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From: Commanding Officer, Marine Corps Air Station, Cherry Point
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Subj: DENTAL HEALTHCARE PROGRAM

Ref: (a) MCO 6600.3A
(b) ASD (HA) Policy Memo 06-001 of 9 Jan 2006
(c) BUMEDINST 6600.18
(d) MCO P1326.6D w/Ch 2

1. Situation. To promulgate a comprehensive and clearly defined dental treatment program for Marine Corps Air Station (MCAS) Cherry Point through which Commanding Officers may effectively satisfy their responsibility for the dental health and readiness of their units.

2. Cancellation. ASO 6600.2C.

3. Mission. Experience during past hostilities and extended deployments demonstrated a considerable loss of man-hours due to emergency dental care. Dental disease is controllable by current therapeutic measures. Therefore, early detection and implementation of corrective measures in advance of operational commitments and deployments will ensure that dental disorders do not adversely affect a unit's combat readiness.

4. Execution

a. Commander's Intent and Concept of Operations

(1) Commander's Intent. Dental health care resources will be prioritized and employed to maintain the dental readiness of deploying units and the dental health of individual Marines and Sailors within MCAS Cherry Point. Operational Dental Readiness (ODR) shall be 100 percent for units deploying for extended periods of time and at least 95 percent for all units per references (a) and (b).

(2) Concept of Operations. MCAS Cherry Point organizations are responsible for the overall dental health of personnel assigned and shall ensure that unit ODR is at or above 95 percent. Dental readiness is monitored by the Dental Readiness Program Coordinator (DRPC) at 12th Dental Company, MCAS Cherry Point. The DRPC shall coordinate and prioritize resources to maximize dental readiness and promote oral health of MCAS Cherry Point units.

b. Subordinate Element Missions

(1) Main Effort. MCAS Cherry Point organizational commanders shall establish liaison with the 12th Dental Company aboard the Air Station and coordinate the scheduling of appointments. Positive action will be taken to ensure all scheduled appointments are filled within the limitations of operational requirements.

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(2) Supporting Effort. The DRPC, in support of MCAS Cherry Point organizations, shall ensure that 12th Dental Company personnel are trained and resources are available to meet the dental treatment requirements of supported units.

c. Coordinating Instructions

(1) References (a) and (b) state that the ODR target of 95 percent of all Navy and Marine Corps units is a goal that must be maintained to ensure a healthy, fit force.

(2) Reference (c) sets dental classification guidelines.

(3) Reference (d) sets dental classification requirements for special duty assignments and independent duty.

5. Administration and Logistics

a. MCAS Cherry Point Organizational Commanders. Commanders will provide the DRPC with accurate and timely unit rosters when required. The DRPC will provide MCAS organizational commanders with monthly dental readiness reports, or when required by the organization commander.

b. Commanding Officers of MCAS Cherry Point Units

(1) Designate a Dental Contact Officer (DCO)/Dental Contact Staff Non-Commissioned Officer (DCSNCO) within their commands to conduct liaison with the servicing dental facility and to supervise the overall program.

(2) DCO/DCSNCO shall be designated in writing by their unit commander and a copy shall be forwarded to the DRPC, 12th Dental Company.

c. DCO/DCSNCO. Establish a dental program, in coordination with the DRPC, to meet the goals of this Order and meet the following requirements:

(1) Request access to the Dental Common Access System (DENCAS) and use the report features within the database to proactively monitor Class three and four personnel.

(2) Provide accurate personnel rosters of assigned personnel on request, and at least 60 days prior to scheduled deployments to 12th Dental Company.

(3) Provide scheduling support to ensure unit personnel are in compliance with dental appointments.

(4) Ensure that reporting personnel report to the dental facility for record verification and dental examination as part of the check-in process by notifying personnel prior to their annual dental examination date and use all available leadership tools to maintain zero Class Four unit personnel. In addition, actively monitor all Class Three personnel and ensure all have scheduled treatment appointments.

(5) Ensure that personnel nominated for Recruiting, Marine Security Guard, independent/remote or Drill Instructor duty receive dental treatment, and that adequate treatment time is allowed for those in receipt of such orders.

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d. Dental Treatment Facility/12th Dental Company

(1) Provide dental treatment on a continuing basis and as operational commitments dictate.

(2) Provide essential dental treatment on a priority basis for dentally non-qualified, deploying, or alert force personnel.

(3) Establish a flexible working schedule as required to meet peak demand and/or deployment schedules.

(4) Establish direct liaison with DCO/DCSNCOs to ensure that the unit's dental requirements are met by authorizing DENCAS access, and by providing training and readiness advice.

6. Command and Signal

(a) Command. This Order is applicable to MCAS Cherry Point and its subordinate and tenant commands.

(b) Signal. This Order is effective the date signed.



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