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A Squid newsletter for Doc's of all Services!

Is He Crazy?

By AndiRRT

My husband and I are in a phase where affected individuals need to be informed of his intentions. Family members, coworkers, and friends. I can wrap up most of the response with this: "**Is he CRAZY?**" One woman from my work even had some slight leakage from the orbitals when she heard the news. The more I ponder the reactions, the more I question the decision myself.

I was raised in an environment where military service was to be revered. My father served in the Army. Two brothers followed suit. As a matter of fact, one of my favorite childhood photos of myself was taken at my older brother's boot camp graduation festivities. I am very small, about three years old, and I am sitting on his "rack", wearing his "cover". This is the same older brother who used his first paycheck after boot camp to purchase my very first bicycle, and subsequently hauled the purchase home from Fort Knox tied to the roof of a Ford Pinto. At that time in my history, a military career was a remarkable thing, something of which to be proud. A veteran of the United States Armed Forces was a precious thing, in demand of respect.

Fast forward many years later, and I find myself married to a veteran of the United States Marine Corps. While I will not even begin to speculate on the feelings of being a veteran, I can say emphatically, that the entire issue took on a different meaning for me. I am in awe of the uniforms hanging in my bedroom closet. I can run my hands over the fabric of the blood stripes that adorn the trousers and know that he earned those. I see the ribbons pinned on the chest and feel a swell of pride in my heart that this is my husband, my son's father. To me, this is the fabric of our great nation.

As people make comments about the decision my husband has made to re-enlist, I wonder why that awe is not present in them. I could extrapolate an enormous political conclusion about this. I am trying to refrain from that. And at first, I felt like I had to justify the decision to others. Now, as the next leg of John's military career looms larger and larger in the future, I have gotten past that point. Instead, I hold my head high, with my chin forward and my shoulders back.

My husband, like all of you or your loved ones, was and still is brave enough to raise his hand and say, without hesitation, that he will fight for his country and her interests. He would willingly lay down his life if need be. For those who feel free to question the presence of sanity in the process of making this decision, his willingness (and yours) translates to the fact that they do not have to. They can sleep in a cozy and comfortable bed at night, with their loved ones a fingertip's-reach away, safe from the world of which my family is on the brink of entering. The world my husband has already called his own once before. The world in which you live every day.

I would love to conclude with a poetic and eloquent statement regarding the pride I feel in each of you, as a fellow American. I would love to express my gratitude satisfactorily. For the first time in my life, words fail me. For me, all of you *are* the United States. And should you ever be in the position we currently are, and others respond to your career choices with "Are you crazy?", I would love for your response to be, "I may be a little crazy, but because *I* am, *you* don't have to be."

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Rant from Da-Chief

by HMC Darrell Crone (Ret.)

ALL,

This months Chief's Rant comes from a response to Citrus in the Scuttlebutt Forums. It is something that we as leaders try to impart to our young charges. Our folks have got to learn to grown horns and lead.

This was a question from Citrus one of our Corpsman.com family who is about to leave on his journey in our Navy. I hope I imparted some wisdom to him.....

CORPSMAN TALKING DOWN TO ME

By Citrus 13 October 2007 in the Scuttle butt forums

Recently I have met a Corpsman in Uniform at my good friends funeral and a Corpsman that left the Navy about 2 years ago.

Story is they both kept telling me to leave the DEP and become a firefighter or FWC officer. They both said all they did for 5 years is stick thermometers up "rectums" all over the world.

Startled me but I still went out for my 3 Mile Run tonight and ready to ship November 20th.

DEEDEE I need to get a letter out to your son!!!!!!

And here was my response to him.

BAHH...

Written by Da-Chief 14 October 2007

Citrus,

Honestly, it's what you make of it. I am sure they didn't tell you that the reason they stuck a Thermometer up someone's ass half a world away was to get the "CORE TEMP" of a shipmate or Marine who might have been suffering from Heat Stroke or Heat Exhaustion.

You see they are the kid's who don't understand why we do what we do, To give the betterment of life to our fellow man, woman, shipmates etc.. I can promise you that Andi, My wife and many others in the health Care community do the same damn thing with heat problems with patients. These 2 sound like Big boobs who just don't get it. They probably never made 3rd Class etc, and only do what they are told but don't understand why.

In today's Navy it is imperative that you are not a sheep. If you just follow the herd, you will just be passed by and always blame others. You don't know direction, but just keep following the ass that is in front of you. If this is what you do and you don't want to be the RAM Leading, then so be it, but do not come home and complain. It was "YOUR" decision to not grow some horns and learn.

Understand I am not talking about Citrus, if there is one thing I am sure of on our site, it's he has to learn to live with the horns he has got! This was my problem learning to be a leader oh so long ago. I didn't have a problem trying to lead, but I would make snap decisions without thinking through the repercussions. The only way you do different is learning from the fine leaders who are there at the deckplate with you, imparting the wisdom they have gained during their years and time in the Navy.

