

OML is about people, not politics. Disease and health care don't recognize borders or countries. OML is providing medical textbooks and journals to participating MC and NC representatives as part of the old "teach a man how to fish" story. OML is a catalyst for the Host Nation Building (HNB) mission in Afghanistan and Iraq. During HNB, the allied troops focus on strengthening the legitimate government of the host nation. The MC and NC embedded training teams are working tirelessly to overcome the educational deficiency of Afghan and Iraqi medical officers and improve the healthcare system for its citizens.

Operation Medical Libraries Mission Statement:

The mission of *Operation Medical Libraries* is to collect and distribute current medical textbooks and journals to war-torn countries through a partnership with American medical schools, hospitals, and physicians and the United States military.

Operation Medical Libraries Vision Statement:

The vision of *Operation Medical Libraries* is to foster the creation of permanent medical libraries and support the expansion of existing collections in conflict regions where healthcare education and the practice of medicine are suffering. OML will significantly enhance the initial and continuing medical education of healthcare professionals in communities crippled by the lack of materials, with which to teach, learn and provide healthcare of all kinds. Through its support of everyday healthcare and academic medicine, OML will impact the long-term health and welfare of people and ultimately support the development of essential services and human rights in regions torn by conflict.