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**COMBAT
LIFESAVER**

TACTICAL COMBAT CASUALTY CARE COURSE

MODULE 01: PRINCIPLES AND APPLICATIONS OF TACTICAL COMBAT CASUALTY CARE (TCCC)



Committee on
Tactical Combat
Casualty Care
(CoTCCC)

TCCC TIER 1

All Service Members

TCCC TIER 2

Combat Lifesaver

TCCC TIER 3

Combat Medic/Corpsman

TCCC TIER 4

Combat Paramedic/Provider

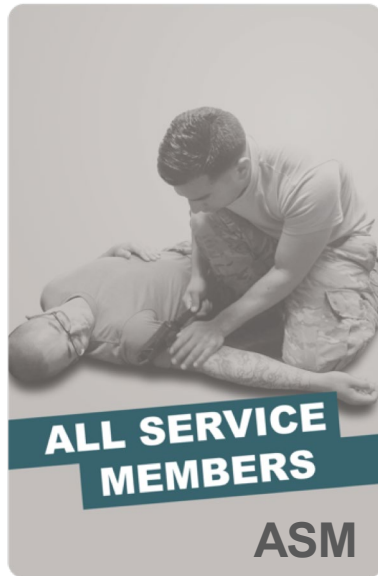
CHANGE LOG - Curriculum Update History

CHANGE DATE	PRODUCT UPDATE	DESCRIPTION OF CHANGE
29 April 2025	Module 1 - Didactic PPT Slide 20	Updated TCCC 1380 Card image to reflect changing “gender” to “sex”

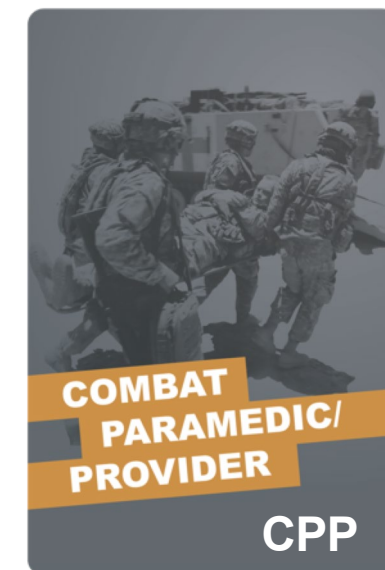
TACTICAL COMBAT CASUALTY CARE (TCCC) ROLE-BASED TRAINING SPECTRUM

ROLE 1 CARE

NONMEDICAL PERSONNEL



MEDICAL PERSONNEL



◀ **YOU ARE HERE**

STANDARDIZED JOINT CURRICULUM

PRINCIPLES AND APPLICATIONS OF TCCC

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

01 Given a combat or noncombat scenario, perform Tactical Combat Casualty Care (TCCC) in accordance with Committee on Tactical Combat Casualty Care Guidelines

- 01 Demonstrate the application of TCCC skills in a combat or noncombat scenario.
(Comprehensive Module Practical Exercise)

02 Describe the practice of TCCC in accordance with CoTCCC Guideline

- 02 Identify the leading causes of preventable death due to traumatic injuries, and the corresponding interventions to help increase chances of survival
- 03 Describe the TCCC Phases of Care, and how intervention priorities differ in each phase, in accordance with CoTCCC guidelines
- 04 Describe the application of TCCC in combat and noncombat settings across different environments
- 05 Describe the role and responsibilities of a nonmedical service member in rendering TCCC care in accordance with Joint Publication (JP) 4-02, Health Services Support, p. 27 (II-1)
- 06 Identify the key factors influencing TCCC
- 07 Identify the importance of TCCC training
- 08 Identify three objectives (or goals) of TCCC

02 **TERMINAL LEARNING**
OBJECTIVES (TLOs)

08 **ENABLING LEARNING**
OBJECTIVES (ELOs)

