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SUBJECT: **INVITATION LETTER FOR NMIOTC COURSE 26000 “TACTICAL COMBAT CASUALTY CARE (TCCC) / COMBAT LIFESAVER (CLS) IN MARITIME OPERATIONS”, MED-MS-36748, 28 Feb – 04 Mar 2022**

DATE: 25 Oct 2021

REFERENCES: A. NMIOTC Program of Work (NPOW) 2022
B. Co-TCCC/US DoD - NAEMT Guidelines
C. NMIOTC Certification as NAEMT Authorized Training Centre, dated 02 Dec 19.

1. NMIOTC has developed the course with ETF code “26000” by taking into consideration both feedbacks and lessons learned from missions and evaluations of Final Tactical Exercises (FTXs) conducted at the Centre’s premises. NMIOTC has identified a performance gap with regard to on-site treatment of casualties, particularly during Maritime Operations.

2. “Tactical Combat Casualty Care (TCCC) / Combat Lifesaver (CLS) in Maritime Operations” Course aims to enhance the multinational cooperation between NATO countries and Partners in terms of conducting joint/multinational Maritime Operations while covering critical training gaps. As stated in more details to the SAGE 2020, NATO aims at enhancing tactical level collaboration with military and civilian partner organizations and nations while integrating into tactical level training the Alliance’s efforts to strengthen Interoperability and Standardization.

3. As per Ref “C” NMIOTC is recognized as National Association of Emergency Medical Technicians (NAEMT) Authorized Training Center eligible to provide Tactical Combat Casualty Care (TCCC) Courses under the auspices of NAEMT. NMIOTC is the 1st NETF to receive certification for integrating efficiently and effectively NAEMT standards thus enhancing the Alliance’s and partners Standardization and Interoperability of TCCC.

4. The course aims at providing to all combatants and first responders (SOF and conventional personnel) involved in Maritime Operations basic knowledge and skills in delivering necessary pre hospital care with limited equipment and in confined spaces. Furthermore, critical and essential skills will be taught so as the first responders will be able to assist medical personnel to provide more complicated medical assistance and deal effectively with a mass casualty situation.

5. After the completion of the course, trainees shall be able to:

- a. Introduce basic knowledge in relevance to Human Anatomy and Physiology.
- b. Develop ability to recognize and nurse life threatening injuries on the battlefield.
- c. Provide remedial assistance and assist casualties to take cover during Care under Fire (CUF) phase.
- d. Apply basic management plan in a tactical setting by using the latest TCCC acronym steps during Tactical Field Care (TFC).
- e. Support medical personnel during Tactical Evacuation Care (TEC).
- f. Identify the importance and the methods of documenting casualty care in TCCC.
- g. Address tactical considerations in the maritime environment.
- h. Operate TCCC simulated scenarios.
- i. Recall the fundamental theory in relevance to stress and stressors and implement different stress management strategies.

6. **Target audience:** Officers and Petty Officers (OR-4 to OF-4 and equivalent civilians) from NATO and Partner nations as well as Non NATO Entities (NNE), including SOF teams' members, involved in Operations and may need to provide medical care on the battlefield as first responders. In addition, personnel with duties and responsibilities to assist medical personnel during emergency assistance and mass casualty situations are also expected to participate. Furthermore, personnel from other related Governmental Agencies (Coast Guard, Border Guard, Port Police, Intelligence services etc.) with similar responsibilities are also eligible to participate.

7. Training Strategy:

a. **Prerequisites (Pre-study):** Students will have to study in advance relevant courseware which will be delivered to them upon registration to the Course. Afterwards and before their arrival they are strongly advised to complete NMIOTC ADL 100 in relevance to basic anatomy, physiology of the human body, basic pharmacology, and latest updated TCCC acronym. It is though compulsory for all potential students to complete through JADL e-learning platform the 4 parts of Module 21010 including the self assessment part (Module 21020 is not obligatory to complete but highly recommended). In addition, trainees should complete the formative pre test (Multiple Choice Questions) during the 1st day of the Course. The test is based on the latest TCCC guidelines for Combat Lifesaver, provided in advance glossary and specific parts of the PHTLS latest military edition (all courseware to be delivered with the Joining Instructions before the Course).

b. **Residential Part:** The participants who can be characterized as “combatants” will receive lectures and demonstrations with regards to the knowledge and skills required to recognize and provide the basic care in terms of nursing life threatening injuries on the battlefield as first responders while assisting medical support personnel to provide advanced care if such requested. Afterwards, they will practice on the respective skills, and at the same time, they will work in teams in order to better achieve a performance. While utilizing as instructional methods the simulation and role playing, the element of realism will be implemented and will add extra difficulty and the non measurable combat stress factor. Q&A sessions, guided discussions combined with midterm and final evaluations will ensure participant’s acquisition of expected knowledge and skills.

c. **Evaluation/Assessment:**

Trainees will be assessed in 3 different areas.

