

Shipboard Dentistry

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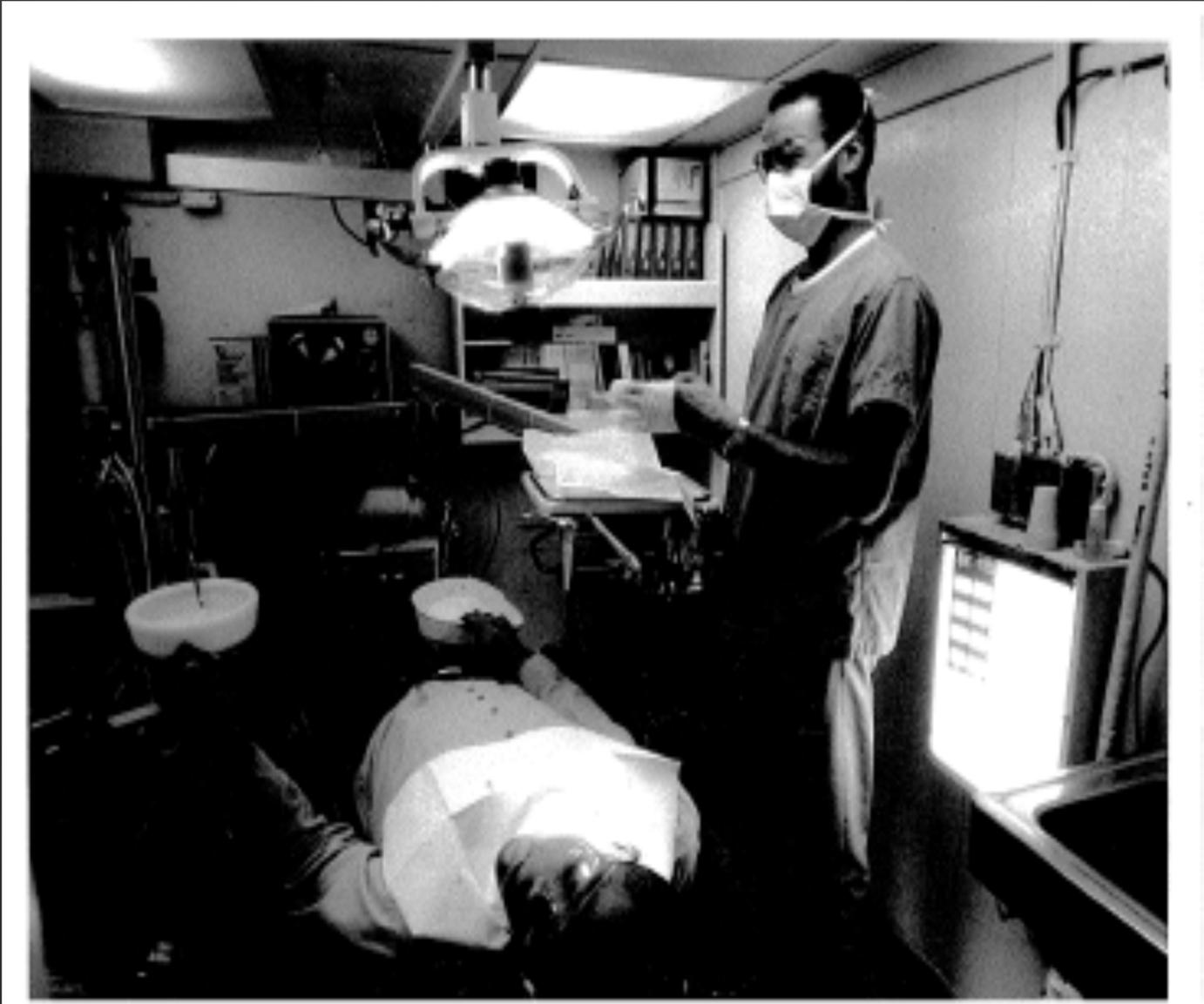


August 22, 1912 Congress authorized 30 acting assistant dental surgeons for the Navy. Still proudly serving.

2012 Dental Corps Centennial

Happy 100th Birthday

1987 USS Midway CV-41



Mission

- ⊕ The mission of a dental department on board Navy ships is to provide care to active duty personnel to prevent or remedy diseases, disabilities, and injuries to teeth, jaws, and related structures.
- ⊕ Dental department is responsible for all of the Ship's company – crew, embarked staff, air wing, riders, etc.
- ⊕ Provides routine and emergent care to the ships in group/squadron and supply vessels alongside.

