Regional Medical Command, Fort Lewis, WA. Clark deployed with the 82nd Airborne Division during Operation Urgent Fury, Operation Just Cause, and Operations Desert Storm and Desert Shield.

Command Sergeant Major Clark has attended Airborne School, Non-commissioned Officer Academy, the Advanced Noncommissioned Officer Course, the First Sergeant Course, the Sergeants Major Academy, Class 44, and the Command Sergeants Major Course. He holds a degree in health services from Methodist College.



Jack L. Clark
CSM, USAMEDCOM

His awards and decorations include the Combat Medic Badge, Expert Field Medic Badge, Parachutist Badge, Legion of Merit, three Meritorious Service Medals, four Army Commendation Medals, and the Order of Military Medical Merit.

The 300-Y6 Cardiovascular Specialty Course

Phase 1 (21 weeks) consists of didactic study conducted at the AMEDDC&S. Phase 2 (36 weeks) consists of a rotation in a clinical environment conducted at a designated medical treatment facility. This portion includes training in echocardiography to assess the anatomy and physiology of a patient's heart. Students also receive training in both cardiovascular invasive and noninvasive procedures and performance of all duties required in an Army laboratory.

For prerequisites and class dates, check the Course Catalog at the following website: <https://www.atrrs.army.mil>. The catalog is in the upper right corner. Select School Code 081, the fiscal year desired, and click on "Search."

For more information, **contact:** SSG Hanke, Physician Extender Branch, Department of Medical Science, DSN 471-5808, (210) 221-5808, or e-mail charles.hanke@cen.amedd.army.mil.

AMEDDC&S Lessons Learned Office

Do you have an outstanding Tactical SOP (TACSOP)? Has your unit just returned from a deployment? Has your leadership conducted an After Action Review (AAR)? These are just some of the questions that NCOs at the AMEDD Lessons Learned Office are asking. The office is a great source of Combat Health Support (CHS) information, help in developing a TACSOP, or producing effective Pre-Combat Checks and Inspections.

The Lessons Learned Office collects, catalogues, maintains, and shares issues and lessons learned from unit exercises, deployments, training exercises, and operations around the world. This information can be accessed to help commanders and units prepare for combat, provide information to doctrine writers, trainers, and combat developers. *"It is a valuable reference resource that is sorely underutilized due to lack of knowledge of its existence and content; this website should be in the forefront of every Leader's Book"* said CSM Sandra Townsend, AMEDDC&S CSM.

Whether it's level one treatment, CHS, or medical system issues, the Lessons Learned staff is here to help you. Access the website at <http://lessonslearned.amedd.army.mil/>. Our success is based on soldiers using the site and sharing lessons learned, the good as well as the bad. Lessons Learned can also point you in the right direction with articles on Combat Training Centers, unit mission tasks, or one of many current AARs. For assistance or more information, **contact:** MSG Fermin/MSG Ecker, AMEDDC&S Lessons Learned Office, DSN 471-8171/7395 or (210) 221-8171/7395. Forward written inquiries to: AMEDDC&S, Bldg 2840, MCCS FSE L, 2250 Stanley Rd, Fort Sam Houston, TX 78234-6120.

Correspondence Course Program update

- **Enrollment** – All soldiers who wish to enroll in self-development courses or subcourses of the AMEDD Correspondence Course Program must submit an application over the Internet. The website is <https://www.atrrs.army.mil>.

- **Web-based Instruction** – Additional subcourses are being placed on the General Dennis J. Reimer Training and Doctrine Digital Library; hard copy books are being replaced by on-line review of materials. The AMEDDC&S sends the student an examination booklet which contains instructions on how to access the website, a scan sheet on which to mark answers, and a Business Reply Mail envelop to return the scan sheet. To receive credit hours, students must enroll through the Army Training Requirement and Resources System as mentioned above under "Enrollment."

- **800-91M10(RC)(DL), Hospital Food Service Specialist Course** – Phase 1, has been modified. Students no longer complete hard copy subcourses; the materials are sent on compact disk (CD 8-21). The examination is taken on-line. Prerequisites include holding an American Red Cross Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation certification. Phase 1 emphasizes medical nutrition therapy, nutrition screening and assessment, sports nutrition, vegetarian diets, and dietary supplements, presented in a clinical setting.

For more information, **contact:** Nonresident Instruction Section, DSN 471-5877, (210) 221-5877, or Toll Free at 1-800-344-2380.

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Basic/Advanced NCO Courses revised

The AMEDD NCO Academy Basic and Advanced NCO Course curriculum for both active duty and reserve component is being revised. Instruction will include ethics, brigade level tactical operations, Middle Eastern policy, and the Manual for Courts Martial. The study also covers current and emerging doctrine and from lessons learned, and translates a classroom lesson on military operations on urban terrain into the field exercise.

The new design is further supported by the Battle Simulation Center and Rock Drill Exercises. The revised training will challenge the student through academics as well as hands-on experiences. For more information, **contact:** Ms. Jackson, AMEDD NCO Academy, DSN 471-4216 or (210) 221-4216.

