OPNAV INSTRUCTION 5450.215E

From: Chief of Naval Operations

Subj: MISSION, FUNCTIONS AND TASKS OF THE BUREAU OF MEDICINE AND SURGERY

Ref: (a) OPNAVINST 5400.44A

Encl: (1) Bureau of Medicine and Surgery Functions and Tasks

1. Purpose. To publish the mission, functions and tasks of the Bureau of Medicine and Surgery (BUMED) per reference (a). This directive is completely revised and should be read in its entirety. The changes in subparagraphs 1a through 1c have been implemented.
   
   a. Revised mission statement.
   
   b. Renamed and realigned budget submitting office (BSO) 18 activities.
   
   c. Revised the functions and tasks of BUMED mission and organization.

2. Cancellation. OPNAVINST 5450.215D.

3. Scope and Applicability. The provisions of this instruction are applicable to all BSO-18 activities regardless of echelon under the Bureau of Medicine and Surgery.

4. Mission. Provide well-trained medical experts, operating as high performance teams to project medical power in support of naval superiority.

5. Status and Command Relationships. BUMED is a shore activity in an active status. The Surgeon General of the Navy serves as the Chief of BUMED. Pursuant to section 8072 of Title 10 U.S. Code, BUMED performs its duties under the authority of the Secretary of the Navy and its orders are considered as coming from the Secretary. The duties of BUMED include issuing policy and guidance on all medical and health related matters for the Navy and Marine Corps, except for those matters reserved for the Surgeon General of the Navy pursuant to section 8077 of Title 10 U.S. Code (e.g. to recruit, organize, train and equip medical personnel of the Navy and the Marine Corps). All BSO-18 activities, as assigned by the Chief of Naval Operations (CNO) in adherence with policies and direction for the offices of the Secretary of the Navy, are placed under the military command of the Chief, BUMED.
a. **Command.**

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**Echelon**

1 CNO  
2 Chief, Bureau of Medicine and Surgery

b. **Area Coordination.** Commander, Navy Installations Command, Washington Navy Yard, DC.

c. **Regional Coordination.** Commandant, Naval District Washington, Washington Navy Yard, DC.

6. **Commanded Activities.**

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4 Commanding Officer, Navy Medicine Readiness and Training Command Corpus Christi, TX
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4 Commanding Officer, Navy Medicine Readiness and Training Command Beaufort, SC
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4 Commanding Officer, Navy Medicine Readiness and Training Command Charleston, SC
4 Commanding Officer, Navy Medicine Readiness and Training Command Cherry Point, NC
4 Commander, Navy Medicine Readiness and Training Command Camp Lejeune, NC
5 Commanding Officer, Expeditionary Medical Facility 150 Kilo Camp Lejeune, NC
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4 Commanding Officer, United States Navy Medicine Readiness and Training Command Naples, Italy
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5 Officer in Charge, Navy Medicine Readiness and Training Unit Fort Belvoir, VA
4 Commander, Navy and Marine Corps Public Health Center Portsmouth, VA
5 Officer in Charge, Naval Dosimetry Center Bethesda, MD
5 Officer in Charge, Navy Environmental and Preventive Medicine Unit 2, Norfolk, VA
5 Officer in Charge, Navy Environmental and Preventive Medicine Unit 5, San Diego, CA
5 Officer in Charge, Navy Environmental and Preventive Medicine Unit 6, Pearl Harbor, HI
5 Officer in Charge, United States Navy Environmental and Preventive Medicine Unit 7, Rota, Spain
5 Commanding Officer, Navy Drug Screening Laboratory, Great Lakes, IL
5 Commanding Officer, Navy Drug Screening Laboratory Jacksonville, FL
5 Officer in Charge, Navy Entomology Center of Excellence Jacksonville, FL
5 Officer in Charge, Navy Bloodborne Infection Management Center, Bethesda, MD
4 Commander, Naval Medical Logistics Command, Fort Detrick, MD
5 Commanding Officer, Navy Expeditionary Medical Support Command, Williamsburg, VA
5 Commanding Officer, Naval Ophthalmic Support and Training Activity, Yorktown, VA
3 Commander, Naval Medical Forces Pacific, San Diego, CA
4 Commander, Navy Medicine Readiness and Training Command, San Diego, CA
5 Commanding Officer, Expeditionary Medical Facility 150 Bravo, San Diego, CA
5 Officer in Charge, Navy Medicine Readiness and Training Unit, Naval Base San Diego, CA
5 Officer in Charge, Navy Medicine Readiness and Training Unit, North Island, CA
5 Officer in Charge, Navy Medicine Readiness and Training Unit, Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego, CA
5 Officer in Charge, Navy Medicine Readiness and Training Unit, Point Loma, CA
4 Commander, Navy Medicine Readiness and Training Command, Camp Pendleton, CA
5 Commanding Officer, Expeditionary Medical Facility 150 Alpha, Camp Pendleton, CA
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7. **Action.** In accomplishing the assigned mission, Chief, BUMED will ensure performance of the functions and tasks in enclosure (1). BUMED will recommend changes and revisions to this document when required.