- **Final-test (20 pts)** (Multiple Choice Questions) which will take place the last day of the course. The MCQ test will be based on the provided study material and will assess trainees’ level of knowledge.

- **Performance Based Evaluation on 14 Skill Stations (40 pts).** Each of them contains critical tasks (marked as “C”) and many skills which the student has to successfully pass at least with a 2nd attempt.

- **Assessment on a completed simulated scenario (40 pts):** There is also a Skills Assessment Checklist designed for performing a skills assessment as part of a culminating event, so the trainer can test all the required skills at once as part of a scenario exercise.

Overall score corresponds to the following assessment:

(1) 90 or above – the trainee has proven the knowledge and skills of a fully capable Combat Lifesaver by following NATO and TCCC procedures in efficient execution of simulated TCCC scenario.

(2) 75 or above – the trainee has proven the basic knowledge and skills of a Combat Lifesaver by achieving the objectives with minor performance deficiencies in following NATO and TCCC procedures.

(3) 74 or below – the trainee has failed to prove the skill and knowledge required to execute first aids on the battlefield. In specific, he will be informed by the skill sheets (signed by trainer and trainee) and the results of MC test.

d. Attendance of the participants is obligatory in order to be considered as “successful attendees”. Participants, who **fail to attend 85% of the Course**, are not entitled to acquire the graduation certificate (**standard NMIOTC certificate** of completion or attendance accordingly).

8. The course will be conducted in English. Translation into other languages will not be provided. The following proficiency standards in English are required to be met:

Listening–Professional (3), Speaking– Functional (2), Reading– Professional (3) and Writing– Functional (2), IAW STANAG 6001 (SLP 3232). Basic skills in a Graphical User Interface (GUI) Operating System, as well as basic skills in Word processing and PowerPoint Presentation are required.

9. The course is marked as “**NATO Unclassified** / Releasable to: PFP (except Russia), MD, ICI, PatG”. NMIOTC applies security arrangements and regulations according to NATO standards.

10. An **agenda** for this event is hereby attached as Enclosure “1”.

11. The course will start on Monday, 28 February 2022 and will end on Friday, 04 March 2022. Training hours are from 08:30 to 15:00, except Thursday 03 March when the training will end approximately at 21:00. Due to the fact that the course will be executed with the cooperation of external augmenters, the course is subject to the achievement of the minimum number of participants (minimum attendance of 12 pax).

12. **Subject Matter Experts (SMEs)**: All trainers and augmenters are trained, experienced and licensed as Health Care Professionals with proper certifications regarding medical training and/or tactical medical training. Educators (for the needed training modules) will be certified as NAEMT TCCC instructors eligible to provide the respective training in absolute coherence with NAEMT policies and regulations. In addition, a medical director licensed and certified as NAEMT policy dictates, will supervise the Course.

13. The administrative cost (tuition fees) for this course is **650.00€** Comprehensive administrative instructions are provided in Enclosure “2”.

14. Registration should be made on NMIOTC’s official web site dedicated registration area, <https://nmiotc.nato.int/join-us/individual-application-form/>, before the relevant dead lines:

a. Candidates from **Non-NATO Entities** (not participating in the Partnership for Peace (PfP), Mediterranean Dialogue (MD), Istanbul Cooperation Initiative (ICI), or Partners across the Globe (PatG) frameworks) no later than **(NLT) Friday 03 Dec 21 so as to process the request through NAC approval**.

b. Candidates from NATO and **Partners’ countries** (PfP, MD, ICI and PatG) with an active IPCP, no later than **(NLT) Friday 04 Feb 22**, in order for all the necessary NATO procedures for approval to be facilitated.

15. Event details can be found in the Education and Training Opportunities Catalogue (ETOC) at <https://e-itep.act.nato.int/Guest/ETOCindex.aspx>, Course Code: MED-MS-36748 or through the NMIOTC official web site www.nmiotc.nato.int.

