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SECNAV INSTRUCTION 6000.6

From: Secretary of the Navy

Subj: MILITARY HEALTH SUPPORT FOR STABILITY OPERATIONS

Ref: (a) DoD Instruction 6000.16 of 17 May 2010  
(b) DoD Instruction 3000.05 of 16 September 2009  
(c) Joint Publication 1-02, Department of Defense  
Dictionary of Military and Associated Terms,  
8 November 2010

1. Purpose. To assign responsibilities and provide instructions for military health support of stability operations referred to as medical stability operations (MSO), per references (a) and (b), and as defined in reference (c).

2. Applicability. This instruction applies to all Navy and Marine Corps activities.

3. Policy. MSOs are a core mission of Navy and Marine Corps throughout all phases of conflict and across the range of military operations, including in combat and non-combat environments. MSOs shall be given priority comparable to the support of combat operations. MSO activities shall be integrated across all Navy and Marine Corps activities, including doctrine, organization, training, education, exercises, material, leadership, personnel, facilities, and planning following reference (b).

4. Action. The Navy and Marine Corps shall be prepared to perform assigned tasks to establish, reconstitute, and maintain health sector capacity and capability for the affected indigenous population. Coordination with a wide spectrum of health service support assets to include relevant U.S. Government departments and agencies, foreign governments and security forces, as well as nongovernmental organizations, shall be included in plans.

5. Responsibilities

a. Office of the Chief of Naval Operations, Medical Resources, Plans and Policy Division (OPNAV (N931)) is designated for the Navy and Marine Corps to champion MSO medical initiatives and shall:

(1) Develop a plan, in coordination with U.S. Fleet Forces Command (USFLTFORCOM), Headquarters Marine Corps/Health Services (HQMC/HS), and Deputy Commanding General, Combat Development and Integration (DC,CD&I), for implementation of this instruction that includes Navy and Marine Corps MSO capabilities and gap identification, and recommends and prioritizes doctrine, organization, training, materiel, leadership and education, personnel, facilities, and policy solutions for improvement.

(2) Develop a process for assessing and reporting the status of the implementation of this instruction.

(3) In coordination with the HQMC/HS and U.S. Marine Corps (USMC) Training and Education Command (TECOM), ensure that curricula in individual and unit training programs and Service schools prepare personnel for joint, interagency, and coalition MSOs.

(4) In coordination with the USFLTFORCOM and HQMC/HS and DC,CD&I, support MSO joint concept development, experimentation, and capability development.

(5) In coordination with the USFLTFORCOM and HQMC/HS and DC, CD&I, ensure research, development, and acquisition programs address MSO capabilities and are integrated, in coordination with the Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition, Technology and Logistics), with research and development projects leading to product delivery to fill identified needs, mitigate gaps, and instruct in best practices.

(6) In coordination with USFLTFORCOM, support, as appropriate, interagency requests for personnel and assistance to bolster the capabilities of the U.S. Government departments and agencies to prepare for and conduct MSOs in coordination with the Under Secretary of Defense (Policy).

(7) In coordination with HQMC/HS and the Bureau of Medicine and Surgery, foster development of a Navy and Marine Corps professional community of practice for MSO including education/training and career development.

(8) Participate with other Military Services, interagency partners, and nongovernmental organizations in the development and sustainment of education and training in support of MSO missions.

(9) In coordination with USFLTFORCOM and the Navy and Marine Corps public affairs organizations, ensure strategic communications and public affairs guidance effectively supports MSOs.

(10) In collaboration with geographic combatant commanders and the USFLTFORCOM, develop policies and procedures for the development of strategic health security cooperation plans as components of combatant command theater security cooperation plans to ensure that MSOs achieve maximum benefit and contributions to national security.

(11) Develop MSO after-action reporting and lessons learned identification and dissemination mechanisms, including measures of effectiveness and or measures of performance that evaluate the progress in achieving the goals of this instruction and of MSOs.

(12) Closely track and coordinate recommendations for MSO improvements within the Navy and Marine Corps.

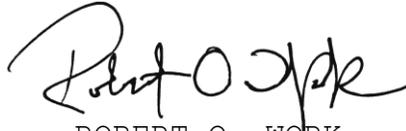
(13) Provide periodic updates to the Secretary of Defense on the status of the implementation of this instruction and the results of analysis of concluded MSOs, by reviewing the post-mission analyses and lessons learned from MSOs.

b. Deputy Chief of Naval Operations, Operations, Plans, and Strategy (CNO (N3/N5)) shall coordinate with OPNAV (N931) and naval components on developing plans to include global force management requirements, coordination with host nation, and military to military initiatives.

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c. HQMC shall coordinate with OPNAV (N931) and CNO (N3/N5) on Marine forces component command engagement in MSO.

6. Records Management. Records created as a result of this instruction, regardless of format and media, shall be managed per Secretary of the Navy Manual 5210.1 of November 2007.

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