

## DAYTAC Tactical Rescue Stretcher (TRS)

### After-Action Report

- Topic:** Lack of equipment to quickly and effectively move casualties off the battlefield.

**Discussion:** Quickly moving casualties from the battlefield without causing further injury has always been an issue. A good stretcher or litter is far too cumbersome to be carried by ground troops. Recruits are taught to make “field-expedient” litters out of their poncho and two sticks, which of course is neither practical nor quick. Dayton Tactical recently sent a Tactical Rescue Stretcher (TRS) device to us here at the Special Training Branch, Special Operations Training Group, to evaluate in a field environment and we were very impressed with it. The device is rugged, weighs almost nothing, is tucked neatly away until needed and makes moving a casualty easily possible by as few as one or as many as six personnel. Our primary mission here is to train Reconnaissance Marines and Marine Snipers, both of whose missions place them far from rear area support and dictate that they carry an extremely heavy load. All of the students that had a chance to see and use the device were very impressed and the comment that was almost universally heard was “Why on earth would we NOT have this device on every Marine?”

**Recommendation:** I recommend that the TRS be fielded by every single Marine in the field. The fact that it is completely unobtrusive, weighs only ounces and is just *so* effective in the movement of a combat casualty makes it what we like to call a “no-brainer”. Like the Marines themselves said, why would you *not* have this on every Marine?

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