COMNAVRESFOR INSTRUCTION 1570.15A

From: Commander, Navy Reserve Force

Subj: FIELD MEDICAL SERVICE TRAINING, AND CHAPLAIN AND RELIGIOUS PROGRAM SPECIALISTS EXPEDITIONARY SKILLS TRAINING

Ref: (a) OPNAVINST 6110.1J  
(b) MCO P6100.13 CH-1

1. Purpose. To provide policy regarding the selection, training and administration of Hospital Corpsman (HM) and the Religious Program Specialists (RP) enrolled in subject training. This instruction is a complete revision and should be read in its entirety.

2. Cancellation. COMNAVRESFORCOMINST 1570.15.

3. Background. Field Medical Service Training (FMST) and Chaplain and Religious Program Specialist Expeditionary Skills Training (CREST) are designed to train highly motivated enlisted Reserve component HMs and RPs for assignment to billets requiring the HM-8404 or RP-2401 Navy Enlisted Classification (NEC). This program provides comprehensive training to attain the respective NECs for those able to attend the fulltime FMST.

4. Selection Criteria. Candidates must be physically qualified in all respects and have passed their most recent Navy Physical Fitness Assessment (PFA) per reference (a), and able to pass the Marine Corps PFA per reference (b).

5. Action

a. Commander, Navy Reserve Forces Command (COMNAVRESFORCOM) will:

   (1) Act as the Training Support Agent responsible for coordinating program administration.

   (2) Publish annual policy execution guidance.
(3) Coordinate with the Field Medical Service Schools (FMSS) using the United States Marine Corps Training and Education Command to determine and publish the training sites and dates.

(4) Obtain school quota from quota control points.

(5) Provide medical exportable funds to FMSS Camp Pendleton and FMSS Camp Lejeune, as required.

b. All Echelon IV commands will:

(1) Assign a regional FMST/CREST coordinator as the point of contact for Echelon V commands.

(2) Track personnel within command who require the HM-8404 or RP-2401 NEC.

(3) Ensure all applicants meet qualification requirements found in the Annual Policy Execution Guidance and Desk Top Guide.

(4) Review all package submissions for accuracy, endorsement, and forward to Bureau of Medicine for Field Medical Training Battalion (FMTB) approval. Rest packages are forwarded to Reserve Force Chaplain, and Marine Forces Reserve.

c. All Echelon V commands will:

(1) Assign a local FMST/CREST coordinator.

(2) Ensure members are in compliance with program requirements at the time of application and prior to departure.

(3) Complete screening forms, as applicable, forward to Echelon IV coordinator, which can be found in the CREST/FMST Desk Top Guide.

(4) Encourage individuals to maintain a continuous training program which will enable them to pass the PFA and complete forced marches of up to eight miles with field packs.
(5) Ensure, upon member’s return, the NEC was awarded, member is assigned into a hard billet and any training mobilization assignment status codes are removed from Navy Standard Integrated Personnel System, as appropriate.

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