● = Performance ELOs
● = Cognitive ELOs

CONGRESSIONAL MANDATE FOR STANDARDIZED TRAINING

DoDI 1322.24



DoD INSTRUCTION 1322.24 MEDICAL READINESS TRAINING (MRT)

Originating Component: Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness
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Reissues and Cancells: DoD Instruction 1322.24, "Medical Readiness Training," October 6, 2011
Approved by: Robert L. Wilkie, Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness

- Purpose:** This issuance:
- In accordance with the authority in DoD Directive (DoDD) 5124.02, establishes policy, assigns responsibilities, and provides procedures for governing MRT for Service members and the DoD expeditionary civilians (DoD-EC).
 - In accordance with Section 708 of Public Law 114-328, develops a standardized combat casualty care instruction for all Service members, including the use of standardized trauma training platforms.
 - Establishes a requirement to record tactical combat casualty care (TCCC) certification in Service-designated training tracking systems.

Standardizes Combat Casualty Care for all Service members

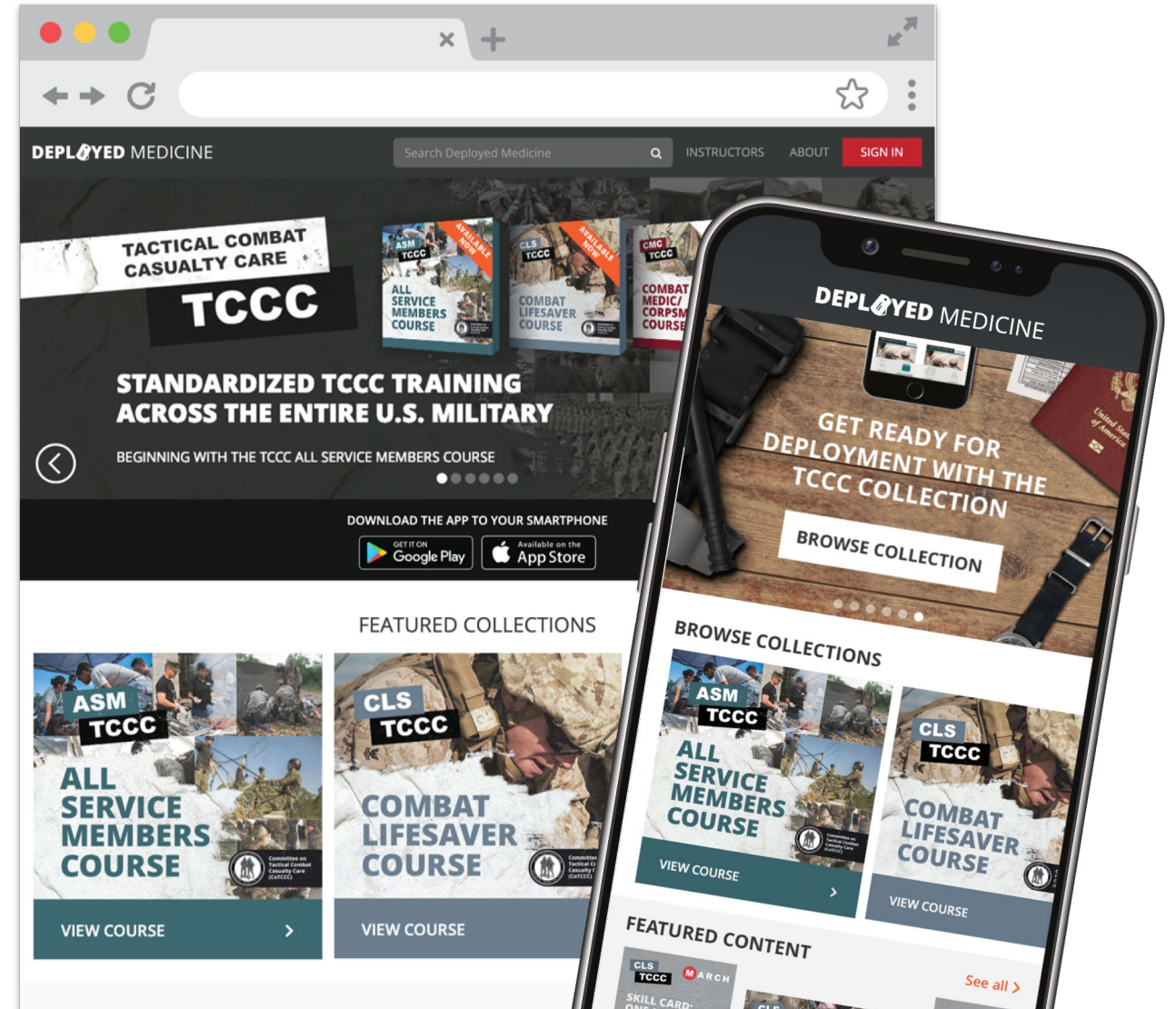
Covers the use of standardized trauma training platforms

