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IN REPLY REFER TO:

COMNAVREGSWINST 5820.3D
Code N05

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COMNAVREGSW INSTRUCTION 5820.3D

Subj: MEDICAL CARE PROVIDED TO NAVAL PERSONNEL AND OTHER
BENEFICIARIES CONFINED IN MEXICAN PENAL INSTITUTIONS

Ref: (a) SECNAVINST 5820.4G
(b) COMNAVREGSWINST 5820.2D

1. Purpose. To provide guidance concerning medical care of naval personnel (and other beneficiaries) confined in Mexican penal institutions.
2. Cancellation. COMNAVBASESANDIEGOINST 5820.3C
3. Scope. This instruction applies to all personnel attached to Commander, Naval Medical Center, San Diego (COMNAVMEDECEN), who provide medical care to naval personnel and other beneficiaries confined in Mexico.
4. Background. The issue of medical cares for naval personnel and other beneficiaries held in Mexican penal institution can be critical. Occasionally, prisoners are ill/injured upon arrival at the Mexican prison/jail and require immediate medical care. The preferred course of action is to have them transferred to an American treatment facility as soon as possible, but this does not always occur.
5. Action
 - a. Per references (a) and (b), COMNAVMEDECEN, San Diego, will assign a medical officer to be responsible for providing medical care and/or evaluation to active duty naval personnel and other eligible beneficiaries held in the Mexican prison/jail system. Physician's assistants and nurse practitioners attached to COMNAVMEDECEN San Diego may also be assigned to assist in providing this care.
 - b. The officer of the day at COMNAVMEDECEN San Diego, is the point of contact for obtaining medical services for ill/injured service personnel held in the Mexican penal system. The initial concern will be evaluation of the ill/injured person to determine if the ill/injured prisoner should be moved to a more suitable medical facility.

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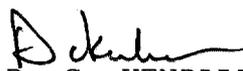
(1) For persons held in Mexican prisons/jails in the San Diego and El Centro geographic areas, branch medical clinic personnel from COMNAVMEDECEN San Diego will be guided by Commander, Navy Region Southwest directives.

(2) For members held in Mexican prisons/jails in the Yuma, Arizona geographic area, branch medical clinic personnel from Marine Corps Air Station (MCAS) Yuma will be guided by MCAS Yuma directives.

c. Translator services will be coordinated by Shore Patrol/Border Patrol Liaison.

d. Shore Patrol/Border Patrol Liaison will provide transportation to and from the prison/jail for medical personnel.

6. Reports. Visitation reports consistent with sub-paragraph 3-4(c) of reference (a) shall be submitted to Commander, Navy Region Southwest (Code N05) as soon as practicable after the visitation.


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