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BUMED INSTRUCTION 5450.72E

From: Chief, Bureau of Medicine and Surgery

Subj: MISSION, FUNCTIONS, AND TASKS OF NAVAL OPHTHALMIC SUPPORT AND TRAINING ACTIVITY

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

Encl: (1) Mission, Functions, and Tasks of Naval Ophthalmic Support and Training Activity

1. Purpose. To publish the mission, functions, and tasks of the Naval Ophthalmic Support and Training Activity (NAVOPHTHALSUPTRACT) under the mission established by references (a) and (b).

2. Cancellation. BUMEDINST 5450.72D.

3. Scope. Applies to NAVOPHTHALSUPTRACT.

4. Status and Command Relationships. NAVOPHTHALSUPTRACT is a shore activity in an active status under a commanding officer.

a. Command:

Commanding Officer  
Naval Ophthalmic Support and Training Activity  
P.O. Box 350  
Yorktown, VA 23691-0350

(SNDL: FH21) (UIC: 63439)  
(PLA: NAVOPHTHALSUPTRACT YORKTOWN, VA)

b. Echelon of Command:

- 1 - Chief of Naval Operations
- 2 - Chief, Bureau of Medicine and Surgery
- 3 - Naval Medical Logistics Command
- 4 - Naval Ophthalmic Support and Training Activity

c. Area Coordination:

- (1) Commander, Navy Region Mid-Atlantic.
- (2) Commanding Officer, Naval Medical Logistics Command

5. Action. In accomplishing the assigned mission, the Commanding Officer, NAVOPHTHALSUPTRACT will ensure performance of the mission, functions, and tasks in enclosure (1).

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

  
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**MISSION, FUNCTIONS, AND TASKS OF  
NAVAL OPHTHALMIC SUPPORT AND TRAINING ACTIVITY**

1. Purpose. To issue the mission, functions, and tasks for the Naval Ophthalmic Support and Training Activity (NAVOPTHALSUPTRACT) in support of the mission issued by OPNAVNOTE 5400 Ser DNS-33/11U228503 of 17 May 2011.

2. Mission. To support the operational readiness of the Armed Forces by providing timely fabrication and worldwide delivery of eyewear by leading the Department of Defense (DoD) Ophthalmic Services Program in providing prescription eyewear for all active duty and eligible personnel, as prescribed by Title 10, U.S. Code, current directives, and as directed by higher authority; by supporting all operational, contingency, and humanitarian missions worldwide, in peacetime and wartime; and by conducting the Tri-service Training Program in Opticianry.

3. Functions and Tasks

a. Eyewear Fabrication

(1) Fabricates and provides standard and nonstandard lenses, frames, and spectacles in support of medical facilities and for personnel of the uniformed services as provided by current instruction.

(2) Processes all prescription eyewear orders received.

(3) Authority to procure and process spectacle orders for nonstandard ophthalmic lenses and frames when a mission-specific requirement exists or an individual had a geographical, occupational, environmental, or ocular condition which precludes the use of standard materials. Examples include:

(a) Aviation and flight deck eyewear.

(b) Absorptive eyewear.

(c) Submarine eyewear.

(d) Gas mask inserts and military combat eye protection in support of special operations.

b. Tri-Service Optician School. Conducts a Tri-Service Optician School for the training of Navy Hospital Corpsman Opticians (NEC 8363), Army Optical Laboratory Specialists (MOS 68H), and others as required.

c. Executive Agent for the Optical Fabrication Enterprise (OFE) Program

(1) Acts in consultation with and on behalf of other Services or organizations in support of OFE Program goals.

- (2) Provides support personnel, facilities, and budgetary resources as required.
- (3) Executes the OFE Program per applicable guidance, policies, and requirements.
- (4) Executes functional, technical, and financial management of the OFE Program.
- (5) Develops and oversees OFE equipment life-cycle maintenance, replacement, and program management activities.
- (6) Acts as the point of contact for Government and civilian agencies having interest in the OFE Program.
- (7) Coordinates metrics pertaining to the OFE Program.
- (8) Coordinates work load distribution as required.
- (9) Supports OFE research programs.
- (10) Ensures the proper provision of initial and subsequent optician training to applicable personnel.
- (11) Coordinates cost effective procurement of material, supplies, and equipment to be used throughout the OFE Program.