This is not just your typical first aid training

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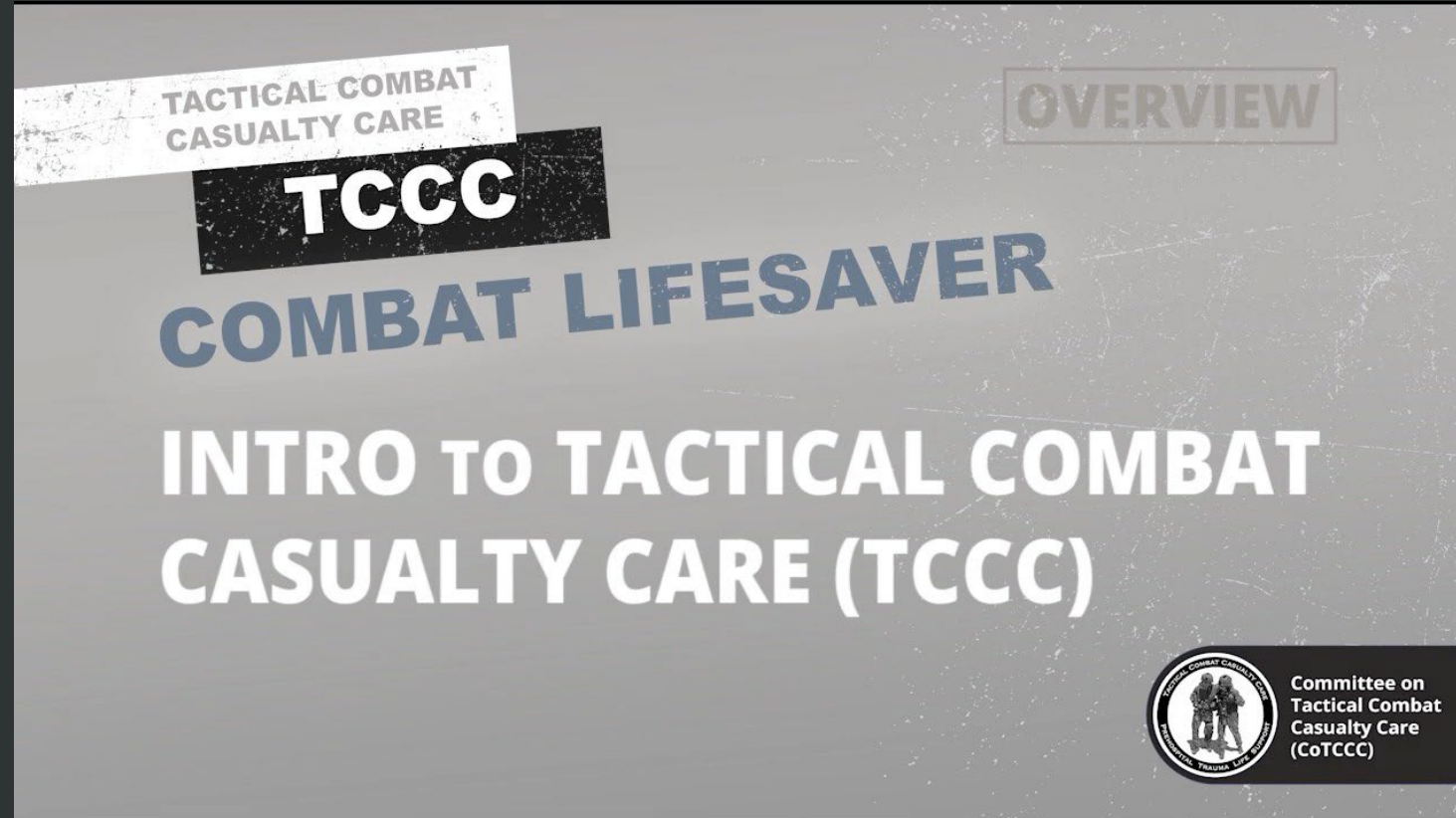
WHAT THIS COURSE CONTAINS

