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COMMANDER, NAVY MEDICINE SUPPORT COMMAND

SUBJECT: Military Combat Eye Protection

This memorandum clarifies and identifies Navy Medicine's responsible agency for providing refractive inserts for Military Combat Eye Protection (MCEP). This eyewear is for protection against combat ballistic threats and is not synonymous with industrial protective eyewear worn for protection against industrial or blood-borne pathogen hazards.

MCEP must pass independent testing prior to fielding with Navy and Marine Corps units. MCEP must have provisions for refractive correction. The Navy Expeditionary Combat Command (NECC) and Marine Corps Systems Command are responsible for the MCEP program.

Naval Ophthalmic Support and Training Activity (NOSTRA) is responsible for developing, maintaining, and posting on their website the current authorized protective eyewear list (APEL). MCEP listed on the APEL is supported by NOSTRA for corrective inserts. All MCEP for Navy Medicine units must be purchased in accordance with the APEL.

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