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BUMED INSTRUCTION 5450.169

From: Chief, Bureau of Medicine and Surgery

Subj: MISSION, FUNCTIONS, AND TASKS OF NAVAL MEDICAL RESEARCH CENTER

Ref: (a) OPNAVNOTE 5400, Ser DNS-33/11U228503 of 17 May 2011
(b) BUMEDINST 5450.165B
(c) SECNAV M-5210.1 of Nov 2007

Encl: (1) Mission, Functions, and Tasks of Naval Medical Research Center

1. Purpose. To publish the mission, functions, and tasks of Naval Medical Research Center (NAVMEDRSCHCEN) as directed by reference (a).
2. Scope. This applies to NAVMEDRSCHCEN.
3. Status and Command Relationships. NAVMEDRSCHCEN is a shore activity in an active (fully operational) status under a commanding officer.
 - a. Command:

Commanding Officer
Naval Medical Research Center
503 Robert Grant Avenue
Silver Spring, MD 20910-7500

(SNDL: FH6) (UIC: 32398)
(PLA: NAVMEDRSCHCEN SILVER SPRING, MD)
(Activity Code: 4176-200)
 - b. Echelon of Command:

1 - Chief of Naval Operations
2 - Chief, Bureau of Medicine and Surgery
3 - Commanding Officer, Naval Medical Research Center, Silver Spring, MD
 - c. Area Coordination. NAVMEDRSCHCEN is subject to the area coordination of Commandant, Naval District, Washington, DC.
4. Commanded, Tenant, Supported and Supporting Activities and Detachments.
 - a. Immediate Superior in Command: Chief, Bureau of Medicine and Surgery.

b. Supports the following:

- (1) Naval Health Research Center, San Diego, CA.
- (2) Naval Medical Research Unit-SA, San Antonio, TX.
- (3) U.S. Naval Medical Research Unit No. 2 Pacific, Pearl Harbor, HI.
- (4) U.S. Naval Medical Research Unit No. 3, Cairo, Egypt.
- (5) Naval Submarine Medical Research Laboratory, Groton, CT.
- (6) U.S. Naval Medical Research Unit No. 6, Lima, Peru.
- (7) Naval Medical Research Unit, Dayton, OH.
- (8) Naval Aerospace Medical Research Laboratory Detachment, Pensacola, FL.

c. Receives support from: The Walter Reed National Military Medical Center, Bethesda, Maryland, provides direct support to the NAVMEDRSCHCEN for functions of industrial hygiene; supply; special services; legal assistance, and chaplain services; staff medical examination, treatment, dental services, and hospitalization; printing services; and physician credentialing. Personnel Support Activity Detachment, Bethesda provides military personnel administration services. Civilian personnel administration is received from the Human Resource Service Center (HRSC), Washington, DC Northwest through the Human Resource Office, Bethesda, Maryland. Additionally, NAVMEDRSCHCEN receives training from Navy Medicine Manpower, Personnel, Training and Education Command; and audiovisual support from the Walter Reed Army Institute of Research Medical Audiovisual Service.

d. The Defense Finance and Accounting Services (DFAS), located in Charleston, South Carolina for civilian personnel and Cleveland, Ohio for military personnel, provides the accounting and disbursing services to NAVMEDRSCHCEN.

5. Overseas Diplomacy. NAVMEDRSCHCEN serves as an effective instrument of U.S. Foreign Policy by initiating and continuing support of medical research and health surveillance programs, which promote positive relations between the command and foreign nationals. In addition, as a “global force for good,” the Outside the Continental United States (OCONUS) laboratory activities support international health programs, outbreak investigations, disaster relief/humanitarian assistance, and infectious diseases surveillance.

6. Action. Addressee must:

- a. Ensure performance of the specific mission, functions, and task assigned in enclosure (1).

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b. Advise the Chief, Bureau of Medicine and Surgery of any recommended modifications to enclosure (1), in accordance with reference (b).

7. Records Management. Records created as a result of this instruction, regardless of format and media, shall be managed in accordance with reference (c).

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**MISSION, FUNCTIONS, AND TASKS OF
NAVAL MEDICAL RESEARCH CENTER**

1. Purpose. To issue the functions and task of the Naval Medical Research Center (NAVMEDRSCHCEN), Silver Spring, Maryland in support of the mission established by OPNAVNOTE 5400, Ser DNS-33/11U228503 of 17 May 2011.
2. Mission. The mission of the NAVMEDRSCHCEN is to conduct research, development, testing, and evaluation to enhance the health, safety, and readiness of Navy and Marine Corps personnel in the effective performance of peacetime and contingency missions and to perform such other functions or tasks as may be directed by higher authority.
3. Functions and Tasks. As directed by the Chief, Bureau of Medicine and Surgery, the functions and tasks of NAVMEDRSCHCEN are as follows:
 - a. Provides basic and applied research competence in Operational and Undersea Medicine, Infectious Diseases, Bone Marrow Research, Biological Defense Research, directly related to military requirements and operational needs.
 - b. Maintains a program of basic Biomedical Research in areas of military importance to develop knowledge in anticipation of future requirements.
 - c. Provides a scientific potential for the application of new biomedical knowledge to operational concerns and requirements.
 - d. Provides a source of scientific advisors and consultants readily available to the operational forces.
 - e. Provides biomedical research capabilities to support field laboratories, naval hospitals, naval activities, and other agencies upon request.
 - f. Provides or undertakes such other appropriate functions as may be authorized or directed by higher authority.
 - g. Provides echelon 3 direction and administrative support to all subordinate activities.