Wisdom, according to the [Merriam-Webster](#) dictionary, is defined as the "1 a: Accumulated philosophic or scientific learning-knowledge; b: Ability to discern inner qualities and relationships-insight; c: Good sense-judgment d: Generally accepted belief <challenges what has become accepted wisdom among many historians d: A wise attitude, belief, or course of action. e: The teachings of the ancient wise men.



Rant From Da-Chief (continues)

You see a great leader learns to use Wisdom, discern the right from the wrong, and to learn "WHY" we do things. Why is HM3 telling me to stick this thermometer up this Marines Butt??? I am sure if these 2 had spent the time to learn the WISDOM his/her leader was trying to impart, probably after a year or so they would be the HM3 imparting their own wisdom.

The Wisdom I have gained since 9/11 is that I always raise a eyebrow when I hear of HM's getting out after 5 years. Truth be told, most don't get out but Re-up after 5. The ones who don't and aren't affiliated with the Navy or the Reserves generally have or are bad apples. The tree has dropped them and they roll away. This is not true 100% of the time mind you. Quite a few people come in just for the educational benefits and a plan for just that. They serve and come out as a HM2, not a HN and they have followed their own plan and have gained WISDOM.

I hope you understand this Citrus, and thanks Bud for helping me write this month's Chief's RANT!



I always have your back, just keep coming home here to Corpsman.com and we will re-motivate you!

Da-Chief

The same goes for all of you. If you ever need some re-motivation please come back and "RANT" on our site about what ever is bothering you. I learned a long time ago.. The most stupid question is the one never asked. Please never be afraid to ask.

I would like to close out this Rant to say we @ Corpsman.com send our prayers out to those Medical Enlisted whom we have lost this month in harm's way. God bless you and your families will never be forgotten.

Stay Safe all have a Happy Halloween!

Da-Chief

Member Profile: Citrus

I'm sure you have seen Citrus around the forums and in the chat, and in the shoutbox - OK, he's EVERYWHERE :)

Citrus (Caleb) hails from Inverness, Florida and is currently on DEP waiting for his ship date to Boot Camp which happens to be on 20 Nov 07.

He joined Corpsman.com in May 2007 and has gotten lots of encouragement and answers from our members.

Caleb is excited about his chosen field in the Navy and is looking forward to leaving for bootcamp.

Corpsman.com would like to wish Caleb good luck as he embarks on his Naval career.

Good Luck Caleb

If you would like to be one of our profiles contact editor@corpsman.com



EXCLUSIVE from Stephanie Hanson

This past February, two generations of heroes became tied together forever in history.

My name is Stephanie Hanson and my father was a Navy Corpsman killed when his helicopter was shot down in Vietnam on 2/7/69. He was flying a medivac mission with the Marine squadron HMM-364, known as the Purple Foxes.

This past year, on 2/7/07, another Marine Corps helicopter was shot down in Iraq, making headlines when the actual video was released. At first, I was saddened by the coincidence of the date. But then, as the details started to emerge, the story took an incredible twist.

HMM-364, the Purple Foxes, is still an active-duty unit and was deployed in Iraq at this time. I didn't want to believe that the fates would take another Purple Fox helicopter on the SAME day as one of their worst losses in Vietnam, but that is exactly what happened. The helicopter shot down in Iraq was a Purple Fox helicopter, also flying a medivac mission. And the twists and turns in the story got even greater.

- Five Marines and two Navy Corpsmen were flying on the Vietnam mission.
- Five Marines and two Navy Corpsmen were flying in the Iraq mission.

- It was the first day flying for two of the men in Vietnam.
- It was the first day flying for two of the men in Iraq.

- It was the last day flying for one of the men in Vietnam.
- It was the last day flying for the pilot in Iraq.

But, the most incredible twist was that the Iraq crew was **flying a flag for my father's Vietnam crew** on their mission, which they were then going to send to me. That lost flag now represents and binds together two generations of heroes, as well as their friends and families.

I knew the pilot of the helicopter flying in Iraq. Her name was Lt. Jennifer Harris and she was the first female Purple Fox pilot. She had done three tours in Iraq and this was her last mission before transferring to Washington, D.C. She hadn't been scheduled to take that flight, but she volunteered for the casevac (as medivacs are now called) mission, because she wanted her last flight to do good for someone.

After the crash occurred, I reached out to her family, as well as the other families. Many of them had already heard my story, which in itself, is quite an amazing one. And for those who read my book, "A Corpsman's Legacy," it provided a healing journey for them, as it has already done so for hundreds.

"A Corpsman's Legacy" is the story of my journey.

You see, my father was killed a little over two months before I was born. And he didn't know that my mother was pregnant. It was 1969 and since my birth parents were not married my mother gave me up for adoption, hoping to give me a better life.

