



WARRIOR MEDIC NOTAM – 59MDW-19-04
Readiness and Training
1 May 2019



PURPOSE: To implement 59th Medical Wing (MDW) readiness and training policy.

COMMANDER'S INTENT: The 59 MDW Commander's intent is to reinforce the importance of readiness and training to our primary mission of supporting the warfighter.

BACKGROUND: Per the National Defense Authorization Act of 2017, the Defense Health Agency assumed authority, direction, and control of the healthcare benefit, while the respective Service Surgeons General retained oversight of medical readiness. The Air Force Surgeon General has mandated an increased focus on readiness. We readily acknowledge healthcare and readiness are inextricably linked, and that our primary mission is to maintain ready medics and medically ready Airmen in support of Combatant Commander requirements. As such, we must wisely invest time, effort, and other resources to best prepare our medics for wartime missions.

IMPLEMENTATION:

1. Effective upon signature of this NOTAM, Unit Commanders will ensure their Airmen pursue and complete all required training in a timely manner, understanding readiness is our top priority.
2. Unit Commanders will deliberately plan and coordinate training, in conjunction with fellow commanders and applicable support activities, as applicable, to mitigate potential negative impacts to clinical operations, if any, to the greatest extent possible.
3. Unit Commanders will monitor their assigned Airmen, with special emphasis on those assigned to the current deployment band, and ensure their Airmen complete training in preparation for both ongoing in-garrison and potential contingency operations in a timely manner.
4. Unit Commanders will actively work with Medical Readiness and the Wing Education and Training Office (WETO) to track and schedule all relevant training requirements.
5. Unit Commanders will actively work with Medical Readiness, WETO, and the Wing Inspector General, as needed, to validate training effectiveness through both scheduled and unscheduled exercises and field training, to include any training Unit Commanders deem appropriate at the unit level.

POC: Direct questions regarding this NOTAM to the Vice Commander at DSN 554-7352.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John J. DeGoes".

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