



## [Disease outbreak response links: Lessons Learned and Best Practices from the Ebola response](#)

### **DoD response to Ebola: Operation United Assistance (OUA)**

#### **After Action Reports and Case Studies**

“Operation United Assistance: The DOD Response to Ebola in West Africa,” by Joint and Coalition Operational Analysis (JCOA)

[https://www.jcs.mil/Portals/36/Documents/Doctrine/ebola/OUA\\_report\\_jan2016.pdf](https://www.jcs.mil/Portals/36/Documents/Doctrine/ebola/OUA_report_jan2016.pdf)

*This study analyzes Operation UNITED ASSISTANCE, the Department of Defense support to the United States Government’s response to the Ebola crisis in Liberia in 2014-2015. While the military dealt with force health protection in the past (e.g., 1918 Spanish flu pandemic), Operation UNITED ASSISTANCE was the first US military operation to support a disease-driven foreign humanitarian assistance mission.*

“Case Study 3: A review of Operation United Assistance: The U.S. Military’s Response to the 2014 Ebola Outbreak in Liberia,” CFE-DM

<https://www.cfe-dmha.org/LinkClick.aspx?fileticket=lvldW7J6A1M%3d&portalid=0>

CFE-DM case study reviewing the response to the Ebola outbreak

#### **Memos, Orders, etc.**

“Guidance for DOD personnel deployed to Ebola outbreak areas,” Under Secretary of Defense Memo

[https://archive.defense.gov/home/features/2014/1014\\_ebola/docs/Pre-Post-Deployment-Training-Screening-Monitoring-Guidance-for-DoD.pdf](https://archive.defense.gov/home/features/2014/1014_ebola/docs/Pre-Post-Deployment-Training-Screening-Monitoring-Guidance-for-DoD.pdf)

“Civilian Personnel Guidance for Medical Care for Department of Defense Civilians Deployed to Ebola Outbreak Areas,” Under Secretary of Defense Memo”

[https://archive.defense.gov/home/features/2014/1014\\_ebola/docs/Civilian-Personnel-Guidance.pdf](https://archive.defense.gov/home/features/2014/1014_ebola/docs/Civilian-Personnel-Guidance.pdf)

*This memo provides guidance on medical care for DOD civilian employees deployed in or returning from Ebola outbreak areas*

“Civilian Personnel Guidance for Department of Defense Civilians deployed to Ebola outbreak areas,” Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense

[https://archive.defense.gov/home/features/2014/1014\\_ebola/docs/DASD-CPP-Guidance-for-DoD-Civilians-Deployed-to-Ebola-Outbreak-Areas.pdf](https://archive.defense.gov/home/features/2014/1014_ebola/docs/DASD-CPP-Guidance-for-DoD-Civilians-Deployed-to-Ebola-Outbreak-Areas.pdf)

*This memo transmits questions and answers related to DOD civilian employees who were deployed in or returning from Ebola outbreak areas*

“POST-DEPLOYMENT POLICY FOR 21-DAY CONTROLLED MONITORING OF DOD SERVICE MEMBERS AND CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES RETURNING FROM EBOLA VIRUS DISEASE OUTBREAK AREAS IN WEST AFRICA, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Instruction”

[https://archive.defense.gov/home/features/2014/1014\\_ebola/docs/CJCSI4220.01.pdf](https://archive.defense.gov/home/features/2014/1014_ebola/docs/CJCSI4220.01.pdf)

“Info Memo: 21-Day controlled area monitoring by the services,” Memo from Joint Chiefs of Staff

[https://archive.defense.gov/home/features/2014/1014\\_ebola/chairman\\_memo.pdf](https://archive.defense.gov/home/features/2014/1014_ebola/chairman_memo.pdf)

“Executive Order -- Ordering the Selected Reserve and Certain Individual Ready Reserve Members of the Armed Forces to Active Duty,” Executive Order of President Barack Obama

<https://obamawhitehouse.archives.gov/the-press-office/2014/10/16/executive-order-ordering-selected-reserve-and-certain-individual-ready-r>

Operation United Assistance Fact Sheet

<https://archive.defense.gov/home/features/2014/1014 Ebola/docs/EbolaFactsSheetforMilitaryFamiliesV10.pdf>

*Information fact sheet for DOD families of deploying members*

### **DOD summary of the response effort**

“DOD releases breakdown of Ebola response effort”

<https://archive.defense.gov/news/newsarticle.aspx?id=123935>

### **Health practices**

“Face of Defense: Troops Stick to Health Practices in Liberia”

<https://archive.defense.gov/news/newsarticle.aspx?id=123971>

“Health Chief Details Plan to Protect Troops in West Africa”

<https://archive.defense.gov/news/newsarticle.aspx?id=123480>

“DoD Sets Policy for Troops Returning from Ebola Areas”

<https://archive.defense.gov/news/newsarticle.aspx?id=123594>

“Officials List Medical Protocols for DoD Civilians”

<https://archive.defense.gov/news/newsarticle.aspx?id=123544>

### **Other DOD Units involved in the response effort**

“DoD Scientists Work Globally to Improve Disease Diagnostics”

<https://archive.defense.gov/news/newsarticle.aspx?id=123870>

“DTRA Medical Countermeasures Help West African Ebola Crisis”

<https://archive.defense.gov/news/newsarticle.aspx?id=123822>

“Army Scientist Uses Diagnostic Tools to Track Viruses”

<https://archive.defense.gov/news/newsarticle.aspx?id=123853>

“Transcom Develops System to Transport Ebola Patients”

<https://archive.defense.gov/news/newsarticle.aspx?id=123757>

“DoD Agency Offers Public Geospatial Intel to Help Ebola Fight”

<https://archive.defense.gov/news/newsarticle.aspx?id=123712>

“Research Institute Targets Ebola, Other Infectious Diseases”

<https://archive.defense.gov/news/newsarticle.aspx?id=123530>