- Principles and Applications of TCCC
- Medical Equipment
- Care Under Fire
- Principles and Application of Tactical Field Care
- Tactical Trauma Assessment
- Massive Hemorrhage Control in TFC
- Airway Management in TFC
- Respiration Assessment and Management in TFC
- Circulation/Hemorrhage Control in TFC
- Shock Recognition
- Hypothermia Prevention
- Head Injuries
- Eye Injuries
- Pain Medication and Antibiotic Administration
- Wound Management
- Burns
- Fractures
- Casualty Monitoring
- Pre-evacuation Procedures, Communication, and Documentation
- Evacuation Procedures

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PRINCIPLES AND APPLICATIONS OF TCCC



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PRINCIPLES AND APPLICATIONS OF TCCC

ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE COMBAT LIFESAVER



In a **Care Under Fire** situation the CLS:

- Must respond to suppression of hostile fire to minimize the risk of injury to personnel and minimize additional injury to previously injured Service members

In **Tactical Field Care** the CLS Service members:

- Must maintain security and situational awareness while continuing to tend to casualties and prepare for evacuation

ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF CLS



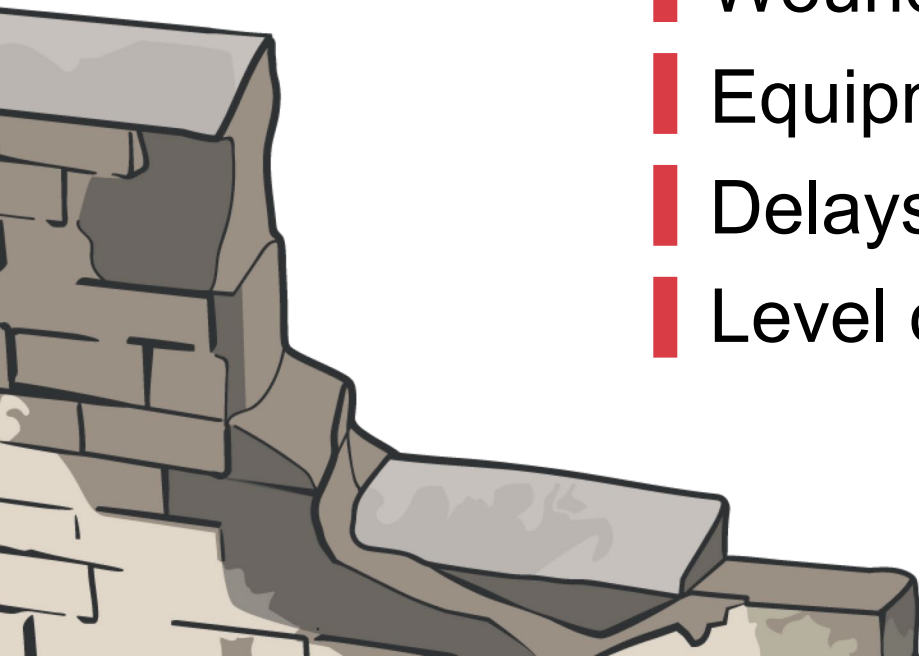
First Responder Care (Role 1)