Twelve years ago, at age twenty-six, I was diagnosed with Multiple Sclerosis. Needing a medical history I set out to track down my birth family. I soon located my birth mother who told me about my father, Gary Norman Young. I began a journey to find out exactly what happened to him in Vietnam, and uncovered the amazing story that has changed my life, as well as the lives of many others. (One interesting fact is that as soon as I began this journey, all symptoms of MS disappeared.)

EXCLUSIVE (Continued)

I first located my birth mother and learned my father was killed in a helicopter crash, but that wasn't enough information for me. So I sent out hundreds of inquiries to anyone I thought might be able to help and astonishingly received over 1,000 responses in the first eighteen months. I quickly learned the reason for the high number of responses was because of the remarkable bond between Marines and their Navy Corpsmen.

By opening up and sharing stories of their time in Vietnam, a catharsis occurred, allowing many veterans and families to expose their pain for the first time and therefore begin an emotional healing.

I finally located my birth father's military squadron, the lone survivor of his helicopter crash, witnesses to the accident, and even men from the recovery team in Vietnam who retrieved his remains. From phone calls, emails, and written reports, I pieced together a complete picture of exactly what had happened the day he died.

I also tracked down the other families of the men who died with my father and informed them just how their sons died. My investigations also helped veterans locate buddies they had been searching for, as well as discover the details of the accidents which took the lives of fellow comrades.

With the help of former Senator Max Cleland, I obtained the medals my father earned, but never received. Also, the Marine Corps Commandant personally sent a 3-Star General to posthumously award my father's Combat Aircrew Wings 33 years after he earned them.

"A Corpsman's Legacy" tells of the tremendous kindness strangers showed me in my own search for answers, the courage of our nation's veterans as they begin to speak out about a time that shaped their lives forever, and the power of one man's legacy to heal countless lives.

As I traveled around the country and spoke to many groups, I found that my story transcends the Vietnam War and leaves an impact on not only those who served in all wars, but on their loved ones as well. I've been told countless times that my journey touches a chord with everyone during these troubled times when so many of our sons, brothers and fathers are defending our freedoms. I'm so blessed that my book now has even greater meaning to those serving in Iraq and to the families who have lost loved ones in our latest war.

It is remarkable that events separated by 38 years ended up so connected.

Should you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me at (208) 371-6219 or by email at corpsmankid@hotmail.com. More information can also be found at my website at www.acorpsmanslegacy.com. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Stephanie Hanson
A Doc's Kid

CORPSMAN.COM SPORTS

MLB BASEBALL PLAYOFFS

NLCS - Colorado Rockies swept the Arizona Diamondbacks - advance to their first World Series

ALCS - Cleveland Indians vs. Boston Red Sox - Indians lead series 2-1

CORPSMAN.COM FANTASY BASEBALL

Pardue's Medics grilled up some CT Country Ham to win the Corpsman.com Fantasy Baseball League. With a final score of 8-2 Pardue nailed the coffin shut on Puckmedic. According to Da-Chief, "It was rigged, I saw Pardue paying off the Ham" . . . The investigation into game fixing has begun. :D

Meanwhile, Chicago Stompers battled it out with Dee's Bad News Bears for third place honors - while the game ended in a 5-5 tie, Da-Chief was awarded the win for his better record during the regular season.

DeeDee was seen pouting in the basement while vowing to kick some butt next season ;)

Final Stats for the Season were as follows:

Pardue's Medics 140-69-11

CT Country Ham 110-104-6

Chicago Stompers 90-116-14

Dee's Bad News Bears 78-129-13

Thanks to all who participated this year and hope to see you back in 2008

CORPSMAN.COM 2007 FOOOZBALL LEAGUE UPDATE

(Editor's warning: this account may be SLIGHTLY biased due to team ownership in the league by writer)

DOC_Newt here with the latest from the Corpsman.com Fooozball League, going into Week 6 things look like this.

The South Division, the weaker of the two divisions, is lead by the foul odor of Doc_Pardue's team ARMY STRONG (Smelling) 4-1, with no other teams having a winning record.

The North Division is lead by the powerful Devil Squids 5-0 owned by DOC_Newt, while the Bethel AK Bare Asps 3-2 and the Byrdies sit in a tie for second.

As we take a look back at last week The Perfect Team only put up 26 points in a blow out loss to the Typhoons, while the Devil Squids put up 75 points to crush the Soul Crushers, on a foot note the Devil Squids 75 points was enough to beat any team in the league last week and they started 3 back up players. Game of the week for week 5 was Bombed Squad -vs- ARMY STRONG (Smelling) with the final score of 41-44.

Looking ahead to next week my game of the week is Crone's Raiders -vs- Soul Crushers, and my blow out of the week is Devil Squids -vs- Bombed Squad seeing that the Bombed Squad are 30 point underdogs.

Transactions: Trades – none

Bombed Squad sign WR A. Davis, RB C. Brown

Devil Squids sign 4 players

ARMY STRONG (Smelling) sign 6 players

Typhoons sign QB J. Harrington

That's all I have for now, but until next time check out my threads in the Sports Arena on the Forums.

