# Navy and Marine Corps Public Health Center "Quick Hits"

## Electronic Deployment Health Assessment (eDHA)

The eDHA (Electronic Deployment Health Assessment) has supported the Navy since 2005. It is used to assess the health of our troops prior to being deployed and as a post-deployment health assessment tool when they return. Recently, an eDHA standalone server has been created to provide the option of on-site survey completion for the customer, in support of the Vice Chief of Naval Operations directive to increase DoN compliance with the eDHA program. The objective of the standalone server is to process each assessment (e.g. Post Deployment Health Assessment (PDHA), Post Deployment Health Reassessment (PDHRA), or Mental Health Assessment (MHA)) in a timely manner, determine mental health status, and document combat experience of the troops for legal, medical, surveillance, and analytical reasons, while providing an efficient and accurate evaluation.



Recently, NMCPHC Epi Data Center staff (*photo right*) assisted a group of 300 U.S. Marines with their Post-Deployment Health Risk Assessment. This was successfully completed using the eDHA standalone server.

## eDHA Highlights

- Allows returning units to complete surveys efficiently at a centralized location where troops can be screened by a provider immediately after completing their survey, eliminating the time required to track down each individual for screening.

- The eDHA on-site system provides the opportunity for units to complete the eDHA surveys quickly and efficiently in a convenient centralized location.

- Assists with identifying health concerns as soon as possible to get our troops the attention they may need.

- With the support of NMCPHC IT staff, eDHA help desk personnel, providers, and epidemiologists - over 300 troops with a moderate level of combat severity can be evaluated and referred to the appropriate treatment facility, as needed, within three days.

- The standalone system does not require a connection to the eDHA website to collect data— a "plus" for those units without access to the internet. The data is stored locally and is then uploaded to the live database when a strong connection becomes available.

- System is deployable in multiple environments, allowing for data collection in a variety of settings and for use with any of our data collecting programs (eDHA, National Healthcare Safety Network, or Rabies data collection).

- The eDHA has a history of successful on-site assessments involving the PDHA and the MHA to include deployment at various clinics, bases, and on-site deployment in theater.

## POC and Links

- *NMCPHC Homepage:* http://www.nmcphc.med.navy.mil/
- *Mental Health Assessment Training:* http://fhpr.osd.mil/mha/
- *eDHA Help Desk e-mail address:* edha@nehc.mar.med.navy.mil