

# Competitors challenge themselves, challenge each other



**Station 1: Mass Casualties**

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**GROTON, Conn** - Hospital Corpsman (HM) serve not only in clinics and hospitals but also on ships and in the field overseas assisting Marine units. To help prepare HMs for the rigors of serving in a warzone, they are occasionally put to the test.

The annual Corpsman Challenge is an event that tests corpsman in preparation for maritime operations and future deployments with the Fleet Marine Force (FMF). Teams of four run a 3.2 mile course, and are pitted against seven skill stations along the way. Skill stations test a team's and individual's strength, endurance, and medical knowledge with scenarios like: mass casualties, splinting, IV therapy, and weapon's knowledge.

Naval Branch Health Clinic Groton (NBHC) hosted a local Corpsman Challenge April 18, in preparation for the regional event which will be held in Portsmouth, Rhode Island, May 12. Six teams participated in NBHC's event. Teams were released from the starting point every 15 minutes to allow participants enough time to complete each challenge without interference.

The event works on a 10-point system. Each station provides a maximum of 10 points, teams lose points through improper technique, inefficiency, or answering questions incorrectly, teams are also given bonus questions after completing a station.

The winner of this year's SUBASE Corpsman Challenge, team "Drunk on Blood", will go on to compete against teams from Saratoga Springs, Newport, and Portsmouth in the regional event.

## CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL NBHC COMPETITORS:

### GOD & COUNTRY

HM2 Grace Schwenning, HM2 Wilfredo Soto, HM3 William Irish, HN Daniel Suggs

### ACUTE THESPIAN SYNDROME

HN Eligio Jimenez, HN Anthony Rich, HA Gabriel Hunter, HN Brian Hunt

### LEE'S LOBLOLLIES

HM3 Samuel Mobley, HN Stephen McPherson, HM2 Marvin Maizano, HM3 Paul Valdez

### BAMCIS

HM3 Frederick Chard, HM3 Christopher Rusaw, HN Edwin Chun, HN Jeremy Lawson

### TRAUMATIC EXTRACTIONS

HM3 William Rogers, HN Nicholas Hinshaw, HN Darryl Wenzel, HN Brandon Swist

### DRUNK ON BLOOD

HM2 Sean Siepel, HM3 Gary Fanning, HN Kevin Richards, HN Benjamin Wilson

**Station 2: Splinting**



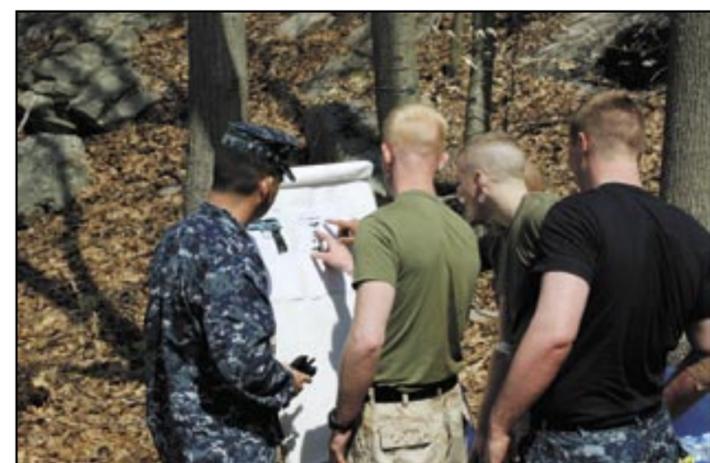
**Station 3: Combat Litter Course**



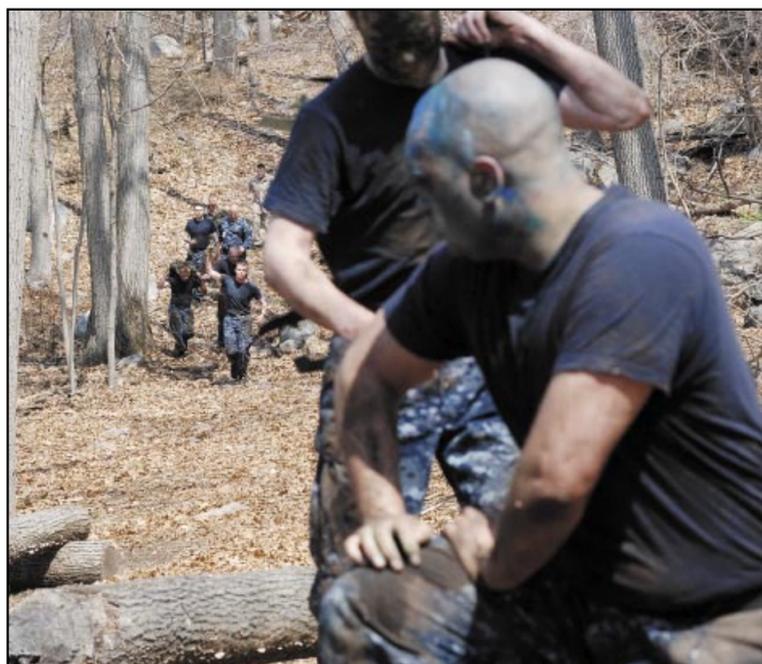
**Station 4: IV Therapy**



**Station 6: Low Crawl**



**Station 5: Weapon's Knowledge**



**Station 7-9: Line**



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