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To: Holders of the Manual of the Medical Department

1. **This Change** Completely revises Chapter 7, Medical Service Corps.
2. **Action**
 - a. Remove Chapter 7 and replace with the new Chapter.
 - b. Record this Change 123 in the Record of Page Changes.



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**CHAPTER 7
SUMMARY OF CHANGES**

CHANGE 123

MANMED Chapter 7 was updated to reflect current organization structure and current regulations.

Article 7-3

Changed: Chief of the Medical Service Corps to Director, Medical Service Corps.

Deleted: (1) From officers on the active list of the Navy in the Medical Services Corps holding permanent appointments in grades not below Lieutenant Commander.

Article 7-4

Deleted and Replaced With:

- (1) The Director of the Medical Service Corps which is also the Director of the Office of the Medical Service Corps of BUMED. The director is responsible for performance of all functions of the Medical Service Corps.
- (2) The Medical Service Corps Office includes: The Director; Deputy Director, Reserve Affairs; Executive Assistant; Deputy Director; Career Planner; Policy Practice, and Specialty Leader Liaison Officer; and Administrative Assistant.

Added: (a) Chief, BUMED's Specialty Leaders of active and reserve components (see BUMEDINST 5420.12 series).

(b) Medical Service Corps Personnel Plans Analyst, Medical Service Corps Manpower Analyst and others, as applicable.

Article 7-5

Changed: Title from Grades and Strengths to Other Medical Service Corps Positions.

Added: (1) Medical Service Corps officer who served as liaison to the Director may be assigned to the following position:

- (a) Medical Service Corps officers assigned to Navy Personnel Command are responsible to the Commander, Navy Personnel Command. They act as liaison officers to the Medical Service Corps Office, BUMED for coordinating personnel actions related to assignment, distribution retirement, recall, and release from active duty.
- (b) Naval Medical Service Corps officers assigned to the Navy Recruiting Command (NAVCRUITCOM) are responsible to the Commander, NAVCRUITCOM. They act as liaison officers to the Medical Service Corps office, BUMED for coordinating personnel actions related to recruitment.
- (c) The Director, Medical Service Corps Programs is assigned to the Naval Medical Education and Training Command (NMETC) and is responsible to the Commander, NMETC. The officer coordinates, administers, and evaluates education and training programs for Medical Service Corps officers.

Article 7-6

Changed: Title changed from Appointments to Grades and Strengths.

- (1) The Secretary of the Navy prescribes the authorized strength and grade levels of active duty Medical Service Corps officers based upon the overall needs of the Navy (PL 96-513).
- (2) The Navy Medical Service Corps consists of officers in the grade of Ensign through Rear Admiral.

Article 7-7

Changed: Title changed from General Duties to Appointments.

Updated: Information to current: Initial appointments in the Medical Service Corps, Naval Reserve, are made in the grades of Ensign, Lieutenant (junior grade), and Lieutenant depending upon the professional and personal qualifications of the applicant as outlined in SECNAVINST 1120.8 series (10 USC 5574).

Article 7-8

Changed: Title changed from Off-Duty Employment to Promotions.

- Updated:**
- (1) Officers on the Medical Service Corps become eligible for consideration by a selection board for promotion to the next higher grade when they complete the prescribed period of active duty in their current grade under section 611(a) of 10 USC and described within DOD Directive 1320.8.
 - (2) Medical Service Corps Ensigns and Lieutenants (junior grade) are promoted accordingly upon the promulgation of the promotion authority by the Secretary of the Navy and upon the commanding officer's recommendation that the officer is mentally, physically, morally, and professionally qualified.
 - (3) Promotions to Lieutenant Commander and above are made upon the recommendations of a selection board convened for each grade. Each Medical Service Corps officer is selected for promotion in competition with other Medical Service Corps officers of the same grade on the basis of performance as stated in the Fitness of Officers report.

Article 7-9

Added: Article to include General Duties.

