



IMMEDIATE ACTION

THE NEWSLETTER OF SKEDCO, INC

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Dear Civilian, Military and Tactical Law Enforcement Customers:

On behalf of the entire SKEDCO family, we would like to welcome you to our WINTER 2008 Newsletter, IMMEDIATE ACTION. Since the inception of the SKED® stretcher over 25 years ago, SKEDCO has earned the reputation as the industry leader in tactical medical-rescue and combat casualty evacuation on the battlefield worldwide.

We dedicate our newsletter to the "First Responder" who puts his or her life on the line to save the life of another, whether serving at home or abroad. This year, SKEDCO takes great pride in introducing several new products inspired by these fine men and women who go into harms way so that others may live. We go to great extremes to produce the highest quality, most technologically advanced medical and rescue products available in the world today to preserve our "National Treasure", you, for tomorrow.

In closing, from the bottom of our hearts, the SKEDCO family would like to thank you for keeping our country free and preserving our way of life. Job well done! May God Bless You All!

Bud and Catherine Calkin

Visit SKEDCO at www.skedco.com.
Check out our new Website and Product Line.

*****Coming Soon***
The SKEDCO Shopping Cart**

Bud's Corner

Recently, while attending a trade show and conference I was asked: "Where did you ever come up with the term **Extreme Medicine?**" I responded: "A good friend and associate of mine, Joe Marak, a former Medical Combat Developer for the US Army Special Operations Command and now President of XMED Consultant Group, LLC shared the term with me and it stuck." Joe put it like this: "Out there, they have no 911."

Another long time friend and respected Special Forces Physician's Assistant, Tom Schymanski said: "**Bud, Extreme Medicine is Good Medicine in Bad Places.**"



The photo above depicts an infantryman employing the original SKED® in a "**Combat Drag.**" The photo below depicts soldiers at Fort Benning evaluating the SKED® for moving equipment on the battlefield.



MISSION STATEMENT

SKEDCO, Inc is an industry leader in innovation, high quality design, development and production of medical and rescue products worldwide for use by civilian and military personnel who operate under the most "extreme" conditions.

Our company is committed to (1) provide the very best state-of-the-art medical and rescue products designed specifically to "save lives" (2) ensure hands-on training and/or training materials provided at no charge with each SKEDCO product as required and (3) maintain a constant vigil through continuous research, development, testing and evaluation to solve tomorrow's problems today, "**Anytime---Anywhere**".

**“LESSONS LEARNED ARE LIKE BRIDGES BURNED,
YOU ONLY NEED TO CROSS THEM BUT ONCE.....DON'T
FORGET WHAT YOUR FAILURES HAVE TAUGHT YOU OR YOU'LL
LEARN THEM ALL OVER AGAIN”
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“In virgin terrain in Korea a litter squad could be expected to make approximately 100 to 300 meters per hour in horizontal distance. Thus an aid station 500 meters away from the company on the hill is 2 to 4 hours distant. In special circumstances this time distance can even more...These difficulties were not peculiar to Korea, and we will have the same problems in many of the possible battlefields of the future.”

Lieutenant Colonel Douglas Lindsey, MC

Professional Considerations of Patient Evacuation

*Presented 19 April 1954, to the Course on *Recent Advances in Medicine and Surgery*, Army Medical Service Graduate School, Walter Reed Army Medical Center, Washington, D.C.

“New and Improved” RANGER SKED®

The **RANGER SKED®**, no holds barred, just might be the best battlefield litter available today. Since the inception of the SKED®, over 25 years ago, SKEDCO has worked to improve its litters by keeping the **“Warfighters”** priorities in mind. We place strict attention on FIT, FORM and FUNCTION along with the SAFETY of both the casualty and the rescuer.

The new and improved **RANGER SKED®** is 22-inches in width compared to the standard 36-inch SKED® and comes complete with SKEDCO's new comfort grip handles and 3000 lb. tensile strength, one-inch aluminum side-release black buckles. The integrated buckles eliminate the need for additional patient litter straps. They ensure a safe and secure evacuation. The litter is available in coyote brown as the standard tactical color. Unlike standard poleless litters and the gamut of pole litters on the battlefield, the **RANGER SKED®** can be dragged by one or two persons or carried over obstacles by two to four persons. It is ideal for movement through confined spaces and stairwells. Need to haul equipment---no problem; the SKED® can do that too. The SKED® marries seamlessly with the military pole litters that are standard to air and ground ambulances throughout the services.

DON'T GET CAUGHT WITH YOUR PANTS DOWN!

SKEDCO's innovative design and development team has introduced a simple solution to an age old problem with its introduction of the SKEDCO Combat Utility Belt. When seconds count, you can rapidly pull your trousers on and secure your utility belt without having to re-weave the buckle. Just pull up your trousers, snap the buckle and hit the ground running.

SKEDCO's Combat Utility Belt is “proudly made in the USA,” constructed using the SKEDCO 3000 lb. tensile strength, aluminum side-release black buckle, 1.75” Mil Spec Type 13 7,000 lb. tensile strength webbing and sewn with 138 polyester thread using a Double “W” stitch pattern with bar tacks at each end. This belt is **STRONG**, capable of surviving the rigors of the most extreme environments to include combat and tactical rescue operations worldwide. Yes, it is backed by the **100% SKEDCO Guarantee.**



**Remembering Our Fallen
Heroes**

**SRA Jason D. Cunningham
Killed in Action on March 4, 2002
Robert's Ridge, Operation Anaconda**



Air Force Cross

