



SURVIAC Success Story

Warrior Care Improved in Combat Zones

Recommendations Provided by the Survivability/Vulnerability Information Analysis Center (SURVIAC)

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Customer:	Joint Staff Surgeon
Challenge:	Over a period of time, senior leadership in the Department of Defense recognized a gap in the care of critically wounded patients in combat. Wounded personnel receive immediate medical attention on-site, in remote locations, after which they are generally transported to a military hospital for further stabilization and care.
Approach:	SURVIAC conducted a gap analysis and a Capabilities Based Assessment (CBA). SURVIAC's conclusions resulted from its wide-ranging assessment of flight medic capabilities in a combat zone. Recognizing the impact the gap had on military personnel survivability, its recommendations were based on swift resolutions to gaps in current operations and standardizing requirements throughout DoD. SURVIAC recommended that flight medic personnel receive additional training requirements specifically focused on the transport of the critical care patient from combat zones. It was determined that gaps in specialized training (before and throughout deployments) and guidelines on transporting critical care patients from remote combat environments, caused deficiencies in the medical care provided to severely wounded personnel.
Value:	Based upon SURVIAC's 13 recommendations, which were approved by Joint Requirements Oversight Council, the U.S. Army established a new training standard to prepare units/personnel to transport critically wounded patients. In addition, the Nationally Registered Paramedic (NRP) certification for flight medic personnel is now required. The new training provides military flight medics, throughout DoD, with an increased range of

	medical care capabilities to ensure improved transport of critically wounded patients from remote combat locations to military hospitals.
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