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Medics: trained to carry arms in defense

Story and photos by Al Vogel
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Contrary to widespread belief, under the Geneva Conventions medics may carry weapons into combat to defend themselves, their patients and medical facilities. Mindful of this -- and today's insurgents' disregard for laws governing the conduct of war -- medics at the Dugway Clinic trained in basic combat skills Nov. 22.

The Military Operations Urban Terrain (MOUT) training was taught by medically experienced medics who have already experienced combat -- to those who have not.

Rubber training firearms, or actual firearms rendered safe, were used: the M16A2 rifle, M9 9mm pistol and 12 gauge pump shotgun -- instruments not usually associated with medics. In World War II and Vietnam, medics might carry a .45 or .38 caliber handgun for defense. Many were unarmed.

"Those days are long gone," Sgt. 1st Class Mike Tredway, detachment sergeant and one of the trainers, said.



Staff Sgt. Jose Flores and Spc. Travis White encounter an "insurgent" during training: trainer Sgt. Michael Caruso.

"Often, medics are heavily armed. My last deployment, we had a shotgun, sidearm and M4 (M16 carbine)."

Recently, the sergeant major of the Army noted that E-5s and E-6s (sergeant and staff sergeant) were not receiving enough training to remain competent in combat skills.

Tredway and Sgt. Michael Caruso -- who have been in combat as medics -- were the trainers. By teaching, they also reinforced their skills.

"These skills are perishable," Tredway said. "You go through it (but) you tend to forget if you don't practice."

During Nov. 22 training, medics learned how to breach a door, enter a room, physically neutralize an antagonist -- and when to pull the trigger.

"The first medicine is to suppress the fire and protect your people, basically, to prevent from doing your job as a medic -- to protect yourself and others," Sgt. Brit Jacobs said. "Obviously, anyone under my influence I don't want to leave here unprepared." Tredway noted.



Sgt. 1st Class Mike Tredway, detachment sergeant, demonstrates how to move with a shotgun.



Learning when and how to employ non-lethal restraint was practiced.



After entering a room, Spc. Albert Rodrigues struggles to retain his shotgun against "insurgent" Spc. Rae Smith.

Life Sciences annex construction ongoing

Story by Al Vogel
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Despite the cold and snow, work continues on the construction of a \$23 million annex to the Lothar Salomon Life Sciences Test Facility. It will offer more labs for the testing of equipment and methods that defend America and its allies against disease and biological weapons.

Completion is expected in summer of 2015, according to Nathan Wood, facilities engineer for the Life Sciences Division of West Desert Test Center. Primary contractor is Big D Construction of Salt Lake City. After completion, the new facility faces rigorous inspection by the Army, Centers for Disease Control, and other agencies to ensure safety and function.

The 41,200 square foot annex is almost entirely dedicated to labs or rooms for test support, but includes an 80-seat auditorium for briefings and staff meetings. It will have about 20 labs: six for Biosafety Level 3, six that may be configured to BSL 2 or 3, and about eight dedicated to BSL 2.

Dugway Proving Ground stores and uses only up to BSL-3 agents, those which have a cure or vaccine. They may cause severe or fatal disease in



The \$23 million Life Sciences annex, built by Big D Construction of Salt Lake City, is expected to open in August 2015.

humans when inhaled, and include West Nile Virus, SARS and the anthrax bacterium.

Biosafety Level 2 agents are of moderate

potential hazard, and cause mild diseases in humans such as mumps, measles, Lyme disease and salmonella.

DES donates to Utah's Festival of Trees

Story by Phil Fisbeck
Chief, Directorate of Emergency Services

The members of the USAG Dugway Directorate of Emergency Services (DES) and their family members donated their time and talents to create a 'Santa's Magical Carousel' inspired Christmas tree for this year's "Festival of Trees, Dec. 4 to 7 in Salt Lake City.

The Primary Children's Medical Center has benefited from the time and talents of thousands of individuals, organizations, businesses, and families for 43 years, raising more than \$33 million. Last year \$1.8 million was collected.

The event features more than 700 imaginatively decorated Christmas trees, wreaths, centerpieces, gingerbread creations, and quilts through a silent auction, sold to deck the halls of local businesses and homes across the Wasatch Front.

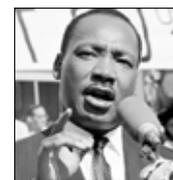
The festival is an annual tradition for the DES team, and they are already collecting donations for next year's tree. Anyone wishing to donate toward next year's tree should contact DES at (435) 831-2050.



Sadie Fishbeck, Jennifer Ball and Heather Dekanich pose with the donated Directorate of Emergency Services tree. The Festival of Trees raises funds for the Primary Children's Medical Center in Salt Lake City each year.

Community Calendar

Martin Luther King Jr. Day



Wednesday, Jan 22
Dugway Community Club
11:30 to 1 p.m.
Speaker: Darrell Gray
Michelle Rosario, 831-2141

Outdoor Recreation & Travel Leisure

Jan. 4 - Rocky Mountain Gun Show
Jan. 7 & 21 - Cross-country Ski Lessons at Dugway during lunch hour
Jan. 11 - Ski Trip to Brighton Resort
Jan. 17 - Wendover Trip
Jan. 21 to 23 - Yurt Hut Back Country Ski Trip
Information? Contact Curt Fortie, 831-2318



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