

THE SCOOP



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MTN Fourth Worldwide Conference

MTN 2000

The 4th MTN Worldwide Conference for Affiliates.

The date for the next MTN conference for our affiliates is tentatively set for April 25-27, 2000 and will be held in the Bethesda Maryland area. Please mark your calendars for the largest and most comprehensive MTN conference to date. MTN 2000 will have more breakout sessions, updates of certification opportunities, and continuing education opportunities than ever before. The Governing Body session for the MTN National Faculty will be on the 24th of April 2000.

Conference Description

Discussions will include specific program resuscitative and trauma clinical and administrative management issues, national organization initiatives and the goals and accomplishments of the MTN and its affiliates. It is anticipated that Dr. James A. Zimble, President of the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences and former Navy Surgeon General will present opening and closing remarks at the conference.

Who should attend?

This conference is open to all MTN affiliates for Basic Life Support, Advanced Cardiac Life Support, Pediatric Advanced Life Support, Advanced Trauma Life Support Program Directors, Administrators, and Affiliate Faculty members. This conference will be beneficial to the aforementioned personnel as well as those who will be replacing those personnel soon to be transferring. Also, if you are an EMT or other Department of Defense (DoD) healthcare provider, active duty, reserve, or national guard involved with resuscitative or trauma medicine, you will find something of interest for you at MTN 2000.

All program managers and national faculty members are expected to attend and answer your questions about your respective

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program issues. Several national faculty members will be giving presentations in their area of expertise. If you are involved in MTN resuscitative and trauma medicine programs, you will not want to miss the most comprehensive conference in DoD for AHA, Army EMT and ATLS programs. Watch our web site and future editions of "The Scoop" for continuing updates and news of MTN 2000, *Resuscitative and Trauma Medicine for the Next Millennium*.

WE MOVED

We are now located in Silver Spring, Maryland, approximately five miles from the Uniformed Services University. However our address remains the same as all of our correspondence comes through the Uniformed Services University.

Our new telephone numbers are:

MTN (301) 295-0964 DSN: 295-0964
FAX: (301) 295-1717 / 1556

If you are having difficulty sending faxes to the first number, try the second number, the first fax machine may be busy or full.

Program Managers:

NAVY ACLS & TRISERVICE PALS	(301) 295-1473
ARMY & AIR FORCE ACLS	(301) 295-1476
TRISERVICE ATLS	(301) 295-1478
TRISERVICE BLS	(301) 295-1492
ARMY EMT	(301) 295-1479

ATLS

Hello ATLS fans! Welcome to another edition of the MTN Scoop. This issue of the Scoop will be the last for me, as I am heading down the road to retirement. Thank you for the last four years of support with the ATLS program, it has been a long road traveled.

We are always trying to improve the way we do business here at the MTN and would like to pass some new guidelines for processing your paperwork.

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1. Please send your course request at least two months before the course, along with your money for books. If I do not get your money in on time, it will delay your book order. This makes it hard for your students when they cannot read the material ahead of time.

2. Send your reports within 30 days after your course. You could risk disapproval of your next course, if the American College of Surgeons (ACS) doesn't receive your report within their guidelines.

3. Do not staple your report when you send it to the MTN.

4. If you have any problems with a course, please talk to your service COT or the ATLS Program Manager (here at MTN) before contacting the ACS.

5. If you have any questions at all, contact the MTN for help.

6. TO ALL ATLS COORDINATORS: WHEN YOU HAVE AN INSTRUCTOR THAT NEEDS TO RE-CERTIFY, HAVE THEM CONTACT THE MTN FOR THE PROPER PROCEDURES.

ARMY EMT BASIC PROGRAM NEWS

Steps to Affiliate with The Army EMT-Basic Program:

a. Contact the Military Training Network and speak with the Program Manager in reference to initiating your command's EMT-B program at (301) 295-1479.

b. Once it is determined that your command is eligible and can meet all requirements set forth, a checklist is then forwarded to you via commercial mail, fax, or e-mail depending on which you desire.

c. After receiving the checklist, it is **very important** you gather all information required on the checklist.

d. Once you are satisfied you have met all requirements on the checklist, forward your completed package to the MTN, with attention to Army EMT-Basic Program Manager.

e. Please be sure to include: Phone information, both commercial and DSN. Also, if available, include your fax number and your e-mail address as well. This will enable us to contact you immediately if we have any concerns in reference to your package submission.

f. Once the MTN receives your package, it is thoroughly reviewed to ensure all requirements on the checklist are met, if so, your command will be assigned a site code number that specifically identifies your command.

g. The site code number is then forwarded to you (New Affiliate), also; an affiliation letter is forwarded to The National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians (NREMT) notifying them of your affiliation with the MTN.

h. Your site code is extremely important and must be utilized whenever you are requesting any tests or test information from the NREMT.

i. If for any reason you have questions or concerns in reference to your package, please do not hesitate to call for assistance.

Typical problems found with Army Basic EMT packages:

Receiving "partial" packages, for example, sending the curriculum vitae on Monday and then a few days later sending the equipment list, etc.

Solution: Before forwarding your package to MTN, ensure you have met all requirements of the checklist, then forward the entire package simultaneously.

Receiving improper curriculum format, we are just receiving your "times", i.e. Airway Obstruction 0730-0900. We need for you to take one additional step and add the breakdown, i.e. Airway Obstruction 0730-0900 (1.5 hrs).

