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ATZK-PT (385)

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MEMORANDUM FOR

Commanders, All Units Reporting Directly to This Headquarters  
Directors and Chiefs, Staff Offices/Departments, This Headquarters

SUBJECT: Thunderbolt Six Policy Memo No. 38-37 – Medical Support to Training

1. References:

a. AR 385-63, Policies and Procedures for Firing Ammunition for Training, Target Practice, and Combat, 15 Oct 83.

b. Memorandum, HQ TRADOC, 13 Dec 99, subject: Medical Support to Training Policy.

c. Ft Knox Reg 385-22, Range Regulation (Training/Impact Areas), 1 Dec 00.

2. The purpose of this policy is to outline the minimum medical support, in terms of personnel and equipment, to training. My intent is to ensure the safety of all personnel in our training complex. Additionally, because medical techniques are consistently being upgraded and refined, this policy also addresses Medical Proficiency Training (MPT) of 91W medics assigned to Fort Knox, KY.

3. All units (including those external to Fort Knox) conducting any of the following training events in the Fort Knox training complex will support that event with on-site 91W coverage:

a. MOUT

b. All Grenade and Grenade Launcher Ranges

c. All Mounted or Dismounted Live Fire *and* Maneuver ranges (Night Infiltration is NOT considered Live Fire *and* Maneuver)

d. CALFEX

e. Mounted Field Training Exercises

f. Railhead Operations

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4. This requirement is applicable during the actual conduct of the training event only. When training is not being conducted, a certified Combat Lifesaver (CLS) is sufficient to provide requisite medical support. When required, 16<sup>th</sup> CAV or 1ATB will provide the medical support. External units must provide their own medical support or request it during their initial coordination with the installation.

5. All live fire *and* maneuver ranges require an M997 front line ambulance (FLA) on site. Other ranges and training events may be supported with an FLA if available, but at a minimum will have a designated (nonstandard) evacuation vehicle on-site such as an M998 HMMWV or GSA van.

6. All TRADOC medics assigned to Fort Knox will attend MPT at Ireland Army Community Hospital (IACH). Major Subordinate Commands (MSCs) will contact IACH to coordinate a schedule to accomplish this. My intent is for each 91 series soldiers to spend at least 30 days each fiscal year working in the hospital.

7. IACH will conduct quarterly inspections of each unit's medical aid and CLS bags to ensure proper maintenance.

8. MSCs will conduct their own CLS certification and re-certification courses.

9. All eligible medical personnel will participate in Expert Field Medical Badge (EFMB) training. Units who do not have the ability to conduct this training themselves will coordinate with those who do. Testing for the EFMB will be conducted at an Army Medical Department Certified Test Site.



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