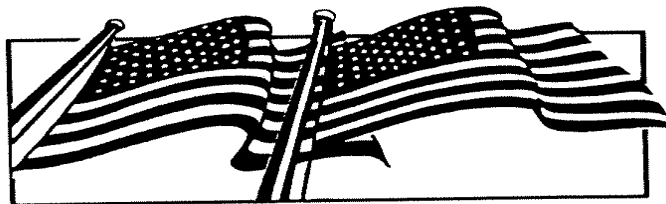
- (1) Medical Service Corps officers are assigned to operational assignments in aerospace, undersea, surface, marine forces, joint service billets; shore commands; training duties; or other duties as assigned. Tour lengths follow BUPERS policy. Subsequent tours of duty will be based on the overall needs of the Naval service.
- (2) Medical Service Corps officers render support to the Medical Department by performing primary duties in administration, clinical and scientific specialties related to health care, safety and performance effectiveness of naval personnel. In addition to the primary duties prescribed for the billet to which a Medical Service Corps officers is detailed, additional duties which contribute to the proper functioning of the command, and for which the officer is qualified, may also be assigned.

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Medical Service Corps

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7-1 **Establishing Legislation**

(1) In July 1941, legislation authorized temporary appointment of commissioned officers in the Hospital Corps, and appointment of allied health scientists in the Naval Reserve. During World War 2, hundreds of Industrial Hygienists, optometrists, entomologists, microbiologists, physiologists, chemists, psychologists, podiatrists, and pharmacists served as hospital-volunteer specialists (H-V[S]). The Hospital Corps Officers School was established in 1942 at the National Naval Medical Center, Bethesda, Maryland, to provide instruction in hospital administration.

(2) The Navy Medical Service Corps was established as a staff Corps of the United States Navy on 4 August 1947 by the Army-Navy Medical Service Corps Act of 1947 (34 USC 30 a-j). This staff Corps was created as a component of the Medical Department of the Navy to complement the functions of the Medical and Dental Corps (as revised and reenacted by 10 USC 6027).

(3) The legislation provides for the Corps to consist of such specialties as the Secretary of the Navy considers necessary. The Corps currently consists of officers in health care administration, clinical health care services, and allied health sciences. All Medical Service Corps specialties are enumerated in the Navy Officer Manpower and Personnel Classifications Manual (NAVPERS 15839I).

7-2 **Mission**

(1) The Medical Service Corps, a staff corps of commissioned officers, provides the Navy Medical Department support to the Operating Forces, shore establishments, and other beneficiaries through clinical, science, and management professions in support of medicine and dentistry.

(2) The Medical Service Corps works to promote, protect, and restore the health of all entrusted to our care.

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(2) The Medical Service Corps Office includes: the Director; Deputy Director, Reserve Affairs; Deputy Director, Navy Medical Service Corps; Executive Assistant; Career Plans Officer; Policy, Practice, and Specialty Leader Liaison Officer; Reserve Affairs Officer; and Administrative Assistant to the Director, Navy Medical Service Corps.

(3) Other Medical Service Corps officers may supplement the Office with their subject-matter expertise, related to their roles and responsibilities in their cognizant BUMED codes, such as:

(a) Chief, BUMED’s Specialty Leaders of active and reserve component (see BUMEDINST 5420.12 series).

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Other Medical Service Corps Positions

(1) Medical Service Corps officers who serve as liaison to the Director may be assigned to, but not limited to, the following positions:

(a) Medical Service Corps officers assigned to BUPERS are responsible to the Chief, BUPERS. They act as liaison officers to the Medical Service Corps Office, BUMED for coordinating personnel actions related to assignment, distribution, retirement, recall, and release from active duty.

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7-6 Grades and Strength

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7-9 General Duty Assignments

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7-10 Off-Duty Employment (Regulatory)

(1) Officers of the Medical Service Corps shall comply with MANMED article 1-22 with regard to off-duty remunerative professional employment.

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