MOS 91X training opportunities

The Alcohol and Drug Training Section, Soldier and Family Support Branch, Department of Preventive Health Services, has a number of courses to help soldiers and civilians improve their counseling skills. Interested personnel are encouraged to access www.cs.amedd.army.mil/sfsb/ADTS/ADTS.htm or the ATRRS website at www.atrrs.army.mil to verify class dates and prerequisites and to review and apply for courses.

Submission of a course nomination does not guarantee enrollment. For more information, **contact:** Ms. Garcia at DSN 471-6736, (210) 221-6736, FAX DSN 471-6354, or e-mail lucinda.garcia@cen.amedd.army.mil.

91W Clinical Training

At the Department of Combat Medic Training, a liaison with Brooke Army Medical Center (BAMC) has been facilitated to provide the opportunity for 91W students to experience real-world clinical training. During the 16-week 91W Health Care Specialist Course, students receive clinical training at BAMC and the McWethy Troop Medical Clinic (TMC).

The 91W students are placed into training teams led by an experienced clinical instructor. They are dispersed throughout BAMC and the TMC to begin their clinical training requirements that include physical assessments, vitals signs, and invasive procedures. From among the many invasive procedures, students may initiate an intravenous line, phlebotomy attempt, administer immunizations, and insert a urinary catheter and nasogastric tubes.

The 91W clinical training started with 10 patient care areas, and has expanded to accommodate 400 students in 17 outpatient and inpatient environments. Some of these include the Emergency Room, Post Anesthesia Care Unit, Gastroenterology Clinic, Cardiac Cauterization Clinic, Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery, Intensive Care Units, inpatient wards, and the TMC.

For more information, **contact:** SFC Bobby Cunningham, Jr, 91W Clinical NCOIC, Department of Combat Medic Training, DSN 471-3679, (210) 916-3679, or Bobby.Cunningham2@amedd.army.mil.

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Sexually Transmitted/Other Communicable Disease Intervention Course

This course (6H-F9/322-F9) provides AMEDD and other military services enlisted personnel, officers, and DA/DOD civilians with the basic knowledge and skills essential to function as a Disease Intervention Specialist. Students will develop essential knowledge and skills used in the prevention and control of Sexually Transmitted Disease (STD) including medical record reviews, contact interviews, and contact tracing. They will be prepared to present STD education at multiple levels, learn how STD patients are assessed and managed, and the procedures for complying with public health military and civilian requirements.

For prerequisites, class dates, and special information, visit the following website: <https://www.atrrs.army.mil>. Open the Course Catalog in the upper right corner, select the fiscal year and School Code 081, and click on "Search."

AMEDD Battle Simulation Center

The AMEDDC&S Battle Simulation Center (BSC) at Fort Sam Houston trains 4,000 medical soldiers each year. Its computer-based networked systems employ varying scenarios on differing terrain to train medical staffs on how to coordinate, plan, and carry out medical missions during wartime under intense conditions and high casualty ratios.

The BSC is developing the NBC Casualty Training System. This simulation will provide functionality as a command and staff and individual/collective task trainer, enabling user evaluation through the use of an internal After Action Report. The BSC and NCO Academy staffs are working toward incorporating the Basic and Advanced NCO Course's (TRADOC directed) digital training requirements for Force XXI Battle Command-Brigade and below. **Contact:** MSG Peters, Leader Training Center, DSN 471-9041 or (210) 221-9041.

Medical Maintenance opportunity

You've heard of "Medical Maintenance" and probably the Military Occupational Specialty (MOS) "91A," but did you know that the 91A MOS is open to prior service enlisted soldiers? The Department of Defense Biomedical Equipment Technician (BMET) Training Facility, Sheppard Air Force Base, TX, is the only school that teaches both electronic theory and hands-on troubleshooting of the latest hospital equipment, to include X-ray machines, defibrillators, anesthesia, and monitoring systems.

For more information, visit the BMET website at https://webm.sheppard.af.mil/882trg/382/army_page/index.htm or contact your unit retention NCO. Course prerequisites are given at: <https://www.atrrs.army.mil>. Open the Course Catalog in the upper right corner. Select fiscal year, School Code 803, and click on "Search."

Heat Injury video

The current trend of rising temperatures and high humidity makes it important for soldiers to guard against heat injury. An injury prevention initiative is to view the "Heat Injury Risk Management video." As it is mandatory training, you may have found it difficult to get a copy for your training needs. According to DOD guidelines, the following is the correct method to get your copy: Go to the Army Safety website at <http://safety.army.mil/home.html>; click on Media from buttons across the top; select DOD audio/visual library; in the search bar, type "Heat Injury Risk Management"; then, enter the requested info for video or DVD.

Another excellent source of information on the Heat Injury Prevention Program is the CHPPM website at <http://chppm-www.apgea.army.mil/heat/>.