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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: (All States Log Number I95-0015 ) Combat Lifesaver Program

1. The Combat Lifesaver Program has proven its value in the improved survivability of our soldiers on the battlefield as demonstrated during Desert Shield/Storm.
2. The Combat Lifesaver Course is taught at the unit level during three days of training using exportable course materials, one packet per student and an administrative instructor packet. Only the following personnel shall be utilized as instructors: 91B/C, 18D, PA, AN or MC. Intravenous infusion (IV) instruction must be taught by a AN or MC officer, who's skills have been verified by the State Surgeon/Chief Nurse or designee in initiating IVs and who is also qualified to handle training emergencies. Additional information is found in AR 350-41, Chapter 12.
3. Combat Lifesavers have the potential to markedly reduce mortality on the battlefield. Therefore it is essential for certified, trained soldiers to maintain their skills. In order to assist commanders in assuring a high level of proficiency, the Army Medical Department Center and School (AMEDDC&S), has developed an annual recertification program.
4. The combat lifesaver is to be retested/recertified every 12 months. The tasks for recertification are as follows:
  - a. Clear an object from the mouth of a unconscious victim.
  - b. Perform mouth-to-mouth resuscitation.
  - c. Put on a field dressing.
  - d. Put on a tourniquet.
  - e. Initiate an intravenous infusion (IV).
  - f. Measure and monitor a casualty's pulse.
5. Completion and recertification of the Combat Lifesaver Course is to be annotated on DA Form 2-1 item 17 and 19, respectively.
6. Combat Lifesavers shall NOT be substituted for 91B, 91C or 18D requirements. The Combat Lifesaver is a soldier (non 91 CMF) trained to provide advanced emergency first-aid care as a **SECONDARY** mission only.

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7. States are requested to report the number of trained and recertified soldiers NLT: 1 April 1995, to the POC.

8. The Combat Lifesaver Bag (NSN 6545-01-254-9551), is an Acquisition Advice Code "D" item and can be obtained by a standard military requisition. The August 1994 AMDF price is \$78.00/bag, and may be purchased using OCE funds. The enclosure lists the authorized items for the aid bag. Resupply and rotation of dated items will be handled IAW AR 350-41, dtd 19 March 1993. The basis of issue is one per combat lifesaver.

9. References:

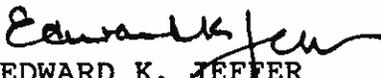
a. AR 350-41, Chapter 12, Combat Lifesaver.

b. TRADOC Pamphlet 525-50, Health Service Support to Air-Land Battle.

10. POC is SGM Halliday, DSN: 327-9531, CMM: (703)607-9531.

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