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Program

25th Specialized Course for Military Medical Personnel on the Law of Armed Conflict (LoAC)

13th Course on Military Medical Ethics in Times of Armed Conflict (MME)



Mandated by the **International Committee of Military Medicine**
Organized by the **Swiss Armed Forces Medical Services Directorate**

14 – 19 September 2025
in Schwarzenberg Lucerne (Switzerland) and Online



SUNDAY, 14 September 2025

0700 – 0800*

Breakfast

LoAC Courses & MME Course (Plenary)

0800 – 0845

Welcome Introduction

Chief of Staff LoAC/MME Courses
Chairman ICMM Ref. Center
Head LoAC Teachers ICMM

Col Miloš Sekulić
Col David Winkler
Col Johan Crouse

LoAC Courses

MME Course

0900 – 0945

Introduction to the LoAC Courses
(J. Crouse, Plenary)

Round of Introduction
Technical aspects

1000 – 1200

Ice Breaking
Knowing the Conventions
Lecture and discussion

Introduction to the MME course
Lecture and discussion
(D. Messelken)

Fundamental Principles of IHL #1
Lecture and discussion
(C. von Einem)

1200 – 1300

Lunch

LoAC Courses

MME Course

1330 – 1430

Wounded, Sick, and Ship-Wrecked
Lecture

Fundamental Principles of IHL #2
Lecture and discussion
(C. von Einem)

1445 – 1700

Case Studies

Introduction to ethical decision making
Lecture and discussion
(D. Messelken)

Case study #1
Ethical & legal analysis, discussion

1800

Dinner

Free evening

Spare time, work, sport, leisure ...
Get-together at the bar



MONDAY, 15 September 2025

0700 – 0800

Breakfast

LoAC Courses & MME Course (Plenary)

0800 – 0805

Briefing #1

Col Miloš Sekulić

0805 – 0845

ICMM Presentation

Col Johan Crouse (ICMM)

Plenary Lecture



0900 – 1200

LoAC Courses

Protection of Medical Personnel

Lecture

Case Studies

MME Course

Case study #1 (continued)

Ethical & legal analysis, discussion.

1200 – 1300

Lunch

1330 – 1600

LoAC Courses

Prisoners of War, Internees

Lecture

Case Studies

MME Course

Ethics and the Law

Lecture and discussion
(B. Koch)

Case Study #2

Ethical & legal analysis, discussion,
conclusions

LoAC Courses & MME Course

1630 – 1700

Course Picture (all courses)

Details during Briefing #1



1800-2200

Swiss Evening – including dinner

Spare time, work, sport, leisure ...

Get-together at the bar



TUESDAY, 16 September 2025

0700 – 0800

Breakfast

LoAC Courses & MME Course (Plenary)

0800 – 0805

Briefing #2

Col Miloš Sekulić

0805 – 0845

Introduction to Military Medical Ethics

Dr Daniel Messelken

LoAC Courses

MME Course

0900 – 1200

Protection of Civilians

Lecture

Case Studies

Case Study #2 (continued)

Ethical & legal analysis, discussion, conclusions.

1200 – 1300

Lunch

LoAC Courses & MME Course (Plenary)

1330 – 1430

The International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC)

Plenary Lecture

NN, ICRC

Free afternoon

1800

Dinner

Free evening

Spare time, work, sport, leisure ...

Get-together at the bar



WEDNESDAY, 17 September 2025

0700 – 0800

Breakfast

LoAC Courses & MME Course (Plenary)

0800 – 0805

Briefing #3

Col Miloš Sekulić

LoAC Courses

MME Course

0805 – 1200

0800 – 0845: Challenges for the Military Health Care Practitioner in War and Peacetime (J. Crouse, plenary)

Case Study #3

Ethical & legal analysis, discussion, conclusions.

0900 – 1200: Exercise tacticus

1200 – 1300

Lunch

LoAC Courses

MME Course

1330 – 1530

Exercise tacticus (continued)

Case study #4

Ethical & legal analysis, discussion, conclusions.



1600

Visit to Lucerne

Lunch packages distributed before departure
Details during Briefing #3 and on info board

**Packed meal distributed before departure
or restaurant at own expenses**

t.b.d.

Transport back to the Hotel (time according to briefing)

Get-together at the bar



THURSDAY, 18 September 2025

0700 – 0800

Breakfast

LoAC Courses & MME Course (Plenary)

0800 – 0805

Briefing #4

Col Miloš Sekulić

LoAC Courses

MME Course

0805 – 1200

Exercise tacticus (continued)

Case study #5

Ethical & legal analysis, discussion, conclusions.

1200 – 1300

Lunch

LoAC Courses

MME Course

1330 – 1600

Exercise tacticus (continued)

Case study #6

Ethical & legal analysis, discussion, conclusions.

Course Evaluation

Course Evaluation

Transport/ Shuttle

Graduation and Closing Ceremony

Time and location will be announced during the course.



Apéro & Farewell Dinner

Time and location will be announced during the course.

Shuttle back to Hotel



FRIDAY, 19 September 2025

0700 – 0900

Breakfast

Checkout and Departure

We wish you safe travels back home



Upcoming events

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Practical Information

Registration

Via our homepage

- LoAC <https://www.melac.ch/courses-workshops/loac-courses/loac-hybrid-2025>
- MME <https://www.melac.ch/courses-workshops/ethics-courses/mme-hybrid-2025>

Deadline: 30 June 2025

Course Venue

Hotel und Bildungszentrum Matt. Mattstrasse 19, 6103 Schwarzenberg / Luzern, Switzerland

- <https://www.bzmatt.ch/>



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