16. **NMIOTC Points of Contact (POCs)**: For further information or clarifications please contact:

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E-mail: tharralidisn@nmiotc.nato.int
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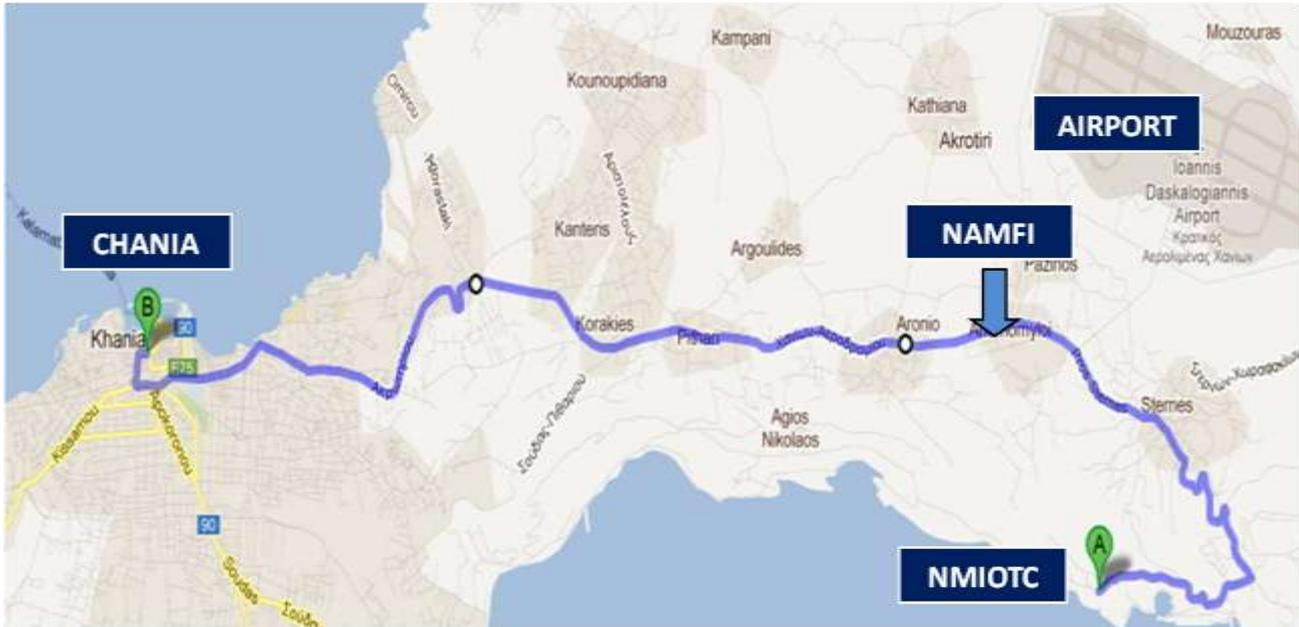
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Day 1 - Mon, 28 Feb 22		Day 2 - Tue, 01 Mar 22		Day 3 - Wed, 02 Mar 22		Day 4 - Thu, 03 Mar 22		Day 5 - Fri, 04 Mar 22	
08:30 09:15	In-Processing Welcome Brief AUDITORIUM	08:30 11:00	Actions immediately required for life-threatening injuries in Tactical Field Care (TFC). (Theory) Module 26020 CLASSROOM	08:30 09:30	Stabilization of life-threatening conditions & Management of non-life-threatening conditions. Modules 26030-26040 CLASSROOM	08:30 09:00	Preparation Simguns Delivery Transportation	08:30 09:30	Stress Management During Maritime Operations (Theory) CLASSROOM
09:15 09:30	Group Photo MAIN ENTRANCE					09:00 10:30	Preparation for evacuation (Theory) Module 26050 TP ARIS		
09:30 10:20	Entry Test CLASSROOM	11:00 11:15	Preparation Transportation	09:30 10:15	Individual First Aid Kit (IFAK) CLASSROOM	10:30 12:00	TCCC Simulated Scenarios TP ARIS	09:30 10:10	Knowledge Based Evaluation (MCQT- Pass/Fail) CLASSROOM
10:20 11:10	Introduction to Tactical Combat Casualty Care (TCCC) / Combat Lifesaver (CLS) in Maritime Operations CLASSROOM			10:15 11:15	Preparation Simguns/Medical Equipment Delivery - Transportation			10:30 12:00	TCCC Simulated Scenarios TP ARIS
11:10 12:40	Care Under Fire (Theory) Module 26010 CLASSROOM	11:15 13:00	Actions immediately required for life-threatening injuries in Tactical Field Care (TFC). (Skill Stations) Training Platform “ARIS”	11:15 11:45	Snack Break	12:00 12:30	Snack Break	10:10 13:10	Performance Based Evaluation (14 Skill Stations – Pass/Fail) CLASSROOM / TR YARD
12:40 13:10	Snack Break			11:45 14:30	Tactical Considerations for Maritime Operations TP ARIS				
13:10 15:00	Care Under Fire (Practice) TR YARD	13:00 13:30	Snack Break	13:30 14:45	Actions immediately required for life-threatening injuries in Tactical Field Care (TFC). (Skill Stations) TP ARIS	14:30 16:00	Lunch Break	13:10 13:40	Snack Break
19:00 21:00	Social Event – Ice Braker (Venue TBD) hosted by NMIOTC	13:30 14:45	Actions immediately required for life-threatening injuries in Tactical Field Care (TFC). (Skill Stations) TP ARIS	14:30 15:00	Transportation Simguns Cleaning Simguns Recovery	16:00 21:00	Evening Training TCCC Simulated Scenarios Stress Drills TP ARIS		

