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Just talked to Mike Moran down at USASAM (Army School of Aviation Medicine) at Rucker and asked him about the 2CF7 course. Apparently, it has all changed from when I went through in '70.

As pertains to our "era":

1. The 2CF7 course, called Essential Medical Training for Army Aviators was initiated sometime in the early 60's (probably in response to RVN).
2. Conducted at Fort Sam Houston. Attendance was usually meant for those commissioned officers and WOs who were slated for Dustoff/Medevac assignments. I think it was probably one class a month.
3. 4 weeks long for WOs and 3 weeks for the RLOs. The extra week for the Wobbly Ones was probably dumb stuff like drills & ceremonies, etc.
4. Course was almost completely medically oriented. Focused on emergency-type care, trauma management, injections, pharmacy-type information, etc. Pretty much a "How-to-Do-A-Tracheotomy-With-One-Hand-and-Fly-With-The-Other" kind of course.
5. When I went through it in April of '70, then-Major Patrick Brady (of Medal of Honor fame) was assigned as an instructor at the Medical Field Service School and he came in as a guest speaker.
6. There was one day when we went out to the 507th Air Ambulance Co heliport here on post (don't go looking for them as an RVN unit--they're the original CONUS MAST unit) and they demonstrated a hoist mission. The guys who had been to 'Nam gave us some pointers on flying D.O.-type missions, like types of approaches, etc.
7. From what Mike told me this morning, the course has done a 180 and is now almost entirely a doctrine and procedures course with only a 4-hour block on emergency medical care. It's conducted at Ft Rucker. I'm going to get a copy of the POI from our Directorate of Evaluation and Standardization and see just what the hell they've done. It was a good course at one time and I wonder how badly they've managed to adulterate it.
8. I think warrants began in the course about the time it started. Once again, we're confronted with the same old thing--it's been so long ago, nobody's around who's a