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Subj: TACTICAL COMBAT CASUALTY CARE TRAINING AND EQUIPMENT
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REF:
A. PREHOSPITAL TRAUMA LIFE SUPPORT MANUAL (SECOND
PRINTING OF (FIFTH EDITION) CHAPTER 16
B. USCENTCOM MSG 061715Z JAN 2005
C. CDR USSOCOM LTR OF 9 MARCH 05

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1. NARR. REF A IS THE TRAINING MANUAL FOR PREHOSPITAL TRAUMA LIFE SUPPORT CERTIFICATION. REF B IS THE USCENTCOM INDIVIDUAL PROTECTION AND INDIVIDUAL/UNIT DEPLOYMENT POLICY. REF C IS THE SPECIAL OPERATIONS COMBAT MEDIC COURSE CRITICAL TASK LIST.

2. USSOCOMS NUMBER ONE MEDICAL PRIORITY IS ELIMINATING PREVENTABLE LOSS OF LIFE ON THE BATTLEFIELD. TACTICAL COMBAT CASUALTY CARE (TCCC) GUIDELINES WERE DEVELOPED BY USSOCOM TO ENSURE THAT SOF UNITS SUFFERING CASUALTIES ON THE BATTLEFIELD ARE ABLE TO RESPOND WITH ACTIONS THAT PROVIDE THE BEST POSSIBLE MEDICAL CARE CONSISTENT WITH THE BATTLEFIELD ENVIRONMENT AND GOOD SMALL UNIT TACTICS. CURRENT TCCC GUIDELINES ARE PUBLISHED IN CHAPTER 16 OF REF A.

3. CURRENT CENTCOM GUIDANCE IN REF B DIRECTS THAT ALL DEPLOYING PERSONNEL BE ISSUED A HEMOSTATIC DRESSING AND A COMBAT APPLICATION (CAT) TOURNIQUET AS RECOMMENDED IN REF A. CDR USSOCOM HAS ESTABLISHED TCCC AS THE SOF STANDARD FOR MANAGEMENT OF BATTLEFIELD TRAUMA PER REF C. RECENT OEF/OIF REPORTS FROM BOTH SOF AND CONVENTIONAL ARMY UNITS HAVE SHOWN TCCC TO BE HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL IN MANAGING CASUALTIES ON THE BATTLEFIELD.

4. USSOCOM COMPONENT COMMANDERS ARE DIRECTED TO ENSURE THAT THEIR DEPLOYING UNITS RECEIVE TRAINING TO INCLUDE ALL OF THE TCCC GUIDELINES IN REF A WITHIN 6 MONTHS OF DEPLOYING ISO COMBAT OPERATIONS. COMMANDERS ARE ALSO DIRECTED TO ENSURE THAT ALL UNIT COMBATANTS HAVE THE EQUIPMENT IN PARAGRAPHS 5 AND 6 AND BE TRAINED IN ITS USE PRIOR TO DEPLOYMENT.

5. IN ADDITION TO SERVICE STANDARD COMBAT TRAUMA EQUIPMENT, EACH USSOCOM COMBATANT WILL BE PROVIDED THE FOLLOWING COMBAT TRAUMA MANAGEMENT EQUIPMENT, BE TRAINED IN ITS USE, AND CARRY THESE ITEMS IN THE FIELD:

- COMBAT PILL PACK
- GATIFLOXACIN 400 MG
- TYLENOL 1000 MG
- CELEBREX 200 MG (UNLESS SULFA ALLERGIC)
- COMBAT APPLICATION (CAT) TOURNIQUET
- HEMCON DRESSING
- NASOPHARYNGEAL AIRWAY

6. IN ADDITION TO SERVICE STANDARD COMBAT TRAUMA EQUIPMENT, EACH USSOCOM COMBAT MEDIC WILL BE PROVIDED THE FOLLOWING COMBAT TRAUMA MANAGEMENT EQUIPMENT, BE TRAINED IN ITS USE, AND CARRY THESE ITEMS IN THE FIELD:

- HEXTEND
- VELCRO IV STRAPS
- INJECTABLE PHENERGAN
- STERNAL INTRAOSSEOUS DEVICE
- CEFOTETAN
- BLIZZARD RESCUE BLANKET
- TECHTRADE (READY HEAT) BLANKET

7. SOME SOF UNITS HAVE ALREADY IMPLEMENTED THE TCCC STANDARD AND SHOULD FORGE AHEAD. SOF UNITS WITHOUT INTERNAL PROGRAMS TO ENSURE THAT TCCC TRAINING AND EQUIPMENT IS PROVIDED IAW REF A CAN RECEIVE BOTH THROUGH THE USSOCOM TCCC TRANSITION INITIATIVE. AN MTT FROM THE US ARMY INSTITUTE OF SURGICAL RESEARCH (USAISR) WILL CONDUCT THE TRAINING (1 DAY FOR UNIT MEDICS ONLY, 2 ADDITIONAL DAYS FOR ALL UNIT MEMBERS) AND PROVIDE REQUIRED EQUIPMENT. UNIT REQUEST FOR PARTICIPATION SHOULD BE DONE THROUGH USSOCOM POC AT LEAST 3 MONTHS PRIOR TO DESIRED TRAINING. SPECIFIC TRAINING DATES WILL BE ESTABLISHED SUBSEQUENTLY WITH USAISR PERSONNEL.

8. UNITS PARTICIPATING IN THE TCCC TRANSITION INITIATIVE WILL BE REQUESTED TO PROVIDE FEEDBACK TO USAISR ABOUT BOTH TCCC TECHNIQUES AND EQUIPMENT UPON THEIR RETURN FROM THEATER. USER FEEDBACK FROM DEPLOYING UNITS IS CRITICAL TO GUIDING FURTHER DECISIONS ABOUT PROCUREMENT OR RE-EVALUATION ON NEW TCCC EQUIPMENT. UNITS OBTAINING TCCC TRAINING THROUGH OTHER VENUES THAN THE TCCC TI ARE ALSO ENCOURAGED TO PROVIDE FEEDBACK TO USSOCOM ABOUT TCCC EQUIPMENT AND TECHNIQUES.

9. SOME MILITARY AND COMMERCIALY AVAILABLE COMBAT TRAUMA TRAINING COURSES DO NOT COVER ALL OF THE CURRENT TCCC GUIDELINES AND EQUIPMENT PER REF A. ATTENDENCE AT THESE COURSES DOES NOT CONSTITUTE COMPLIANCE WITH THIS DIRECTIVE.

10. USSOCOM POC FOR UNITS REQUESTING SUPPORT VIA THE TCCC TRANSITION INITIATIVE IS LT COL JIM LORRAINE (DSN 968-7651; COMM 813-828-7651; E-MAIL LORRAIJ@SOCOM.MIL; JAMES.LORRAINE@HQ.SOCOM.SMIL.MIL)

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