Solution: Reference DOT EMT Basic Manual (Appendix E) Curriculum Breakdown of Hours

BASIC LIFE SUPPORT

First, I would like to say thanks for everyone's patience during this time of change. My new telephone number is commercial (301) 295-1492 or DSN 295-1492. **Please do not send a Third Quarter Report. We are in the process of changing to annual and semi-annual reports for Basic Life Support Programs** here at the MTN. The new forms with instructions will be forthcoming. This change is needed to streamline the process, since cards will only be sent at the end of the fiscal year and with March 31 reports. Follow the same process for the second quarter reports. If you have not received the new cards which were mailed February 3, 1999, please let us know immediately.

Instructor-Trainers should be given the American Heart Association (AHA) instructor card and the initials (IT) should follow their name on the front of the card. Instructors must meet the guidelines, teach four classes (Heartsaver, or Provider) every two years to maintain their status. Individuals who leave a Military Training Network affiliated program **cannot train non-affiliated units** who are not a satellite of a MTN affiliated unit or have a program with the MTN. To keep your instructor's status after you leave a MTN program you must go to the local CTC for training or reciprocity.

Request for additional cards must be faxed or mailed to the MTN with the number of cards needed, what type, and signatures from the Program Director and Administrator.

We are developing a MTN BLS e-mail forum for disseminating current information, ideas and other helpful items. If you have sent an e-mail to the MTN we have your address for the forum, if not please e-mail me with your current address.

Again we only sponsor DoD personnel. Only special circumstances do we grant using the AHA and/or MTN cards for other than mission oriented purposes. Please call the MTN if you have any questions.

Per ECC/AHA Training Bulletin #1-10/98: AHA recognizes no grace period for renewal dates on cards.

The AHA instructor card is invalid after the expiration date indicated on the card. There is no grace period for instructor recognition with the exception of serious illness with medical documentation. If instructors seeking renewal, presents an expired AHA instructor card, the MTN Affiliate Faculty will make the decision as to the type of instructor course (full initial or renewal course) the individual must complete to maintain instructor status.

To successfully demonstrate instructor renewal requirements, the participant must:

1. Maintain provider status:
 - This may be done by attending a provider course or a provider renewal course
 - Completing the evaluation stations and written exam when teaching the provider course
 - Demonstrating the provider skills in an instructor renewal course, this includes the written exam.
2. Teach two (2) courses per year.
 - Teaching in two separate courses per year does this.
 - BLS-IT must teach one (1) instructor course or renewal course per year.

There is no longer a **Pediatric Course in BLS**. This material is covered in the Healthcare Provider's Course. All DoD daycare centers should go through the Healthcare provider's course.

SATELLITES

An organization may affiliate with the MTN if they meet all affiliation criteria. If an organization/unit cannot meet the established criteria they may piggyback their training onto an established MTN affiliate. It is up to the established MTN affiliated facility commander to accept or decline taking on satellite training sites. They must meet all MTN criteria for reporting data. For more information on satellites, please call Marc A. Breslauer, Maj, USAF, NC at USN: 295-0964.

NEW CARDS

There are two types of program cards that the MTN provides. AHA Program Instructor/Heartsaver Cards and MTN Provider Cards. The AHA cards are for instructors and Heartsavers and the MTN cards are for providers. The back of the AHA card needs to have the name of your organization as it is printed on your affiliation letter (i.e. MTN 56th MDG) on the top line next to *Name of AHA Region*. Type MTN next to *Name of Community Training Center* on the second line. Type the Instructor's name on the third line, leave the fourth line blank and have the holder sign on the fifth line.

If you are issuing an Instructor Trainer an Instructor Trainer Card, use the Instructor Card for the particular program and type IT on the front of the card preceding the individual's name. There is a difference between the PALS Instructor Card and the remaining Instructor cards. This is because the AHA has updated the PALS Card in 1998 and has not done so for the remaining cards. The difference is that the new PALS Card has the Training Site Name instead of the Instructor ID No. Please type the Name of your facility on this line, and on the cards that have the Instructor ID No, leave that line blank. The AHA will be updating the 1997 cards in the near future.

The Instructor card supersedes the provider card and can be issued to take the place of the provider card; an instructor does not need to have both cards. The Affiliate Faculty may sign the back of the cards in bulk prior to a class. The Affiliate Faculty Signature Line will be removed on the next printing and will be replaced with the Holders Signature Line. All future shipments of cards from the MTN will display the MTN watermark.

COAST GUARD

The Coast Guard has established a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Military Training Network. The following Coast Guard sites are approved MTN Training Affiliates for Basic Life Support (BLS) and Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS): Coast Guard Training Center Petaluma, CA; Training Center May, NJ; Reserve Training Center Yorktown, VA; Coast Guard Air station, Clearwater, FL; Coast Guard ISC Boston, MA; and Coast Guard Academy New London CT. Coast Guard individuals may participate in BLS and ACLS training at sites outside those listed in the MOU at the discretion of the facility commander.

AFFILIATE FACULTY CARDS

Starting this month, there will be new Affiliate Faculty Cards issued for new Affiliate Faculty appointments. If you were issued the old AHA card, it will be good until the expiration date.



AFFILIATE FACULTY E-MAIL ADDRESSES

The National Faculty Member for each MTN program has directed that all Affiliate Faculty members will provide their e-mail address to the respective MTN Program Manager by May 15, 1999. This can be work (preferably) or home e-mail address. The MTN will then group and forward your addresses to the National Faculty member. This will afford the National Faculty and the Affiliate Faculty the opportunity to communicate with each other directly. This should expedite the dissemination of general AHA/MTN topics of interest.