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2012 NAVY & MARINE CORPS COSC CONFERENCE
“Joining Forces to Strengthen Resilience”

The Navy and Marine Corps Combat & Operational Stress Control Conference 2012 -- originally set for May 22-24 -- has been moved to May 23-24 at the direction of the Navy Surgeon General.

"The COSC Conference is the only one of its kind that focuses on the psychological health and operational readiness of our Sailors and Marines, and it is most worthy of our continued support," said Rear Admiral Elizabeth S. Niemyer, Deputy Chief, Wounded, Ill, & Injured, and Director, Navy Nurse Corps

"Budgetary demands and revised conference planning policies across the Department of Defense require us to be most prudent, and it is for this reason that the conference will be shortened by one day.

"Under the new arrangement, we have taken extra steps to ensure that the important information presented at the COSC conference will continue in an abbreviated format."

NCCOSC, which has planned the COSC Conference since 2010, will soon publish a new agenda that reflects the date change on its website, www.nccosc.navy.mil.

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A program of the U.S. Navy Bureau of Medicine & Surgery (BUMED), NCCOSC Naval Center for Combat & Operational Stress Control (NCCOSC) improves the psychological health of Marines and Sailors through comprehensive programs that educate service members, build resilience, aid research and promote best practices in the treatment of combat and operational stress injuries. NCCOSC initiatives are informed by science and provide measurable, wide-reaching results