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From the Top

The recent release of the Army theme “Our Army at War – Relevant and Ready” describes the proactive strategy of Chief of Staff General Peter Schoomaker and is based on his objectives for the Army. With nearly 50% of the force engaged in war, it is not “business as usual.”

A recent assessment of the force, conducted by Army leaders, outlines 15 priorities for the Army to follow to remain relevant. Soldiers are the first priority. That should come as no surprise since the Soldier, their training, readiness, and welfare are central to all that we do. In order for soldiers to perform their mission, they must have the proper training and equipment. With sustained operations the norm, the necessity for our soldiers to be able to rely on skills, ingrained through training, is critical.

The Army’s capstone training doctrine, FM 7-0, which recently marked its first year in publication, provides us with the training and leadership development methodology. It is up to leaders to achieve the balance between training management

and training execution. Regardless of constrained resources and competing priorities, we must sustain a trained and ready force. Our historical experiences indicate a direct correlation between realistic training and success on the battlefield. The Global War on Terrorism is no exception. The enhanced skills of our Army Medical Department soldiers have saved untold lives; however, these skills are perishable, which demonstrates more than ever the importance not only of the 91W transition process, but also the sustainment of medical skills through the application of TC 8-800.



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We are an Army at war, and the medical readiness of our force, which includes deploying a trained and equipped medical force, is what we are about. Training = proficiency. All leaders are trainers and must make training a priority.

FY 04 Class Schedules

Class schedules for courses conducted by the Academy of Health Sciences, AMEDD NCO Academy, Defense Medical Readiness Training Institute, and all other Army schools are no longer available in paper-based form. They are available on the Internet at the Army Training Requirements and Resources System homepage at <https://www.atrrs.army.mil>. In the upper right corner is a block containing a link to COURSE CATALOG. Click on it to open the search form. Be sure that the FY is 2004.

Select the School Code desired from the drop-down menu and then click on SUBMIT at the bottom of the page. The courses available in FY 04 will be displayed in number sequence. Click on the underlined course number to open the course to show class schedule, prerequisites, scope, location, class size, and schoolhouse information.

For a complete list of AMEDD School Codes, access the Registrar Services and Training Management Branch website at <http://das.cs.amedd.army.mil>. For more information, contact: Joyce Gross, Registrar Services and Training Management Branch, Department of Academic Support and Quality Assurance, DSN 471-7388 or (210) 221-7388.

Medical Evacuation Conference

The Army Medical Evacuation Conference will be held 22-27 Feb 04 at the Marriott Northwest Hotel in San Antonio, TX. The conference theme is “Evacuation-Evolving for Today’s Challenges” and soldiers and leaders from ground and air evacuation units are invited to attend. Contact: MSG Vallejo/SFC Charpentier, Medical Evacuation Proponency Directorate, DSN 558-1179 or (334) 255-1179.

Military Medical Microsimulation (M3) to be deployed to assist in 91W Transition and Sustainment

Building upon a PC-based simulation capability that is currently utilized for 91W Advanced Individual Training, the Office of The Surgeon General will acquire and deploy the M3 learning system to over 150 Army EMS training sites providing access to all 40,000 91W soldiers in all three components. The system is designed to assist the 91W soldier in learning medical cognitive skills or to refresh these skills at their own pace. The goal is that each patient scenario will be certified for National Registry EMT recognized continuing education credit.

The system provides medical personnel the capability to reach a common and consistent standard of training, while reducing or eliminating face-to-face instructor time. Once deployed for use, all 91W soldiers will be able to undertake the learning modules in their own time, while at work or away from their base of operations. The system will reinforce transition course material through interactive PC-based simulation.

The M3 learning system consists of 25 military patient scenarios divided into two learning modules. The advanced life support module focuses on patients with cardiac and respiratory illnesses or injuries. The CBRNE module focuses on patients with chemical and biological illnesses or injuries.

In support of 91W sustainment training, the M3 learning system is working to accredit all patient scenarios for continuing education (CE) credit. Initial indications are that the CE value may be up to one CE unit per patient scenario. This will, in part, greatly assist our 91W soldiers in meeting CE requirements for National Registry EMT-B recertification. **Contact:** Rick Agosta, 91W Synchronization Office, Office of The Surgeon General, DSN 761-1781 or (703) 681-1781.

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 working in the Behavioral Health field improve their counseling skills. Interested personnel are encouraged to access www.cs.amedd.army.mil/sfsb and click on Alcohol and Drug, then course schedules to review and verify class dates, prerequisites, and apply for the following courses:

Course	Number	Date	Suspense
Management Course	5H-F6/302-F6	01-05 Mar 04	19 Jan 04
Individual Course	5H-F4/302-F4	05-16 Apr 04	23 Feb 04
Group Course	5H-F4/302-F5	03-14 May 04	22 Mar 04

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.

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Professional Postgraduate Short Course Program FY 04

Primary Enlisted Corps Short Courses

75/71 Personnel/Retention/Legal/EO Short Course

Vet NCO Short Course 91R/91T

Senior Dental NCO Short Course

Surgical Support NCO Short Course

91X/71M NCO Short Course

CSM/SGM/SR NCO Short Course (Europe)

Enlisted Corps Quotas in other Corps Courses

TOE Field Medicine Short Course

Strategic Issues Symposium (Executive Leaders)

Hospital Educators Course

Combined Forces Pharmacy Seminar

Medical Laboratory Sciences (Tri-Service)

Joint Field Nutrition Operations Course

Management of Combat Stress Casualties

Advanced Nutrition Support of Combat Casualty/Humanitarian Mission

Institute of Surgical Research – Burn Course

Current Operations in Operational and Environment

FORSCOM Senior Medical Leadership

For details, access the DHET website at <http://www.cs.amedd.army.mil/dhet/index.htm>. Click on Enlisted Training located on the left side of the page. Scroll down for information on how to apply. For more information, **contact:** SFC Thompson, Department of Health Education and Training, DSN 471-0144 or (210) 221-0144.