Administrative Instructions

1. **Location:** NMIOTC is located in the northern region of Souda Bay, near the city of Chania, at the north-west part of Crete. The destination airport is Chania International airport “Ioannis Daskalogiannis” (airport code: CHQ). The distance from Chania city to NMIOTC is 20 km and from the airport to NMIOTC it is 9 km. Chania is a picturesque, unique medieval city bearing a rich and long history and culture. The following map provides orientation and driving directions from Chania City to NMIOTC.



2. **Registration:** You are kindly requested to submit your Application Form through NMIOTC official web site www.nmiotc.nato.int within the given deadlines. Applications submitted after the specified deadlines may not be accepted. All applicants will receive an instant confirmation message. However the final confirmation will be provided after the process and acceptance of the application. It is advised not to proceed to travel arrangements before the final confirmation.

3. **Visa Requirement:** Participants or their national authorities are responsible for visa arrangements. Participants are advised to contact well in advance, proper diplomatic agencies for up to date information. It is an individual’s responsibility to apply and obtain their visa and to have the proper travel / medical documentation. Hellenic Ministry of foreign Affairs website (www.mfa.gr) provides relevant VISA information requirements.

4. **Administrative cost:**

a. The administrative cost mentioned in paragraph 13 of the main body includes daily transportation from Chania city centre to NMIOTC and vice versa, as well as the following resources:

- (1) Usage of RHIB, whaler or any other maritime asset necessary for the training;
- (2) Simguns, simbullets and dummy weapons;
- (3) Specialist instructors and licensed health care professionals;
- (4) Classroom facilities with IT support;
- (5) Pocket guide, notebook and other supportive courseware;
- (6) Transportation vehicles;
- (7) Safety personnel and Personal Protective Equipment (PPE);
- (8) Medical bag (IFAK) with expendables and other necessary medical equipment;
- (9) Role Players.

b. Full payment will be made to NMIOTC's Financial Officer upon arrival at NMIOTC during the in-processing procedure in cash or by credit/debit card or by bank deposit to NMIOTC bank account with the following data:

- (1) IBAN Number: GR 38 0110 4940 0000 4945 4001 048
- (2) Swift BIC: ETHN GRAA
- (3) Bank Name: National Bank of Greece

Note: Bank deposit has to be finalized not later than 3 working days before the start date of the event. The relevant document has to be forwarded to Budget & Finance officer through an e-mail: kladosa@nmiotc.nato.int. Hosting Authorities do not hold any cancellation reimbursement obligations to applicants if a confirmation email for participation acceptance was not sent by the NMIOTC Admin Office or the cancellation was made by the applicant.

5. **Arrival and Departure:** It is advised the participants to plan their arrival to CHQ (Chania international airport) no later than Sunday, 27th of Feb 2022 and departure no earlier than 17:00 on Friday, 04th of March 2022.

6. **Dress Code:** Practical lessons and exercises will require trainees to be attired suitably (Battle Dress Uniforms, suitable boots) for working on-board training platforms (ships) and small boats including insertion from RHIB. Flotation devices and safety headgear will be provided by NMIOTC. It is recommended for the trainees to have at least 2 sets of uniforms as training will include working with casualty simulated blood and paints and may have to change clothes. Trainees are advised to be prepared for rainy weather, during the outdoor training part.

7. **Meals:** Participants will have their meals outside NMIOTC, on their own responsibility and at their own discretion. A variety of options are available at Chania city. Nevertheless, a **30 minutes snack break** is arranged at noon, on a daily basis. When the practical sessions will be held outdoors and/or onboard TP ARIS (indicated to the SoE) the trainees are highly recommended to arrange at their own discretion the desired meals/refreshments since on the training areas (outside NMIOTC) there are no such capabilities. In any case a canteen is available within the NMIOTC main building that will provide snacks and refreshments for a nominal cost. For Thursday's evening training, a 90 minutes lunch break is arranged and it will be possible to buy a meal box from NATO's club , at low cost.