The first medical care that military personnel receive is provided at Role 1 (also referred to as unit-level medical care or self-aid, buddy aid, combat lifesaver, and/or medic care). This role of care includes:

Immediate lifesaving measures and treatment for disease and non-battle injury (DNBI) or degradation of functional capability sustained by personnel and caused by factors other than those directly attributed to enemy action

THE KEY FACTORS INFLUENCING TCCC

- Hostile fire
- Tactical considerations
- Environmental considerations
- Wounding patterns
- Equipment constraints
- Delays in reaching higher levels of care
- Level of first responder training and experience



IMPORTANCE OF TCCC TRAINING

TCCC focuses on identifying and treating the causes of preventable death on the battlefield



- Bleeding from arm and leg injuries
- Junctional bleeding where an arm or leg joins the torso such as the groin
- Noncompressible bleeding such as a gunshot wound to the abdomen
- Tension pneumothorax (**air trapped in the chest that prevents breathing and circulation**), and airway problems

PRINCIPLES AND APPLICATIONS OF TCCC

THREE GOALS OF TCCC

- Treat the casualty
- Prevent additional casualties
- Complete the mission



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ENTER THE BATTLEFIELD

Three PHASES of TCCC

1 CARE UNDER FIRE

RETURN FIRE AND TAKE COVER

Quick decision-making:

- Consider scene safety
- Identify and control life-threatening bleeding
- Move casualty to safety

2 TACTICAL FIELD CARE

COVER AND CONCEALMENT

Basic Management Plan:

- Maintain tactical situational awareness
- Triage casualties as required
- MARCH PAWS assessment

3 TACTICAL EVACUATION CARE (TACEVAC)

More deliberate assessment and treatment of unrecognized life-threatening injuries

- Pre-evacuation procedures
- Continuation of documentation

NOTE: This is covered in more advanced TCCC training!

PHASE 1: CARE UNDER FIRE

RETURN FIRE AND TAKE COVER



Never attempt to
rescue a casualty until
hostile fire is suppressed



Using available
resources, ensure
scene safety

DIRECT CASUALTY TO REMAIN ENGAGED

APPLY SELF-AID AND MOVE TO COVER *(if able)*

GAIN FIRE SUPERIORITY

MOVE TO CASUALTY *(if casualty is unable to move to cover)*

PHASE 1: CARE UNDER FIRE

**APPLY TOURNIQUET
TO CONTROL
LIFE-THREATENING
BLEEDING**



For life-threatening bleeding, place a tourniquet **"high and tight"** above the wound



**CONTINUE TO
MAINTAIN FIRE
SUPERIORITY**

**MOVE
CASUALTY**



IMPORTANT CONSIDERATIONS:

Continuously assess risks and make a plan before moving a casualty

TACTICAL FIELD CARE

MARCH PAWS

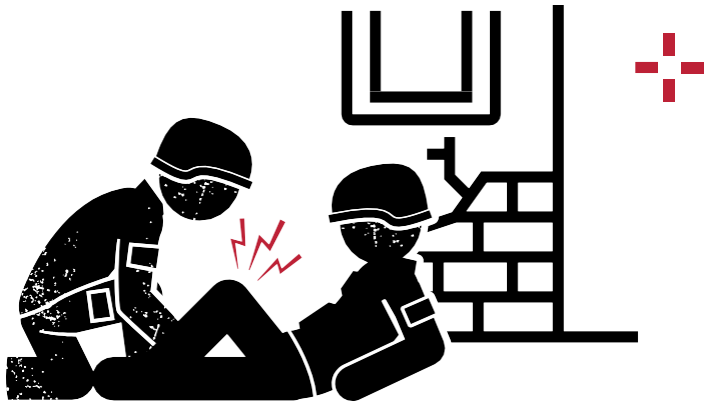
DURING LIFE-THREATENING

- M** MASSIVE BLEEDING #1 Priority
- A** AIRWAY
- R** RESPIRATION (*Breathing*)
- C** CIRCULATION
- H** HYPOTHERMIA / HEAD INJURIES