8. **Records Management.**

   a. Records created as a result of this instruction, regardless of format or media, must be maintained and dispositioned per the records disposition schedules located on the Department of the Navy (DON) Assistant for Administration, Directives and Records Management Division portal page at https://portal.secnav.navy.mil/orgs/DUSNM/DONAA/DRM/Records-and-Information-Management/Approved%20Record%20Schedules/Forms/AllItems.aspx.

   b. For questions concerning the management of records related to this instruction or the records disposition schedules, please contact the local records manager or the OPNAV Records Management Program (DNS-16).

9. **Review and Effective Date.** Per OPNAVINST 5215.17A, Manpower and Personnel (BUMED-M1B) will review this instruction annually around the anniversary of its issuance date to ensure applicability, currency and consistency with Federal, Department of Defense (DoD), Secretary of the Navy and Navy policy and statutory authority using OPNAV 5215/40 Review of Instruction. This instruction will be in effect for 10 years, unless revised or cancelled in the interim and will be reissued by the 10-year anniversary date if it is still required, unless it meets
one of the exceptions in OPNAVINST 5215.17A, paragraph 9. Otherwise, if the instruction is no longer required, it will be processed for cancellation as soon as the need for cancellation is known following the guidance in OPNAV Manual 5215.1 of May 2016.

Releasability and distribution:
This instruction is cleared for public release and is available electronically only via DON Issuances Web site, https://www.seacnav.navy.mil/doni/default.aspx.
The functions and tasks are performed as directed by the Surgeon General on behalf of the CNO:

1. Generate Naval Medical Forces to execute Service missions in support of CNO and operational missions assigned by combatant commanders in response to force requirements.
   
   a. Serves as coordinating agent and liaison between BSO-18 activities and United States Fleet Forces Command, United States Pacific Fleet, Marine Forces Command, Marine Forces Pacific and combatant commanders or the DON Services component commands.
   
   b. Oversees health, safety, morale and welfare organizational inspections for BSO-18 activities, as well as military inquiries and investigations.
   
   c. Provides inspection assistance to commanders within the Navy fleet and Fleet Marine Force enterprises upon request and as needed.
   
   d. Oversees personnel whose primary duties are in support of installation-specific medical functions separate from the Defense Health Agency (DHA) medical treatment facility (MTF) healthcare delivery.
   
   e. Responsible for Service administrative functions, performance evaluation tracking, completion and compliance with Service requirements for uniformed and civilian personnel whose primary duties are in operational and installation-specific medical functions for BSO-18 activities.
   
   f. Provides health professionals to serve in leadership positions across the military health system. With input from DHA, select the highest qualified candidates for nomination to serve as a DHA MTF director and service commander.
   
   g. Exercises command and control over the Navy Medicine Readiness and Training Command Service commanders and after consultation with Director, DHA, may remove a Service commander from that position.
   
   h. Ensures the operational medical forces readiness organizations of the Navy support the medical dental responsibilities of the Director, DHA.

