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MEMORANDUM FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE ARMY (MANPOWER AND
RESERVE AFFAIRS)
ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE NAVY (MANPOWER AND
RESERVE AFFAIRS)
ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE AIR FORCE (MANPOWER
AND RESERVE AFFAIRS)
DIRECTOR, JOINT STAFF
DIRECTOR, DEFENSE HEALTH AGENCY

SUBJECT: Implementation of Tactical Combat Casualty Care in the Department of Defense

This memorandum requests implementation details regarding the revised and published Department of Defense Instruction (DoDI) 1322.24, "Medical Readiness Training" (MRT), dated March 16, 2018, attached, that requires all DoD military personnel and Expeditionary Civilians to be trained and certified in Tactical Combat Casualty Care (TCCC). Transitioning from nonstandard first aid training to standardized TCCC training will take time, therefore, the DoD will have until April 30, 2020, to fully institutionalize the DoDI 1322.24. Although the Secretaries of the Military Departments (SECMILDEPs) continue to program, budget, and account for the costs of implementing MRT, implementation details are requested to me not later than 45 days from the date of this memorandum to assist in maximizing the cost-effectiveness of a TCCC program implementation across the DoD.

The Service's TCCC subject matter experts will work through the Joint Trauma System in coordination with their Surgeons General offices and the Defense Health Agency (DHA) to establish a standardized TCCC program that includes programs of instruction and teaching materials.

The Director, DHA, in coordination with the SECMILDEPs, will:

- Establish a standardized TCCC role-based certification program (all Service Members, Combat Lifesaver, Medic/Corpsmen, and Advanced Provider);
- Develop a standardized TCCC recertification program; and
- Standardize and oversee the Medical Education Training Center TCCC program.

In order to conduct a phased, cost-effective implementation of a TCCC program, the SECMILDEPs will:

- Identify the number of personnel that require TCCC training, and the number of TCCC trainers that need to be trained;
- Identify current and new TCCC training site locations; and

- Identify which Service-designated training tracking systems will capture all TCCC initial certification and recertification by April 30, 2019, and plan for auditing of TCCC courses.

My point of contact for this effort is Colonel John Mitchell. Col Mitchell may be reached at (703) 681-8310, or john.p.mitchell2.mil@mail.mil.



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Attachment:
As stated

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