AFTER LIFE-THREATENING

- P** PAIN
- A** ANTIBIOTICS
- W** WOUNDS
- S** SPLINTING

PHASE 2: OTHER CONSIDERATIONS OF TACTICAL FIELD CARE



TFC

- The casualty and the person rendering care are not under direct fire
- Intervention priorities should follow MARCH PAWS



LIMITED SUPPLIES

- Medical equipment and supplies are limited to what is carried into the field by the combat lifesaver and the individual Service member

REMEMBER:

- Always use the **casualty's** Joint First Aid Kit (JFAK) first
- TFC can turn into a CUF situation unexpectedly
- Personnel should maintain their situational awareness

PHASE 3: TACTICAL EVACUATION CARE

CASUALTY MONITORING

- Continue to reassess and monitor casualty

A 9-Line Evacuation Request Worksheet. It is a form with 9 numbered lines for recording casualty information. Line 1: LOCATION. Line 2: CALL SIGN/FREQUENCY. Line 3: NAME OF CASUALTY. Line 4: CASUALTY STATUS. Line 5: CASUALTY TYPE. Line 6: CASUALTY LOCATION. Line 7: CASUALTY STATUS. Line 8: CASUALTY STATUS. Line 9: CASUALTY STATUS.

EVAC REQUEST

- Use 9-Line Format

COMPLETE REPORT

- M Mechanism of injury
- I Injuries
- S Symptoms
- T Treatment

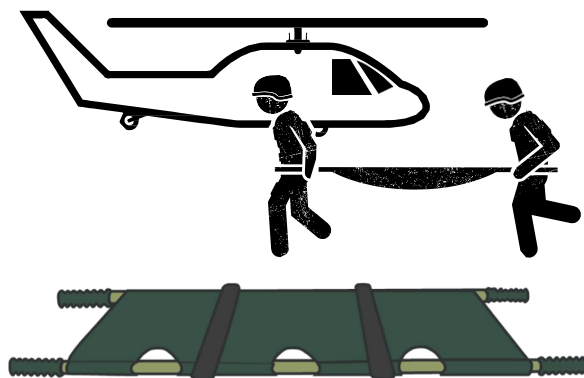
PRE-EVAC PROCEDURES

- Complete DD Form 1380

Two forms from the TCCC Card. The top form is the 'TACTICAL COMBAT CASUALTY CARE (TCCC) CARD' (DD Form 1380). It includes fields for NAME, SEX, DATE, TIME, SERVICE, and UNIT. It also has checkboxes for Mechanism of Injury (Arterial, Blunt, Burn, Fall, Grenade, GSW, IED, Landmine, MVC, RPG, Other) and Injury (TQ: R Arm, TQ: L Arm, TQ: R Leg, TQ: L Leg). It includes a diagram of a human body with numbered injury sites. The bottom form is the 'BATTLE ROSTER #' form, which includes checkboxes for EVAC (Urgent, Priority, Routine) and treatments (C: TQ, A: Intact, B: O2, Needle-D, Chest-Tube, Chest-Seal). It also has checkboxes for Analgesic, Antibiotic, and Combat-Pill-Pack.

CASUALTY PREP

- Prep Litter
- Prep Evac Equipment
- Pack Casualty
- Secure Items



(litter transport)

IN SUMMARY

GOALS

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Three PHASES of TCCC

1 CUF

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3 TACEVAC

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CHECK ON LEARNING

- ❓ What factors influence TCCC?
- ❓ What are the phases of care in TCCC?
- ❓ What is the most essential treatment task in CUF?
- ❓ What is every first responder's role in CUF?
- ❓ What does MARCH PAWS stand for?



ANY QUESTIONS?