2. Oversees program management of BSO-18 medical capabilities, (e.g., expeditionary medical facilities and forward deployed preventive medicine units) until full operational capability (FOC) is achieved by the program executive office (PEO).
a. Maintains a program management office for the development, delivery and sustainment of operational medical capabilities required to support Naval Medical Forces until FOC is achieved by a PEO.

b. Plans and allocates resources and funding for functions of all subordinate commands.

c. Coordinates the development and implementation of lifecycle maintenance policies of medical capabilities.

d. Oversees the planning and allocating of BSO-18 funds to manage readiness costs and associated risks in developing operationally ready medical forces during the planning, programming, budgeting and execution process.

e. Maintains the official appropriation accounting records for BSO-18 activities ensuring general ledger accounting is performed within the guidelines of the DoD financial management regulations.

3. Develops and integrates assigned BSO-18 naval medical platform, system, personnel, training and capability requirements in support of Service component commanders.

a. Develops BSO-18 concept of operations, doctrine and transformation concepts for employment of Naval Medical Forces and mission-essential, task-based capabilities.

b. In coordination with designated program management office; provides technical guidance for design, construction, manning and equipping of deployable naval medical capabilities, ashore and afloat.

c. Ensures readiness and oversees the mobilization and demobilization of BSO-18 active component and Reserve component medical forces.

d. Advises Service component commands on employability, deployability and assignability of Naval Medical Forces to meet operational requirements.

4. Develops total force manpower, personnel, training, education policies, requirements, processes, programs and alignments affecting active, reserve and civilian personnel in support of operational readiness.

a. Advises Navy Personnel Command and Navy Recruiting Command with respect to recruiting, accession training, retention and education of medical personnel in support of operational requirements.

b. Serves as the BSO-18 authority for centralized supervision, validation, coordination of manpower, training and education requirements. Coordinates allocation by providing analytics,
modeling and long-range forecasting for manpower and personnel requirements affecting active, reserve and civilian communities to internal and external stakeholders.

c. Develops BSO-18 specific policies and guidance to administer and manage the civilian workforce.

d. Provides vision, direction, leadership, priorities and strategies to effectively use the BSO-18 Navy Reserve in support of a total integrated force. Liaison to Commander, Navy Reserve Force Command on the executive committee as the operational support officer.

e. As delegated by the Office of the Chief of Naval Operations; executes, provides policy guidance and oversees the shore manpower requirements determination process for BSO-18 activities. Ensures the accurate alignment of resources within a standard organizational structure.

f. Provides oversight and manages current and emerging manpower information databases for BSO-18 activities.

5. Ensures naval medical personnel receive training, clinical practice opportunities and force development necessary to meet the operational medical force requirements of the combatant commands.

a. Articulates and integrates medical training requirements, plans and policy recommendations to generate ready medical forces at the team and unit level in alignment with the fleet training continuum and in coordination with Service component commands and other stakeholders.

b. Oversees BSO-18 operational readiness exercises and oversee certification assigned deployable medical units ready for tasking.

c. In coordination with DHA, supports the policy and strategy for advanced graduate education consistent with current professional standards of practice.

d. Oversees the coordination with DHA and other Services to develop and conduct inter-Service medical training and education.

e. Oversees the technical readiness of assigned medical force personnel, to include professional certifications and credentials.

f. Coordinates Navy’s medical education and training enterprise, to include deployable BSO-18 medical capabilities entry level and advanced technical training to facilitate officer and enlisted development.
6. Ensure medical force operational effectiveness through the development of models, management metrics and continued analysis for the execution of efficiency, process improvements, cost reduction, unit-level proficiency, doctrine and training.

   a. Develops key metrics to enable the assessment of BSO-18 mission performance and informs strategic planning and assessment processes.

   b. Monitors the effectiveness and mission performance of echelon 3, 4 and 5 commands.