Soldiers can earn promotion points with FREE on-line courses

SkillSoft (formerly SmartForce) offers a state-of-the-art computer-based training (CBT) system that is customized for individuals and delivered in a fast, effective way. SkillSoft provides Internet-enabled learning events from technical seminars to real-time collaboration with a network of mentors and experts. To access the system, you must have an Army Knowledge Online (AKO) account. After logging into AKO at <http://www.us.army.mil>, from the home page window entitled **Army Wide Announcements**, click **State-of-the-Art CBT available free to the Army workforce**.

All Army personnel (contractors must have separate license) will be able to access almost 1,500 Information Technology (IT), Business Skills, and Information Assurance Phase I and II courses from any location around the clock (24/7) and have access to live help and personal mentoring for all certifications offered. The courses in SkillSoft curriculum cover the training for most IT certification programs (not the test – the training), but do include pre-test simulations for most of the certifications.

The American Council on Education has also recommended six Skillsoft Course Test Prep Exams for college credits. E-mail **Julie.gueller@us.army.mil** or call DSN 471-8945, or (210) 221-8945 for SkillSoft training information.

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 and includes training in echocardiography to assess the anatomy and physiology of a patient's heart. Students also receive training in cardiovascular 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:** SFC Sanchez, DSN 471-3472, (210) 221-3472 or SSG Hanke, Physician Extender Branch, Department of Medical Science, DSN 471-5808, (210) 221-5808, or e-mail charles.hanke@cen.amedd.army.mil.

ASmart Booklets on the Web

The U.S. Army Medical Department Systematic Modular Approach to Realistic Training (ASmart) program was developed to meet the need for standardized medical proficiency training and operates under MEDCOM Regulation 350-4, Readiness Training Requirements.

ASmart booklets are used to document sustainment training in certain tasks required for medical readiness, but which are not routinely performed in the TOE environment. ASmart can be used by all AMEDD personnel, including reserve components personnel on annual training or inactive duty training when appropriate.

ASmart booklets are available for the following:

MOS 91A (MD 1130)	MOS 91P (MD 1530)
MOS 91Q (MD 1550)	MOS 91D (MD 1330)
MOS 91S (MD 1610)	MOS 91E (MD 1350)
MOS 91G (MD 1230)	MOS 91V (MD 1670)
MOS 91H (MD 1210)	MOS 91W (MD 1290)
MOS 91J (MD 1250)	MOS 91X (MD 1690)
MOS 91K (MD 1750)	ASI 91WM6 (MD 1310)
MOS 91M (MD 1470)	User's Manual (MD 1040)

ASmart booklets can be accessed as follows: Go to <https://ke.army.mil> (don't forget the "s" in "https"); click on "E-Learning" (middle of the title bar); scroll down to "ASmart Resource Archive" and click on it (enter AKO user name and password, if requested); and select the desired ASmart booklet.

Each ASmart booklet is available in both Adobe Acrobat (pdf) file and MS Word (doc) formats. **Contact:** Mr. Atkerson, DSN 471-3770, (210) 221-7330, or e-mail don.atkerson@cen.amedd.army.mil.

91K30 BNCOC DL/Technical Training Requirement

The 91K20/30 Basic Noncommissioned Officer Course (BNCOC) Distance Learning (DL)/Technical Training is a course requirement that must be completed prior to the BNCOC resident phase. Medical Laboratory NCOs (91K20/30) scheduled to attend BNCOC, or are SGT (P) will begin the DL portion of BNCOC no earlier than 6 months before the date scheduled to attend the resident phase.

Medical Laboratory Technicians (91K20/30) scheduled to attend BNCOC must contact the Department of Clinical Support Services, NCO Education System Coordinator at DSN 471-8158 or (210) 221-8158. Visit <http://dcss.cs.amedd.army.mil/91Ktrain/index.htm> for more information.

Supervisors must become familiar with the Department of the Army Policy on DL (<http://www.tadlp.monroe.army.mil/dl%20policy%message.htm>). NCOs should be afforded maximum time to complete the DL requirements.

Contact: SFC Manzanet, Department of Clinical Support Services, DSN 471-8158 or (210) 221-8158.

Education Opportunities for Soldiers

The Servicemembers Opportunity Colleges Army Degree (SOCAD) is the Army's college degree program. Degree programs are available for many Military Occupational Specialties (MOS) and Additional Skill Identifiers (ASI). Soldiers' family members may also participate in SOCAD.

Desired SOCAD career degree characteristics include: degrees matched to MOS/ASI; optimum acceptance of credit recommendations for military training/experience; solutions to academic residency requirements; a complete listing of degree requirements and options for meeting them (i.e., traditional courses, distance learning courses, Army schools, and MOS tests, licensure, and certification).

Army Education Center counselors assist soldiers with program selection, and advise them about tuition assistance, degree planning, SOCAD colleges, and the process for earning SOCAD degrees. For more information, soldiers may contact an Army Education Center or access <http://www.soc.asscu.org>.