National Football League

AS OF 10-15-07

AFC

EAST	W	L	T
New England Patriots	6	0	0
Buffalo Bills	1	4	0
New York Jets	1	5	0
Miami Dolphins	0	6	0

NORTH	W	L	T
Pittsburgh Steelers	4	1	0
Baltimore Ravens	4	2	0
Cleveland Browns	3	3	0
Cincinnati Bengals	1	3	0

SOUTH	W	L	T
Indianapolis Colts	5	0	0
Jacksonville Jaguars	4	1	0
Tennessee Titans	3	2	0
Houston Texans	3	3	0

WEST	W	L	T
Kansas City Chiefs	3	3	0
San Diego Chargers	3	3	0
Denver Broncos	2	3	0
Oakland Raiders	2	3	0

NFC

EAST	W	L	T
Dallas Cowboys	5	1	0
New York Giants	4	2	0
Washington Redskins	3	2	0
Philadelphia Eagles	2	3	0

NORTH	W	L	T
Green Bay Packers	5	1	0
Detroit Lions	3	2	0
Minnesota Vikings	2	3	0
Chicago Bears	2	4	0

SOUTH	W	L	T
Tampa Bay Buccaneers	4	2	0
Carolina Panthers	4	2	0
New Orleans Saints	1	4	0
Atlanta Falcons	1	5	0

WEST	W	L	T
Arizona Cardinals	3	3	0
Seattle Seahawks	3	3	0
San Francisco 49ers	2	3	0
St Louis Rams	0	6	0

CORPSMAN.COM 2007 FOOTBALL LEAGUE STANDINGS

<u>NORTH DIVISION</u>	W	L	T	Owner
Devil Squids	6	0	0	Doc_Newt
Operation Petticoat	4	2	0	DocSpanky
Bethel AK Bare Asps	3	3	0	HM2FLIP
Dee's Bears	2	4	0	DeeDee
Crone's Raida's	2	4	0	Da-Chief
<u>SOUTH DIVISION</u>	W	L	T	Owner
ARMY STRONG (Smelling)	5	1	0	Doc_Pardue
Soul Crushers	3	3	0	Doc FMF
Bombed Squad	2	4	0	bobby knoxville
The Perfect Team	2	4	0	Doc Spartan
Tennessee Typhoons	1	5	0	puckmedic

FY-2008 Navy e-Learning

Annual Anti-Terrorism Awareness Training ([every calendar year](#))

☐ **ATFP Level I** Awareness Training for Service Members (**CONUS**)

CANSF-ATFP-CONUS-1.0

☐ **ATFP Level I** Awareness Training for Overseas Service Members (**OCONUS**)

CANSF-ATFP-OCONUS-1.0

Annual DoD **Information Assurance Awareness** (IAA) ([every fiscal year](#))

DOD-IAA-V5.0

MANDATORY FOR ALL DON USERS. Familiarize trainees with importance of Information Assurance (IA) to DoN personnel. Give examples of threats and vulnerabilities to information systems throughout DoD.

Prevention of Sexual Harassment (POSH) ([one time](#))

MANDATORY FOR ALL DON USERS. Upon completion of this course of instruction, students should be able to identify, prevent, and stop sexual harassment in the workplace. This course requires the Authorware web player.

☐ Prevention of Sexual Harassment - Non-Supervisory (POSH)

CNET5702

☐ Prevention of Sexual Harassment - Supervisory (POSH)

CNET5701

Diversity for All-Hands Training ([one time](#))

CPPD-GMT07-001

MANDATORY FOR ALL DON SERVICE MEMBERS. This lesson is an introduction to diversity as defined by the Chief of Naval Operations, emphasizing that diversity is a strategic imperative and a readiness issue for our Navy. **WARNING:** Once the lesson test has been accessed, if you exit the lesson session prior to passing the test the remaining assessment tries will be forfeited and a Fail Score will be assigned. You will then need to go through the enrollment process again.

Trafficking in Persons Basic Awareness Training (TIP) ([one time](#))

jkddc-tip-1

MANDATORY FOR ALL DON USERS. Combating Trafficking in Persons (1) reviews U.S. Government policies on Trafficking in Persons; (2) examines the phenomenon of trafficking; (3) describes ways to identify persons who are trafficked; and (4) describes the legal provisions and their consequences for involvement with trafficking. **NOTE:** This course requires Macromedia Flash Player 7. If you are experiencing problems with your course, it is probably a Java/Browser configuration problem.

FY08 General Military Training (GMT) ([one time](#))

MANDATORY FOR ALL DON SERVICE MEMBERS. These lessons are required training topics for FY08 General Military Training. **WARNING:** Once the lesson test has been accessed, if you exit the lesson session prior to passing the test the remaining assessment tries will be forfeited and a Fail Score will be assigned. You will then need to go through the enrollment process again.