7. Oversees identification, development and governance of Navy medical information technology (IT) and information management requirements in support of the readiness mission.

   a. Coordinates with DON, DoD agencies and other Services to support the development and acquisition of medical readiness IT capabilities that preserve, protect or enhance the health and performance of Navy and Marine Corps personnel.

   b. Ensures BSO-18 cyberspace IT and cybersecurity workforce core workforce training, certification, education and management requirements are identified and tracked per DON direction.

   c. Executes and ensures adherence of DoD and DON cybersecurity requirements, objectives and policies for all BSO-18 activities.

   d. Develops strategies and policies for medical force IT and information management governance for medical workforce development training, support activity systems and applications to support naval medical training.

   e. Promotes the protection of personal health information and personally identifiable information in compliance with the Privacy Act of 1974 and the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 and agency-specific directives.

   f. Manages and maintains lifecycle support for medical readiness IT systems.

8. Oversees and develops maintenance, logistics and infrastructure policies, requirements, processes, programs and alignments in support of operational readiness. Serves as coordinating agent and liaison with Commander, Navy Installations Command, Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Office of the Chief of Naval Operations, Marine Corps Installations Command and Army Corps of Engineers for facility management efforts by coordinating the special projects, leasing, military construction development, service contracts, engineering studies, real property, environmental readiness and public works management programs pertaining to BSO-18 activities.
9. Develops strategy and policy to ensure mission assurance and force protection of Navy’s medical assets.

10. Oversees the Navy’s global health engagement activities and requirements to support DoD’s security cooperation strategies to build capabilities and cooperative relationships with allies and other international partners.

11. Develops healthcare policy and quality assurance oversight regarding the provision of medical and dental services for the DON Services and naval installation medical functions separate from MTF clinical and healthcare beneficiary services and business operations for Navy and U.S. Marine Corps personnel.
   a. Develops guidelines and monitors application of entrance, retention and specialized physical standards examinations for Navy service.
   b. Oversees healthcare policy, directives and publications in operational and installation-specific Navy medical activities separate from MTF clinical and healthcare services.
   d. Coordinates with and assess performance of Director, DHA on matters relating to the health of Navy and Marine Corps active duty members and establishes readiness requirements for a medically ready force.

12. Develops and oversees policies for occupational and environmental health, industrial hygiene, hearing conservation, animal protection and preventive medicine programs in operational and installation-specific naval activities.
   a. Develops policies for the assessment of health risks that threaten human health, evaluates and monitors population health and exposure to disease, promotes health wellness and provides for health protection through prevention and rapid assessment of health threats.
   b. Coordinates with civil authorities, DHA and the Services in matters pertaining to public health, disasters and other emergencies.
   c. Supports requests for forces, active or Reserve component, for individuals or units ISO humanitarian assistance in disasters, security incidents, emergencies, and associated exercises or as directed by higher authority for execution by echelon 4 or 5 personnel and units as directed by Chief, BUMED.
13. Oversees Navy mission-focused research and development activities to generate ready medical forces.
   a. Provides liaison officers that coordinate with DoD agencies and the other Services that financially support joint research programs being performed at Navy laboratory (continental United States or outside the continental United States) or by naval medical personnel.
   b. Supports the development and acquisition of research and development products to preserve, protect or enhance the health and performance of Navy and Marine Corps personnel.
   c. Develops strategies and policies to ensure robust biomedical research programs are supported at continental United States and outside the continental United States locations and properly financed and staffed with qualified military and civilian research scientists.
   d. Develops and maintains innovative defensive medical capabilities, countermeasures and technologies to enhance medical surveillance, detection and protection against pandemics, public health issues, chemical, biological, radiological and nuclear weapons risks.
   e. Promotes and maintains ethical standards of conduct for health care and research of all disciplines in compliance with standards of the Joint Ethics Regulation, Code of Federal Regulations and agency-specific directives and other required accreditation.

14. Oversee the coordination and distribution of medical intelligence and information from approved sources including, but not limited to, public health surveillance and modeling, foreign military and civilian medical capabilities, military capabilities of foreign countries or organizations impacting expeditionary medical operations and new or evolving threats from adversarial use of science and technology.

15. Manages Navy’s mandated programs for BSO-18 activities (e.g., managers internal control program, commercial activities and inherently governmental program and medical inspector general programs).

16. Serves as the primary reporting senior and general courts-martial convening authority for all subordinate BSO-18 commanders and commanding officers.

17. Accomplishes other functions as assigned by higher authority.