

SAMHS COMMAND INFO BULLETIN



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INTRODUCTION

SG has instructed that this Command Bulletin be read out at Weekly Command Briefings in all Units and Formations no later than five days after the date of the Bulletin.

9TH PAN AFRICAN CONGRESS OF MILITARY MEDICINE (PACMM)

Members of the SA Military Health Service (SAMHS) who are interested to present papers at the 9th PACMM congress that will take place from 25 to 27 September 2012 in Brazzaville, Congo, must forward their abstracts to their relevant statutory directors before Friday, 18 May 2012.

Abstracts received will be evaluated by the Force Preparation Council on Thursday, 24 May 2012. After the evaluation process, the best abstracts will be presented to the Surgeon General for final recommendation. These abstracts will then be forwarded to the Minister of Defence and Military Veterans for approval.

Once approved they will be forwarded to the PACMM for acceptance. Abstracts must be aligned to the theme and sub-themes of “Military Medicine and African Epidemics” as identified by the organisers.

Abstracts must be in Arial 12 pt with 1.5 line spacing and a maximum of 400 words. A hard as well as an electronic copy must be forwarded.

For more info, please contact Col. P. van der Merwe at 018 2893099

WEARING OF UNIFORM

The South African Constitution requires us to be a disciplined military force. The wearing of the correct uniform, inclusive of those authorised badges of rank, proficiency and merit badges and medals, is what distinguishes us as part of the SA Military Health Service and thus as part of the disciplined SA National Defence Force. We wear our uniform with pride in a manner, which makes it clear that we are professional and competent, desirous in proving to our nation that we represent their will and resolve.

Members must at all times adhere to the prescribed dress regulations. Action will be taken against those members that disregard these regulations.

SANDF FUND

The aim of the SANDF Fund is to aid dependents of members and former members of the Reserve, Regular Force and former forces of the SANDF in cases of emergency financial hardship. To qualify for assistance, applicants must have served or be currently in service and whose emergency hardships result directly from operational or other military service in terms of the Defence Act.

If members comply with the necessary requirements emergency aid may be considered for the following:

- Payment for housing, lights & water
- Financial crisis due to ill health or death
- Emergencies for basic needs (Food, clothes, health, housing)
- Hardship resulting from military service

Application Forms are immediately available at Ms. Marianne Fryer at telephone 012 651-5921

OFFICIAL WORKING HOURS

It is a matter of concern to the top structure of the SAMHS that so many people are leaving their place of work before 16:15 in the afternoon. The official working hours for the SAMHS is from 07:45 to 16:15. Members must be on time at their place of work to provide a service to their clients.

SURGEON GENERAL'S INTENT

The focus of the Surgeon General's Commanders Intent for 2012/13 is contained in the following four parts:

Part 1: Strategy Formulation. The Strategy Formulation is derived from the National Initiatives and the environmental analysis. The future scenarios inform the strategic intent of the SAMHS.

- Government's Performance Drive. Aligning SAMHS with national priorities.
- SAMHS Contributions to Government Priorities 2011-2014. Health promotion key outputs to support national strategic priorities.
- South African Future Scenarios. SAMHS contributing to the Governments' preferred scenario.
- SAMHS External Environmental Analysis. A comprehensive analysis of the political, economical, social, technological, environment, legal and security factors that pose challenges to the SAMHS was undertaken. The SAMHS inputs are contained in the DOD Environmental Analysis for 2012 onwards.
- SAMHS Internal Analysis. A detail analysis was performed in April 2011 of the achievements and the non-achievements in relation to the SG Intent from 2005 and 2010. The analysis and performance review that took place during the SAMHS Planning Review Board November 2011 has been included in the document. The resolutions that were taken will provide the strategic direction and the Key Performance

Adhere to working hours

Areas for execution.

- The Military Health Scenario. The SAMHS needs to anticipate the future scenarios when developing strategic plans.

Part 2: Strategic Intent. The Strategic Intent provides the strategic direction for the SAMHS to guide the formulation and implementation of plans, the key performance areas and the required outcomes.

- Current Military Health Status. The improvement of the current health status of the DOD is the core business of the SAMHS and all plans must be directed to the improvement of the SANDF health status.
- The Military Health Strategy. Confirmation of the vision, mission and values.
- Military Health Mission Strategies. Unpacking the military health dual mission.
- Health Philosophy. The continuum of health care.
- Improving Military Health Capabilities. Capital equipment renewal needed to support the strategy and address the future scenarios.

Part 3: Strategy Implementation. Execution of the strategy through the ten focus areas and plans.

- Military Health Strategic Framework.
- Mission Critical Success Factors. Elements critical to executing the military health mission.
- Development of Plans. Road forward in the development of the annual performance plan.

Part 4: Strategy Evaluation. Performance against plan.

- Military Health Focus Areas. Those critical aspects the SAMHS will focus on and monitor during the implementation of its plans.
- The SAMHS Performance Drive. The SAMHS Performance Drive are work in progress and formalised in a Result-Based Monitoring and Evaluation Centre (MEC). The military health monitor and evaluation process will take place through the M&E Centres in each SAMHS unit. The progress made with the resolutions and other identified Key Performance Areas will be monitored and evaluated by the SAMHS MEC.

SAMHS DAY

To reflect the proud history of the SA Military Health Service it was decided that 1 July will in future be celebrated as SAMHS Day. As it is reflected in our book “The fourth dimension: The untold story of military health in South Africa”, the then Prime Minister of South Africa, Mr. P.W. Botha approved recommendations made by the Surgeon General that the South African

Medical Corps becomes an autonomous arm of service on 1 July 1979.

More information about **SAMHS Day 2012** will be communicated closer to the time.

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