SECNAVINSTR 6000.6A

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, November 2018
(d) SECNAVINST 5200.35F
(e) SECNAV M-5214.1

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. Cancellation. SECNAVINST 6000.6.

3. Applicability. This instruction applies to the Office of the Secretary of the Navy, the Chief of Naval Operations (CNO), the Commandant of the Marine Corps, and all U.S. Navy, U.S. Marine Corps installations, commands, activities, field offices, and all other organizational entities within the DON.

4. Policy. MSO 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. MSO 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).

5. 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.

6. Responsibilities

a. The Secretary of the Navy delegates all responsibilities in reference (a) to the Office of the CNO.

b. Office of the CNO, Medical Resources, Plans and Policy Division (OPNAV (N0931)) is designated for the Navy and Marine Corps to champion MSO medical initiatives and shall:

(1) Develop a plan, in coordination with the Bureau of Medicine and Surgery (BUMED), 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, and BUMED ensure that curricula in individual and unit training programs and Service schools prepare personnel for joint, interagency, and coalition MSO;

(4) In coordination with the USFLTFORCOM and HQMC/HS, Marine Corps Combat Development Command (MCCDC), CD&I, and BUMED support MSO joint concept development, experimentation, and capability development;

(5) In coordination with the USFLTFORCOM and HQMC/HS and MCCDC CD&I, and BUMED 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 MSO in coordination with the Under Secretary of Defense (Policy);

(7) In coordination with HQMC/HS and BUMED, 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 MSO;

(10) In collaboration with geographic combatant commanders and 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 MSO achieve maximum benefit and contributions to national security;

(11) In coordination with USFLTFORCOM and Navy Warfare Development Command, 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 MSO;

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

(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 MSO, by reviewing the post-
mission analyses and lessons learned from MSO.

c. Deputy CNO, Operations, Plans, and Strategy (CNO (N3/N5)) shall coordinate with OPNAV (N0931) and naval components on developing plans to include global force management requirements, coordination with host nation, and military to military initiatives.

d. HQMC shall coordinate with OPNAV (N0931) and CNO (N3/N5) on Marine forces component command engagement in MSO.

e. In accordance with reference (d), the establishment and use of internal controls and accounting procedures are mandated to ensure: effectiveness and efficiency of operations; reliability of financial reporting; and compliance with applicable laws and regulations. Additionally, as part of the annual Manager's Internal Control Program report, the Office of the CNO will provide the Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Manpower and Reserve Affairs) with copies of reports that are relevant to MSO. The reports will include summary descriptions of internal controls used, their sufficiency, and any identified weaknesses or deficiencies.

7. Records Management

a. Records created as a result of this instruction, regardless of format or media, must be maintained and dispositioned according to the records disposition schedules found on the Directives and Records Management Division (DRMD) portal page: https://portal.secnav.navy.mil/orgs/DUSNM/DONAA/DRM/SitePages/Home.aspx

b. For questions concerning the management of records related to this instruction or the records disposition schedules, please contact your local Records Manager or the DRMD program office.
8. Reports. The reporting requirement contained in paragraph 6e is exempt from information collection control per part IV, paragraph 7n of reference (e).

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