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Borden Institute Releases Book on Military Preventive Medicine

Latest in Textbooks of Military Medicine Series Explores Mobilization and Deployment Challenges

Washington, DC – Unlike 50 years ago, US forces are expected to deploy to the battlefield within a few hours prepared to fight. Borden Institute’s latest book, *Military Preventive Medicine: Mobilization and Deployment, Volume 1*, explores the various natural and manmade challenges faced by today’s soldier upon mobilization and deployment.

“Preventive medicine is inherently central to developing a healthy and fit force and in keeping the force healthy through mobilization and deployment – even into the postdeployment phase,” said Dave E. Lounsbury, MD (COL, MC, US Army), Director of the Borden Institute. “This book emphasizes often-forgotten lessons of the past and also provides a comprehensive approach to protecting the force in the current context of the US military’s global security mission.”

The book covers various topics related to preventive medicine, including a historic perspective on the principles of military preventive medicine, national mobilization and training, preparation for deployment, and occupational and environmental issues during sustainment.

“Volume 1 helps today’s soldiers by providing invaluable information to educate their commanders and military planners on how good and bad military preventive medicine can impact on military operations and individual health,” said Patrick W. Kelley, MD, DrPH (COL, MC, US Army), the book’s specialty editor.

“It seeks to support recruiting the right people for the right jobs and to ensure that their service in the earliest phases of their careers is as safe and healthful as possible. We hope that the book documents lessons learned in a way that military medical soldiers can use them persuasively to convince commanders and resource managers of the need to place disease and injury prevention high on the list of priorities for support,” said Kelley. “Good preventive medicine is a force multiplier.”

“This book reflects the evolution of preventive medicine in the military from its traditional focus on field hygiene and infectious disease control to encompassing the wide range of threats and scenarios associated with modern military service,” explained Lieutenant General James B. Peake, Surgeon General, US Army. “The essence of this volume is timeless: our nation’s greatness is reflected in our comprehensive care of those who serve.”

“With so many of today’s service members coming out of the National Guard and other reserve components, it is important that the civilian medical community be knowledgeable about many military disease and injury control issues,” said Kelley.

The *Textbooks of Military Medicine* series, published by the Borden Institute, Office of The Surgeon General, US Army, was conceived in 1986. The textbooks are available free of charge to qualified US military medical personnel. Each textbook is a comprehensive reference on the art and science of military medicine, extensively illustrated, and written in an easy-to-follow narrative. The series is designed to show how military medicine has built on the lessons learned in past wars and lays out the scientific basis on which the practice of military medicine is grounded.

The Borden Institute offers the textbook volumes in hardback as well as on its website and on CD-ROM.

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