Organization

- ⊕ Fleet Dental Officer
- ⊕ Two senior dental officers are appointed as the Fleet Dental Officers. The fleet is broken down into the Atlantic and Pacific regions. They have the ultimate authority, responsibility, and accountability for dental care provided to each fleet.

Force Dental Officers

- ⊗ Six senior dental officers are appointed as force dental officers. The force dental officer is the advisor to the type commander on all force dental matters. Each force dental officer:
 - ⊗ Responsible for all matters pertaining to dental services, dental personnel, and dental material condition of the force by means of inspections, assist visits, and the review of dental service and inspection reports.

Organization

⊗ The force is broken down into the Atlantic and Pacific regions. Within each force is the type commander to whom each Force Dental Officer reports. The six force dental officers are as follows:

⊗ SURFLANT/SURFPAC (Atlantic Fleet/ Pacific Fleet) - Responsible for all ships that are not fixed winged or submarine connected.

⊗ AIRLANT/AIRPAC (Air Atlantic/Air Pacific) - Responsible for all ships that have fixed wing capabilities (i.e., aircraft carriers).

⊗ SUBLANT/SUBPAC (Submarine Atlantic/ Submarine Pacific) - Responsible for all submarines and auxiliary support ships (submarine tenders).

Guidance

- ⊗ MANMED Ch. 6
- ⊗ COMPACFLTINST 6600.42 –
 - ⊗ Mission & Responsibilities
 - ⊗ Administration
 - ⊗ PI/QM
 - ⊗ Credentialing & Privileging
 - ⊗ Professional Training
 - ⊗ Dental Practice
 - ⊗ Infection Control
 - ⊗ Equipment/Supply/ Fiscal

DRI

- ⊗ COMFLTFORCOM INST 6600.42 – Dental Readiness Inspection - DRI
- ⊗ Performed within 120 days of a major deployment or every 18 months
- ⊗ Reported to CO, Force Dental > Fleet Dental and ISIC
- ⊗ Grades
 - C-1 Fully Ready
 - C-2 Substantially Ready
 - C-3 Marginally Ready
 - C-4 Not Ready

Distribution

- ⊗ Dentist : Patient = 1:500
- ⊗ CVN – 5 Dentists including an OMFS
- ⊗ LHD, LHA, LPD – 1 -2 Dentists 1 additional dentist from embarked MEU
- ⊗ Tenders – 3 Dentists
- ⊗ 3 dental HMs per dentist at minimum (dental duties, DC, 3M, etc)
- ⊗ Registered Dental Hygienist – E5 –E7

- ⊗ The Navy must maintain the highest degree of dental health and readiness for fleet personnel.
- ⊗ Accomplished through an aggressive Dental Liaison Program, through the combined efforts of the MTF Dental Department, shipboard dental department and Independent Duty Hospital Corpsmen.
- ⊗ This state of dental readiness is achieved by ships with dental departments and the use of shore-based dental clinic facilities. The ships or submarines that are in port use the Fleet Liaison Program to schedule appointments.

Dental Readiness

- ⊗ Class 1 - No dental treatment or reevaluation will be needed within the next 12 months
- ⊗ Class 2 - An oral condition without the potential to become an emergency within the next 12 months if untreated
- ⊗ Each individual aboard ship is considered to be in the state of dental readiness if the following requirements are met:
- ⊗ Class 3 - An oral condition that may result in an emergency condition within the next 12 months.
- ⊗ Class 4 - Requires an annual dental examination.
- ⊗ Non deployable - Class 3 and 4 are considered likely to compromise combat effectiveness with the potential to experience a dental emergency.

AUTHORIZED DENTAL ALLOWANCE LIST (ADAL)

- ⊗ The Authorized Dental Allowance List (ADAL) is a document published by the Medical Logistics Command, which consists of a specific list of dental material requirements for each type and class of ship or unit assigned.
- ⊗ The ADAL indicates the authorized inventory of equipment and supplies standardized throughout the fleet and represents the minimum quantities of consumable items to be maintained on board at all times.



SECURING FOR SEA

- ⦿ Performing dental procedures at sea is the most unique aspect of shipboard dentistry.
- ⦿ The securing of equipment with rope, bungee cords, and locking bars is required.



Dental Officer

Consults with and advises the commanding officer in all matters affecting the dental health of the crew.

Additional duties include triage officer in event of mass casualty situation

Provide and assist in forensic identification

Narcotics inventory audit







Questions?