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Subj: MISSION AND FUNCTIONS OF THE NAVAL DENTAL CENTER GULF COAST (NAVDENCEN GULF COAST), PENSACOLA, FLORIDA (R)

Ref: (a) OPNAVNOTE 5450 Ser 09B2E3/313780 of 9 Jun 83 (canc frp: Oct 83)
(b) OPNAVNOTE 5450 Ser 09B22/9U510806 of 28 Sep 89 (canc frp: Apr 90)

Encl: (1) Definitions of Command Relationship
(2) Functions and Tasks of NAVDENCEN GULF COAST (R)

1. Purpose. To publish the functions and tasks of NAVDENCEN GULF COAST, under the mission established by reference (a), and to state current status and command relationship. (R)

2. Cancellation. CNETINST 5450.48

3. Mission. Provide comprehensive dental services to Navy and Marine Corps units of the operating forces, shore activities, and other authorized personnel in the assigned geographic area as prescribed by Title 10, U.S. Code, and other applicable directives. Operate assigned component dental care facilities. Ensure that all assigned military personnel are both aware of and properly trained for the performance of their contingency and wartime duties. Ensure that the center and its component facilities are maintained in a proper state of material and personnel readiness to fulfill wartime and contingency mission plans. Provide, as directed, dental care services in support of the Navy and Marine Corps Units of the operating forces and shore activities to ensure the highest possible degree of operational readiness of these forces and activities. Conduct appropriate education programs for assigned military personnel to ensure that military and dental health care standards of conduct and performance are achieved and maintained. Participate as an integral element of the Navy and Tri-Service Regional Health Care System. Cooperate with military and civilian authorities in matters pertaining to public health, local disasters, and other emergencies.

4. Status and Command Relationships. NAVDENCEN GULF COAST is a shore activity in an active (fully operational) status under a commanding officer. Reference (b) announced a reorganization of NAVDENCEN's which placed them under the military command of responsible line commanders vice the Chief, Bureau of Medicine and Surgery (BUMED). As a result, NAVDENCEN GULF COAST was placed under the military command of the Chief of Naval Education (R)

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and Training (CNET). Primary and technical support for NAVDENCEN GULF COAST remains the responsibility of BUMED. Enclosure (1) defines the terms military command, primary support, and technical support.

a. Military echelon of command

- (1) Chief of Naval Operations
- (2) Chief of Naval Education and Training (CNET)
- (3) NAVDENCEN GULF COAST

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b. Area Coordination

- (1) Area Coordinator - CNET
- (2) Regional Area Coordinator - CNET

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5. Overseas Diplomacy. NAVDENCEN GULF COAST serves as an effective instrument of the U.S. foreign policy by initiating and conducting action programs which promote positive relations between the command and foreign nationals, and which assist individual naval personnel and their families to work effectively, live with dignity and satisfaction, and function as positive representatives of the Navy and of the United States while overseas.

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6. Action. In the accomplishment of the assigned mission, the Commanding Officer, NAVDENCEN GULF COAST Pensacola will ensure performance of the functions and tasks in enclosure (2) and advise CNET of any recommended modifications to the mission, functions, and tasks of NAVDENCEN GULF COAST.


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DEFINITIONS OF COMMAND RELATIONSHIP

1. Military Command is the authoritative direction exercised over activities of the naval establishment in military matters, which includes the prerogative to exercise authoritative control over all matters when circumstances dictate. Military commanders: (a) are the primary reporting seniors and primary fitness report authorities for the commanding officers of assigned subordinate activities; (b) review overall performance of subordinate activities to ensure that support and services provided by them are responsive and comprehensive in meeting the needs of customer commands; (c) set work priorities when circumstances dictate; and (d) evaluate resource and budget issues which may impact on fleet and customer support, and initiate action to apprise the military chain of command.

2. Primary Support is the responsibility for provision of resources (funds, manpower, facilities, and material) to a shore activity to enable it to carry out its mission. Primary support includes administrative, personnel and material support, and guidance and assistance in such matters as internal organization, processes, procedures, budgeting, accounting, staffing, and the use of personnel, funds, material, and facilities. Support includes the responsibility to assist in evaluating the operational effectiveness of shore activities and responding to other requests for technical assistance as required.

3. Technical Support responsibilities include professional advice, guidance, and assistance on such matters as the handling and upkeep of equipment and systems, human resource management, supply management and facilities maintenance management, the establishment of standards and procedures for specialized technical functions, and the review and evaluation of the service rendered.

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FUNCTIONS AND TASKS OF NAVDENCEN GULF COAST

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1. Provide comprehensive outpatient dental care services to Navy and Marine Corps units of the operating forces, shore activities, and other authorized beneficiaries as prescribed by Title 10, U.S. Code.
2. Train personnel in billets designated for augmentation of the operating forces and maintain their health status so that they are operationally ready for deployment.
3. Develop, operate, and manage administrative and logistical plans and programs in compliance with current directives.
4. Exercise command and control over the operation of subordinate dental care activities, if assigned.
5. Maintain liaison with shore commands and units of the operating forces receiving dental care from the command.
6. Conduct patient education and public relations programs to promote consumer awareness and satisfaction.
7. Maintain standards of dental health care for accreditation and recognition as required by governmental and civilian agencies and commissions.
8. Operate an effective Quality Assurance Program to assess and improve dental care, as directed.
9. Conduct indoctrination and training programs to enhance the military and professional competence of officer personnel.
10. Provide on-the-job, in-service, certification, and operational readiness training for staff corps officers and dental technicians.
11. Provide dental equipment maintenance and repair service to assigned dental care treatment facilities and commands in the local area, as requested or required by current directives.
12. Provide and coordinate preventive dentistry programs for personnel of the operating forces, shore activities, and other beneficiaries as directed by Title 10, U.S. Code.
13. Operate and maintain an equal opportunity program under existing laws and regulations.

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14. Maintain liaison with and provide naval representation to various committees, groups, and organizations of a military, governmental, commercial, scientific, or professional nature with regard to dental care and related subjects, as directed.
15. Confer with civilian consultants on professional matters, including the education and training of officers.
16. Conduct training for clinical clerks and others, including orientation, indoctrination, observer, refresher, and familiarization training, as directed.
17. Provide or undertake such other appropriate functions as may be directed by higher authority.
18. Integrate Naval Dental Selected Reserves units and personnel into command activities to enhance the reservists' mobilization training and mutual support contribution while establishing a credentialing base for reservists.