Expeditionary Medicine (EMWBT) ([one time](#))

MANDATORY AS DIRECTED. NAVMED Policy 07-016, Expeditionary Medicine Web Based Training, mandates that "(n)ewly accessed Navy Medical department personnel (officer, enlisted, active and reserve) will complete all EMWBT modules within their first two years of service. Current Navy Medical Department personnel are advised to review EMWBT content to assist developing readiness of junior personnel." The objective of the Expeditionary Medicine courses is to raise the basic awareness level of all Navy Medicine military personnel in twenty-five subject areas.

☐ Expeditionary Medicine - Combat Related Field Skills

NMEMCRFS061

☐ Prerequisite: M16 Weapon Safety

CANS-M16WS-1.0

☐ Prerequisite: M9 Service Pistol Training

CANS-M9SP-1.0

☐ Expeditionary Medicine - Non-Combat Related Field Skills

NMEMNCRFS061

☐ Expeditionary Medicine - Patient Movement

NMEMPATMOV061

☐ Expeditionary Medicine - Shipboard Operations

NMEMSHIPOP061

☐ Expeditionary Medicine - Tactical Combat Casualty Care

NMEMTCCC061

SERE 100 Level B - Code of Conduct ([for CENTCOM AOR](#))

MANDATORY AS DIRECTED. After 01DEC2005, completing SERE100 is the only way to meet the Code of Conduct Level B training requirement to enter AORs per Commander Fleet Forces Command (CFFC) message, DTG 221956Z JUN 05. If you require SERE 100, it should be in your "Learning Plan" in eLearning. If you cannot access the course or have technical issues including printings certificates and saving progress, please contact the help desk.

FY-2008 NAVY E-LEARNING (continued)

NAVADMIN 056/06 - Leadership Development Program (LDP) MANDATORY TO PARTICIPATE IN THE ADVANCEMENT CYCLE

E5 training for E6 Exam & Advancement:	WCSLC	(or FLLDP, PO2LTC)
E6 training for E7 Exam & Advancement:	LPOLC	(or PLDP, PO1LTC)
E7 training for E8 Board & Advancement:	LCPOLC	(or ALDP, CPOLTC)

NAVADMIN 214/05 – HM/DT Difference Training (one time) (past due) MANDATORY FOR ALL HM WHO GRADUATED NHCS PRIOR TO JULY 2005

E6 & below:	DT Rate Training Manual, Volume I	NAVEDTRA 14274
E6 & below:	DT Rate Training Manual, Volume II	NAVEDTRA 14275
E7 & E6:	Advanced Medical Department Enlisted Course (AMDEC)	
	AMDEC Unit 1: Organizational Structure, Relationships and Policy Courses	NMETC-AMD-010
	AMDEC Unit 2: Utilization and Management of Resources Courses	NMETC-AMD-020
	AMDEC Unit 3: Operational Policies, Procedures, and Strategies Courses	NMETC-AMD-030

Individual Augmentee Prerequisite Training (one time)

MANDATORY FOR ALL INDIVIDUAL AUGMENTEES. You will have to enroll in and complete all of the required courses in this category. As you finish each one, please print out the certificate of completion and keep it for verification upon arrival to the USN Individual Augmentation Combat Training Course. You will also be required to view the SERE 100 Level B Code of Conduct training. It is listed in the Learning Plans of all active-duty Navy personnel. NOTE: The M16 Weapons Safety and M9 Service Pistol Training courses are required. These are USN developed courses. Courses taught during NIACT are US Army developed and may differ.

<input type="checkbox"/> SERE 100 Level B Code of Conduct training	
<input type="checkbox"/> M16 Weapon Safety	CANS-M16WS-1.0
<input type="checkbox"/> M9 Service Pistol Training	CANS-M9SP-1.0
<input type="checkbox"/> ATFP Level I Awareness Training for Service Members (CONUS)	CANSF-ATFP-CONUS-1.0
<input type="checkbox"/> ATFP Level I Awareness Training for Overseas Service Members (OCONUS)	CANSF-ATFP-OCONUS-1.0
<input type="checkbox"/> FY07 GMT Unit 1.3 Operations Security	CPD-GMT07-013
<input type="checkbox"/> FY07 GMT Unit 2.2 Suicide Awareness	CPD-GMT07-022
<input type="checkbox"/> FY07 GMT Unit 3.1 EO, Sexual Harassment, Grievance Procedures	CPD-GMT07-031
<input type="checkbox"/> FY07 GMT Unit 3.2 Fraternalization, Hazing and Homosexual Conduct Policy	CPD-GMT07-032
<input type="checkbox"/> FY07 GMT Unit 3.3 Sexual Assault Prevention	CPD-GMT07-033
<input type="checkbox"/> DOD Information Assurance Awareness	DOD-IAA-V2.0
<input type="checkbox"/> Cold Weather Injuries	NPDC-CWI-1
<input type="checkbox"/> Hot Weather Injuries	NPDC-HWI-1
<input type="checkbox"/> Subversion And Espionage Directed against the Army (SAEDA) Briefing	NPDC-SAEDA-1
<input type="checkbox"/> United States Army Values	NPDC-USAV-1
<input type="checkbox"/> Trafficking in Persons Basic Awareness Training	jkddc-tip-1

