



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
HEADQUARTERS, UNITED STATES ARMY DENTAL COMMAND
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REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF

MCDS

25 March 2004

MEMORANDUM FOR All U.S. Army Dental Command Personnel

SUBJECT: U.S. Army Dental Command (DENCOM) Policy 04-18,
Continuing Health Education (CHE) for Army Dental Corps Officers

1. REFERENCES:

a. AR 40-68, Quality Assurance Administration

b. AR 351-3, Professional Education and Training Programs of
the Army Medical Department.

2. SCOPE: This policy applies to all active duty Dental Corps
officers assigned to DENCOM.

3. POLICY:

a. Dental Corps officers are expected to complete at least
30 hours of CHE credit every year. Twenty of the hours will be
recorded in Category I. Training in first aid and emergency
medical treatment qualifies for category I credit.

b. Pending available resources, Dental Corps officers will
normally be permitted five duty days each year in a temporary
duty (TDY) status for attendance at courses sponsored by
individuals or by private, national, international or federal
dental organizations. At the discretion of the dental unit
commander, officers may be allowed a limited number of additional
duty days in a permissive TDY status for attendance at approved
courses provided that the courses will directly enhance the
officers' professional qualifications. Special continuing
education lectures, meetings, seminars, or study clubs will
normally not be conducted or attended during patient treatment
hours.

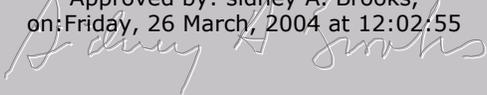
c. DENTAC Commanders will record and monitor CHE experiences
for all assigned active duty dental officers who hold clinical
privileges within the DENTAC as prescribed by AR 351-3.

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d. CHE hours will be recorded on a locally produced form and maintained as part of the officer's credentials file as outlined by AR 40-68.

e. At the end of each calendar year, commanders will provide officers with a statement of CHE credits earned for that year.

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