

Annex B (Dental Processing) to MEDCOM Demobilization Plan Final Draft, 9 May 03

1. Situation. (see paragraph 1 of basic plan)
2. Mission. To rapidly and thoroughly complete the dental demobilization requirements indicated in the appendices of this annex.
3. Execution.
  - a. Commanders Intent. All redeploying Active Component (AC) and demobilizing members of the Reserve Component (RC) be provided the same standardized dental demobilization processing throughout all CONUS demobilization stations. Dental processing must be completed as expeditiously as possible without sacrificing benefits/entitlements due a soldier from an oral condition incurred in the line of duty while in an active or federal status. This includes proper documentation of dental records.
  - b. Concept of Operations. Complete the following actions at each demobilization station. The sequence may vary depending on the confines of the physical facility. Form DD2796, Health Care Provider Only section, question 2, which asks if the soldier has any dental problems that developed during this deployment, does not need to be completed by a medical provider prior to completion by a dental provider. If the soldier reports to the dental station before the medical station, the dentist will complete question 2 of this section of the DD2796 as detailed in the General Requirements Of Operation, section (c.) below. Additional details will be provided in the Appendices of this ANNEX.
  - c. General Requirements of Operations:
    - (1) The dental demobilization station ensures that the following forms have been documented and reviewed:
      - a. Form DD2796 (Post Deployment Health Assessment) is completed by the soldier and reviewed by a health care provider. If the soldier reports to the dental station before the medical station and the soldier states they have a dental problem that developed during this deployment, the dentist will complete question two (2) of the Health Care Provider Only section. The dentist will circle the word “dental” in question 2, check “yes” next to question 2 and then color the circle next to “Dental” in the “Health Assessment-Referral Indicated For:” section of the DD2796. If the soldier reports to the medical processing station before the dental station, DD2796, question 2 will be reviewed/documentated by a medical provider. The soldier will then process through the dental station where a dentist will review question 2 for entries concerning dental problems that developed during this deployment.

- b. Form DD2697 is completed by the RC [US Army Reserve (USAR) and Army National Guard (ARNG)] soldier separating from active duty. This form is reviewed by a dentist.
- c. SF603/603A (Dental Record)- The RC soldier's dental record will be returned from the RC unit home station or other custodial record site to the de-mob site for demobilization process. If the dental record is not present at the demobilization site, a SF603 is created and documented.
- d. Form DA2173 (Statement Of Medical Examination And Duty Status). This is the Line Of Duty (LOD) injury form. This form may have been completed in theatre or may be created and documented at the dental processing station. The dental officer completes Section I. The dentist does not determine whether the dental injury was incurred in the line of duty. The dentist gives an opinion, documented in Section 1, question 11d., which will help a commander to determine if the dental injury occurred in the line of duty. The unit commander or unit adviser in Section II of DD2173 documents final approval of the LOD.

(2) The dental demobilization station reviews the DD2796, the DD2697, the SF603/603 and the DA2173 forms to determine if further dental evaluation is required. Post deployment procedures for AC soldiers are outlined in (3) below. Dental demobilization procedures for RC soldiers are outlined in (4) below.

### (3) AC Soldier Dental Post Deployment Procedures

- a. DD Form 2796, interview section, is reviewed to determine if further dental treatment is required. If DD2796 states that a dental problem exists, the AC soldier will be referred to the appropriate dental treatment facility (DTF) for post deployment evaluation and treatment.
- b. If the AC soldier presents with a SF603/603A dental record, the record will be collected and forwarded to the appropriate DTF records custodian.

### (4) RC Soldier Dental Demobilization Procedures

Specific dental demobilization procedures for RC soldiers depend upon the length of active duty (AD) performed during mobilization. A flowchart of these procedures is outlined in Appendix 1. Review of the individual soldier's record by AG personnel will determine the length of AD service. Procedures are as follows:

A. Ninety (90) or more days of Active Duty (AD)

- (1) The DD2796, DD2697, DA2173 and SF 603/603A forms are reviewed. LOD dental concerns/injuries are noted by reviewing entries in the DD2796, DD2697, DA2173 and SF 603/603A.
- (2) If the soldier states that he/she has a line of duty (LOD) dental concern or if the record review shows a possible LOD dental injury, the dentist will examine and document the potential LOD dental injury in the soldier's SF603/603A dental record. A DA2173 is not required on an RC soldier with 90 or more days of active duty in order to receive treatment for LOD dental injuries. However, if the RC soldier presents with a documented DA2173, the dentist will examine and document the potential LOD dental injury in the soldier's SF603/603A dental record and complete Section 1 of the DA2173 if necessary. LOD injuries are treated as a part of the VA benefits for dental care as outlined in Appendix 2.
- (3) All RC SF603/603A dental records will contain the following statement: " Member was provided a complete Dental Exam and all appropriate Dental services and treatment within 90 days prior to separation. YES NO". The appropriate response will be indicated. This statement will assist AG personnel at the de-mobilization station in checking the correct response block in item 17 on the DD214. An example of a stamp with the required dental demobilization process checklist and this statement appears in Appendix 4.
- (4) The RC soldier will be given an information paper that describes VA dental benefits/eligibility. The information paper also describes Transitional Health Benefits and the TRICARE Dental Program (TDP) for post deployment dental care. See Appendix 2.

B. Less Than 90 days of AD

- (1) The DD2796, DD2697 and SF 603/603A are reviewed. LOD dental concerns/injuries are determined by previous entries in the DD2796, DD2697 and SF 603/603A. The soldier may also present a documented DA2173.
- (2) If the soldier states that he/she has a line of duty (LOD) dental concern or if the record review shows a possible

LOD dental injury or if the soldier presents a documented DA2173, the dentist will examine and document the potential LOD dental injury in the soldier's SF603/603A dental record and complete Section I if necessary. If the soldier presents without a documented DA2173 and has a potential LOD dental injury, a new DA2173 must be completed. All RC soldiers with less than 90 day of active duty and a potential LOD dental injury must have a DA2173 completed for post deployment treatment of the LOD dental injury.

- (3) Form DA2173, Section 1, is completed by the dentist for LOD dental injuries on RC soldiers with less than 90 days of AD. The unit commander determines the approval of a LOD dental injury and completes the DA 2173, Section II, indicating this approval. The unit commander may ask the dentist for guidance on the LOD dental injury approval.
- (4) All RC SF603/603A dental records will contain the following statement: " Member was provided a complete Dental Exam and all appropriate Dental services and treatment within 90 days prior to separation. YES NO". The appropriate response will be indicated. This statement will assist AG personnel at the de-mobilization station in checking the correct response block in item 17 on the DD214. An example of a stamp with the required dental demobilization process checklist and this statement appears in Appendix 4.
- (5) The soldier is given an information paper that describes the MMSO process for treatment of LOD dental injuries. The information paper also describes Transitional Health Benefits and the TRICARE Dental Program (TDP) for post deployment dental care. See Appendix 3.

Appendix 1	Dental Demobilization Flowsheet
Appendix 2	Post Deployment Dental Benefits- 90 days and more of active duty.
Appendix 3	Post Deployment Dental Benefits- less than 90 days of active duty.
Appendix 4	Example of Record Stamp for SF603