Navy Career Tools (Tutorials & Support)

RECOMMENDED FOR ALL DON SERVICE MEMBERS. The Navy Career Tools (Tutorials & Support) is an overview of the Navy career development tools, both ashore and afloat, including how-to tutorials on each of the software applications. It is not a formal training course and has no assessments (tests); rather, it is a performance support tool delivered via Navy e-Learning so all Sailors can access and use it repeatedly. The included tutorials cover Navy Knowledge Online (NKO), Navy e-Learning (NeL), 5 Vector Model (5VM), Career Management System – Interactive Detailing (CMS - ID), Electronic Training Jacket (ETJ), and NTMPS Afloat (NAFL).

MarineNet Predeployment Training Program (PTP)

<https://www.intranet.tecom.usmc.mil/sites/G3/PTP/Web%20Part%20Pages/PTP.aspx>

<https://www.marinenet.usmc.mil/marinenet/>

<https://www.intranet.tecom.usmc.mil/sites/G3/PTP/Lists/PTP%20Messages/DispForm.aspx?ID=6>

“The Commandant's intent is for all deploying Marines to complete the Predeployment Training Program as outlined in this message. **The requirements of this message apply to every member of a mission deployed Marine organization, regardless of the branch of service.** Every member, regardless of specialty or assignment, is required to complete predeployment training for their anticipated operating environment.”

OIF/OEF PREDEPLOYMENT TRAINING CONTINUUM

R 170023Z MAR 06 CMC WASHINGTON DC DCCDI(UC)

FY-2008 NAVY E-LEARNING (continued)

For example: FIRST AID – CASEVAC

<https://www.intranet.tecom.usmc.mil/sites/G3/PTP/COMMON%20SKILL%20PARTS/FIRST%20AID%20-%20CASEVAC.aspx>

Block subjects include: Combined Arms; Military Operations In Urban Terrain; First Aid - CASEVAC; Combat Marksmanship; IED Defeat; Cultural Training; Fixed Site Security; Special Skills; Enduring Combat Actions; Motorized Operations

FMF Corpsmen will be expected to conduct some of this training for the Marines. They need to know the medical aspects well enough to pass on that knowledge to a classroom of Marines. If the Doc gets hit in combat, the only thing that may keep him alive is how well he trained his Marines in first-aid and CASEVAC procedures.

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MARADMIN 363/06

SUBJ/TACTICAL COMBAT CASUALTY CARE (TCCC) AND COMBAT LIFESAVER (CLS)

4. IMPLEMENTATION.

A. TCCC

(1) TRAINING IN TCCC IS INTENDED FOR MEDICAL PERSONNEL AS SUSTAINMENT TRAINING IN COMBAT CASUALTY CARE. TCCC HAS THREE PHASES: CARE UNDER FIRE, TACTICAL FIELD CARE AND CASEVAC CARE. THE INTENT IS FOR ALL MEDICAL PERSONNEL TO BE TRAINED IN TCCC PRIOR TO DEPLOYMENT INTO A POTENTIAL COMBAT AREA.

(7) OPERATIONAL COMMANDERS WILL DEVELOP POLICY TO ENSURE ALL INCOMING MEDICAL PERSONNEL HAVE BEEN, OR WILL BE, TRAINED IN TCCC AFTER REPORTING TO THEIR RESPECTIVE COMMANDS.

(8) TRAINING WILL INCLUDE, AT A MINIMUM, THE TCCC CURRICULUM DEVELOPED BY FMSS AND HANDS ON TRAINING IN THE ADEQUATE USE OF COMBAT TRAUMA MEDICAL EQUIPMENT IDENTIFIED WITHIN THE CURRICULUM.

B. CLS

(1) TRAINING IN CLS IS INTENDED FOR SELECTED MARINES TO PROVIDE ADVANCE LIFE SAVING SKILLS TO INCLUDE: HEMORRHAGE CONTROL; AIRWAY MANAGEMENT; AND SHOCK MANAGEMENT. TRAINING IS ACCOMPLISHED THROUGH A COMBINATION OF CLASSROOM AND PRACTICAL APPLICATION BY CORPSMEN TRAINED AS CLS TRAINERS.

(4) FMSS DESIGNATED CLS-T HOSPITAL CORPSMEN ARE THE ONLY TRAINERS AUTHORIZED TO CONDUCT CLS TRAINING.

(8) PER REF (A), OPERATIONAL COMMANDERS WILL DEVELOP POLICY TO TRAIN AT LEAST TWO CLS TRAINED MARINES PER T/O UNIT CORPSMEN PRIOR TO DEPLOYING.