8. **Accommodation:** There are no accommodation facilities at NMIOTC. Therefore, participants are responsible to arrange their own accommodation. NMIOTC can provide guidance / assistance if requested. Hotels near the Chania city centre are highly recommended for transportation purposes. A list of recommended hotels around Chania city centre is as follows (special prices apply to participants only for direct booking with each hotel manager by e-mail using the code "NMIOTC Guest", including breakfast and internet connection.

- a. AKALI 4* hotel www.akali-hotel.gr. (promotional code "NMIOTC 22")
E-mail: info@akali-hotel.gr Tel: +3028210 92872
- b. KYDON 4* hotel www.kydon-hotel.com (promotional code "NMIOTC 22")
E-mail: info@kydon-hotel.gr Tel.: +30 28210 52280.
- c. SAMARIA 4* hotel www.samariahhotel.gr (promotional code "NMIOTC 22")
E-mail: reservations@samariahhotel.gr Tel.: +30 2821038600
- d. ARKADI 3* hotel www.arkadi-hotel.gr
E-mail: info@arkadi-hotel.gr Tel: +30 28210 90191.
- e. KRITI 3* hotel, www.kriti-hotel.gr ,
E-mail: info@kriti-hotel.gr, Tel. +302821051881
- f. PORTO VENEZIANO 3* hotel www.portoveneziano.gr
E-mail: hotel@portoveneziano.gr Tel: (+30) 28210 27100.
- g. ROYAL SUN 3* hotel www.royalsunhotel.com. The hotel provides free transportation to the city centre.
E-mail: hotelroyalsun@gmail.com Tel: +30 28210 46363.

9. **Transportation:** Transportation will be provided during the days of the course from Chania city centre pick-up points (1st pickup point AKALI at 07:40, 2nd pickup point SAMARIA at 07:50, 3rd pickup point KYDON at 07:55 and 4th pickup point Kriti hotel at 08:00, 5th pickup point Royal Sun hotel at 08:05, 6th pickup point NAMFI barracks at 08:15). Participants are responsible for their transportation from the airport to their hotel and vice versa. The available transportation options from Chania airport to Chania city centre are as follows:

a. By Bus: The bus stop is outside the terminal and the ticket cost 2,30€. For further information and detailed timetables check <https://www.e-ktel.com/en/>.

b. By taxi from the airport directly to Chania city centre, 24 hours/day and the cost is 25,00 € (approx).

c. There are several car rental agencies at the airport. Rental car agencies that have offered special prices for NMIOTC guests are as follows:

(1) Gelasakis Car Rental: E-mail cars@stc.gr, www.rentacar-chania.gr, tel. +30 28210 89065

(2) Spa Tours & Cars Enterprises: E-mail info@spatours.gr, www.spatours.gr, tel. +30 28210 57444

10. **Medical service:** Trainees are required to have a valid health insurance according to their respective national standards. Trainees from the EU Member States are required to possess a valid European Health Insurance Card. NMIOTC ensures first aid during training, providing emergency transportation to the Naval Hospital of Crete if needed. The Naval Hospital of Crete can provide diagnosis, first aid and treatment while the Prefectural Hospital of Chania can provide further diagnosis or specialist treatment if required. NMIOTC do not cover trainees' expenses for additional medical treatments and the settlement of medical bills is a patient/national responsibility.

11. **COVID 19 awareness** Please take under consideration that due to the current COVID-19 situation and the undertaken preventive and protective measures, the conduct of the course is considered, feasible. Furthermore NMIOTC is ready to welcome participants to NMIOTC's events according to the new travel rules as described in details in the Hellenic Republic Ministry of Foreign Affairs web page: <https://www.mfa.gr/en/index.html> (welcome to Greece announcements) and <https://travel.gov.gr/#/> (protocol for arrivals in Greece) as well as the latest instructions uploaded to the NMIOTC site <https://nmiotc.nato.int/general-information-on-coronavirus-covid-19/> which are to be followed at its latest update.

Note: It is advised the participants to take into account any further travel restrictions and rules from intermediate countries that they will travel through.

12. **Basic Protective Measures Against the Coronavirus (COVID 19)**

12. **Security:** NMIOTC applies security procedures according to the NATO standards. The overall classification of the course is NATO UNCLASSIFIED.

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13. Badging process: There is a strict access control at Marathi main gate and NMIOTC main building. You will be required to carry your passport and/or your national identification card during your presence at NMIOTC. A security badge will be delivered to you during the first day upon registration. This security badge is to be carried throughout the event.

