

BUMED Oral History Interview Synopsis and Key Words
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SYNOPSIS

HMI Camp was born in 1971, the daughter of a career Army officer, who spent much of his career at Fort Bragg, North Carolina. She graduated high school in Fayetteville, attended college at University of North Carolina, and entered active duty in 1993. After initial training and duty as a hospital corpsman, was assigned to the Naval Hospital, Portsmouth, Virginia for two years and then the Naval Hospital in Rhoda, Spain. She completed training as a laboratory technician in 1998, and her subsequent assignments have been in that specialty at the Naval Hospital, Camp Lejeune; Naval Hospital, Yokosuka, Japan, and the Armed Forces Research Institute, Bethesda, Maryland. She was accepted into the Medical Enlisted Commissioning Program for Nurse Corps at Howard University, but had to dis-enroll, and in August 2009, she deployed to Afghanistan where she was assigned to the Army's 440th Blood Support Detachment at the Bagram Air Force Hospital, Craig Joint Task Force Hospital. At the time of this interview she was assigned to BUMED as the blood program office manager.

KEY WORDS

Afghanistan
Armed Services Blood program
British Army - Medical
Individual Augmentee (IA)
Laboratory Technician, Navy and Army; US and British
Navy chief privileges

GLOSSARY

A school: Navy enlisted specialty school, eg. Hospital Corpsman
AFRRI: Armed Forces Radiobiology Research Institute, Bethesda, Maryland
ARCOM: Army Commendation Medal
Armed Services Blood Program (ASBP): official military blood program that supports military members and their families in peace and war.
BUD/S: Basic Underwater Demolition/SEAL
C School; Navy advanced enlisted specialty school; eg. Laboratory Technician
Camp Bastion: main British base in Afghanistan; located in the middle of Helmand Province;
Camp Bastion Field Hospital, a NATO Role 3 British field hospital, augmented with US personnel.
cephalexin: oral cephalosporin, high dose antibiotic therapy for radiation sickness
Craig Hospital: Staff Sgt Heathe N. Craig Joint Theater Hospital, Bagram, Afghanistan

CONEX: a military intermodal steel shipping container developed by the Army in 1952 as the Container Express (CONEX), to prevent breakage and pilferage at the Port of Pusan in Korea.

FOB: forward operating base

green side: Navy personnel who pull field duty, support the Marines; as opposed to the Blue side, the traditional sea-going Navy

grinder: a Navy/Marine Corps parade field

HM "Quad Zero": HM-0000 is the NEC awarded a hospital corpsman upon completion of primary training at the Naval Hospital Corps School, Great Lakes, Illinois.

LHA: landing helicopter amphibious

leading petty officer: in Army terms, noncommissioned officer in charge (NCOIC)

Lean Six Sigma: a quality improvement program developed by Motorola, Inc. in 1986 to identify and remove defects (errors) in manufacturing processes, which expanded to management processes and was highly hyped in industry and government. Motorola lost \$4.3 billion from 2007-9, and in 2011 was divided into two independent companies. Motorola Solutions is considered the successor to Motorola Inc.

LHD: landing helicopter dock

MECP: Medical Enlisted Commissioning Program: Navy program for obtaining a nursing degree and commissioning as a Nurse Corps officer; is similar to the Army's "Green to Gold" program for commissioning, including nursing.

MEPS: military entrance processing station

microbiology: study of microorganisms; includes virology, bacteriology, mycology, parasitology

mycology: study of fungi

NEC: Navy Enlisted Classification Code

NIACT: Navy Individual Augmentee Combat Training, a course conducted by the Army at Fort Jackson, SC

NME&T: Navy Medical Education and Training Command; now organized as the Navy Medicine Medical Personnel, Training and Education Command (NM MPT&E) at Bethesda, MD; The enlisted A and C schools have relocated to the tri-service Medical Training Campus at Fort Sam Houston, Texas.

NMSC: Navy Medicine Support Command, Jacksonville, FL, with five subordinate commands:

NAVMEDLOGCOM: Navy Medical Logistics Command

NM MPT&E: Navy Medicine Medical Personnel, Training and Education Command

NMISSA: Navy Medical Information Systems Support Activity

NMCPHC: Navy and Marine Corps Public Health Center

NMRC: Navy Medical Research Command

PACU: Post Anesthesia Care Unit

Perform to Serve: Navy program that encourages sailors to reenlist for ratings with more advancement opportunity, i.e., ratings that are short manpower.

Tsunami: Tohoku Japan tsunami and earthquake, 11 March 2011

Expressions

great mistakes": Great Lakes

"voluntold": Being "volunteered" for a job whether you want it or not.

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