C. REFRESHER/SUSTAINMENT TRAINING FOR CLS AND TCCC MUST BE COMPLETED EVERY TWO YEARS OR WITHIN THREE MONTHS OF DEPLOYMENTS.

We also need Corpsmen to qualify as FMTB designated Tactical Combat Casualty Care -Trainers (**TCCC-T**) and Combat LifeSaver-Trainers (**CLS-T**)

Special Thanks to
HMC Clark

FRIENDLY WAGER?????

If you have been paying attention in the shout box or coming to Tuesday evening chat there is just a little tension between two of our members.

Da-Chief who is a diehard University of Michigan fan and AndiRRT who hails from Ohio and is a Buckeye through and through. AndiRRT has an Ohio State University red sofa in her house—though we try not to hold it against her as she had intelligence enough to marry a Michigan fan herself (JarHeadJohn) (The editor is a Wolverine fan too - so I couldn't resist)

In chat one night Da-Chief thought it would be a good idea to propose a little “wager” on the outcome of the upcoming U of M vs Ohio State game on November 17th. Here is the conversation as it happened in the chat room:

[Da-Chief] 9:46 pm: We will have to have a bet this year Andi..

[AndiRRT] 9:47 pm: bet? interesting!

[Da-Chief] 9:47 pm: If Mi wins..

[AndiRRT] 9:48 pm: okay....

[Da-Chief] 9:48 pm: (See i am never gonna be able to leave this.. When Andi is here it's WAR!)

[Da-Chief] 9:48 pm: If Mi Wins..

[Da-Chief] 9:48 pm: You dress up in a Mi Jersey you have to buy it..

[Da-Chief] 9:48 pm: Paint your face White..

[AndiRRT] 9:49 pm: ooooh Don't know if I can do that

[Da-Chief] 9:49 pm: With a Big "M" on each Cheek.

[bobby knoxville] 9:49 pm: **thats a good look**

[AndiRRT] 9:49 pm: that would so NOT be cool

[Da-Chief] 9:49 pm: and have John, Tape you singing the MI fight song..

[bobby knoxville] 9:49 pm: **and a blue afro wig**

[AndiRRT] 9:49 pm: John would never let me live it down

[Da-Chief] 9:49 pm: But let me have the video to put on YOUTUBE..

[DeeDee] 9:49 pm: not a McDonald's M either - a MICHIGAN "M"

[AndiRRT] 9:49 pm: NOOOOOO

[Da-Chief] 9:49 pm: Cool Bobby I like htat..

[Da-Chief] 9:49 pm: that..

[Da-Chief] 9:49 pm: But.. If we lose..

[AndiRRT] 9:49 pm: I'd rather lose a million bucks I don't have!

[Da-Chief] 9:50 pm: you get to pick something for me to do on tape and I will post it on YOUTUBE..

[Da-Chief] 9:50 pm: ;-0

[bobby knoxville] 9:50 pm: **thats open ended**

[AndiRRT] 9:50 pm: you do realize I turned down the job at U of M med ctr. because they were gonna make me wear MI scrubs, right?

[AndiRRT] 9:50 pm: ooooh I'd have to think on that one!
[DeeDee] 9:50 pm: hmmm - almost too good to pass up Andi
[DeeDee] 9:51 pm: just think of the torture you COULD inflict on Da-Chief IF (I repeat IF) your team wins
[AndiRRT] 9:51 pm: It will be bad enough on here if OSU loses (big IF), but if I had to do that? OMG
[Da-Chief] 9:51 pm: Yup..
[Da-Chief] 9:52 pm: Telling Andi.. Chicken.. Bawk Bawk Bawk..
[AndiRRT] 9:52 pm: John said take the bet
[Da-Chief] 9:52 pm: I hear the Chicken Dance in my head when I think of Andi..
[AndiRRT] 9:52 pm: but Chief....
[bobby knoxville] 9:52 pm: *i /we went to an msu tailgate at spartan stadium.....dressed in UM stuff*
[bobby knoxville] 9:52 pm: *that was fun*
[AndiRRT] 9:53 pm: be prepared to get dolled up as that cheerleader u were talking about earlier
[AndiRRT] 9:53 pm: I mean FULL DRAG! makeup and all!
[DeeDee] 9:53 pm: singing and cheering on YouTube
[AndiRRT] 9:54 pm: I want you to sing the OSU Michigan song that I(sent you that one day!
[Da-Chief] 9:54 pm: No problem..
[DeeDee] 9:54 pm: i'm looking forward to seeing either one :D
[Da-Chief] 9:54 pm: I will do a Netcast in it if you wish..
[AndiRRT] 9:54 pm: Hell Yeah I wish
[Da-Chief] 9:55 pm: I look good in Blush...
[AndiRRT] 9:55 pm: OSU won't lose anyway
[Da-Chief] 9:55 pm: No seriously I can broadcast it on camera..
[Da-Chief] 9:55 pm: We have done a few..
[Da-Chief] 9:55 pm: already..
[AndiRRT] 9:55 pm: so it'll be okay
[Da-Chief] 9:55 pm: So you on?
[Da-Chief] 9:55 pm: ;-)
[AndiRRT] 9:55 pm: sure
[Da-Chief] 9:55 pm: Bawk..
[Da-Chief] 9:55 pm: WHOOO HOOO!

So, be sure to tune in for the BIG Game on November 17th as the Michigan Wolverines take on the Ohio State Buckeyes in The Big House in Ann Arbor, Michigan. If nothing else it should be entertaining no matter who wins the game. :)

DeeDee
Editor & Chat Hostess

Reflections of a Medic

By Kerry "Doc" Pardue

Being a medic hasn't always been the easiest job to do. The person assigned must possess several qualities. One of these is being able to deal with the stresses during the heat of battle. There are things that happen to men and women who undergo stressful events like being in a battle. Often times, that stress leads to the symptoms of Post Traumatic Stress Disorder. PTSD affects those with nightmares (reliving the events), flashbacks triggered by sights, sounds, an anniversary date of the event. Many medics, corpsmen, and other medical personnel suffer from survivor's guilt or feelings of not being trained enough to save one of their soldiers. This disorder often invades their dreams and reality. These are my reflections that I hope other medics, nurses, doctors, and caregivers and take and learn from them.

My experiences as tough as they were can't and won't go away. I often wonder did we pay a price that was too large--did we really make a difference--will they ever take what we learned and adjust the medic training at Ft. Sam Houston, TX. Over the years, I just buried it all now I find I have to deal with all this crap and get it over with. I feel very old and worn out and just struggle to make it one more day. I guess what has made it all bearable is the people who I have that support me, my wife of 38 years, and the very few who I have trusted enough to just see the outside of all I hold within and test the waters with sharing a little.

But with the ones who were THERE; they, deep down, know of all the pain, the hurt, the feelings of not being trained enough to keep that one alive, the loss of good men who died trying to protect me. The other medics who know of the fear and the frustrations of the job and they too, understand, the please help me God prayers as we treated the wounded. They understand the fear of dying and the peeing in your pants during a firefight. But you didn't dare stop moving or someone who needs you, who is depending on you to make it to them to get them out of harms way and to bandage them up and to reassure them all is okay, isn't going to make it. The fear of while you are working on someone of getting left behind as everyone is moving away from you. They know the silent grieving and the hidden away rage that they carried all these years that is screaming to be let out. Will the sound be too loud, will it scare those who don't really know you, or will you ever stop crying if you begin? Oh how you pray for more than 2 hours of sleep at a time--and you wonder which face will you see tonight which memory will awaken you once again. But somehow you face another day and are thankful you made another one. Until it is time to finally go home. To find time to find a new life...a better life...one without the death, blood, or body parts. But it never arrives...those things are still there. Given as a reminder to be thankful that they aren't your parts, or your blood, or your death. You learn to appreciate too the little things most people take for granted. You learn to be careful with your words and have your back to a wall so you can see everyone and know where the exits are. You learn to look at the world with a 1000 yard stare.

But, then comes hope, as you learn how to share and resolve and rethink and to finally begin to heal. The writing, then finally having the internet being created and you begin to connect with those who did make it back to the world. You find a network of people who know, who care, who help you move on, to finally begin to live with less pain. You can finally begin that process of comingALL THE WAY HOME....it is great to be an American, it is an honor to be a Vietnam Veteran, and it is a privilege to be a father and grandfather.

Thirty-eight years ago (March 23rd) I came HOME...forever touched and changed by a war...a war I still live with in my mind, heart, and soul...it has taken me this long to finally overcome the negatives and look at the positives of my life, to where, I CAN SEE CLEARLY NOW.

After 38 years, I am still dealing with the pain and guilt of being a survivor. As much as I was a medic, the healer of the sick, the fix-it guy, the one who made house calls I find that I cannot heal myself, or fix my heart, or take away the pain so I am writing to begin my journey.....THE REST OF THE WAY HOME.

That journey is multi-faced with joy at finding my wife while in the military to frustration when my first causality died on my first ambush patrol. My journey is one that I am ever thankful for as it is the events that shaped who I became.

In Remembrance



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CHAT UPDATE - Open chat in the E-Chat Room Tuesday evenings 2100-2300 EST
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PODCAST SCHEDULE - Hosted by Da-Chief

10/17/07 - Update on Changes at Corpsman.com

10/18/07 - VA News - email your questions to admin1@corpsman.com

10/19/07 - PC Newz and Bytes - All things computer related - email your questions in

10/20/07 - Gamer Newz - Rants and Raves of the gaming community

11/01/07 - 2100-2300 EST - **Call in Show** - Come send Citrus off to Boot Camp

Empty Your Bookshelf

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