

**BUMED Oral History Interview Synopsis and Key Words**  
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**SYNOPSIS**

Commander Kennedy was born and raised in St. Michael's, Maryland. She earned her undergraduate degree in psychology at York College of Pennsylvania, a master's degree in psychology at Washington College in Chestertown, Maryland, and a master's degree in guidance and counseling at the University of Maryland, Eastern Shore. After a brief and unfulfilling stint as a high school guidance counselor, she completed a Ph.D. in clinical psychology with a concentration in neuropsychology at Drexel University in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

She was commissioned in the Navy in 1999 and completed a clinical psychology internship at the Naval Medical Center in Portsmouth, Virginia, followed by an assignment to the National Naval Medical Center in Bethesda, Maryland in the HIV clinic.

Commander Kennedy was then assigned to the Naval Hospital Okinawa, Japan, from 2001-4, initially as a psychologist and then as head of the Substance Abuse and Rehabilitation Department. From 2004-6 she completed a neuropsychology fellowship at the University of Virginia Medical School that was followed by an assignment to the Naval Aerospace Medical Institute in Pensacola, Florida from 2006-2011. During this period she deployed in 2006 as Chief of Behavioral Health Services at the Detention Hospital, Guantanamo, Cuba and in 2010 to Afghanistan as the clinical neuropsychologist at the Camp Bastion Hospital, Helmand Province. Commander Kennedy assumed her current position in 2011.

She has an extensive list of publications, including co-author/co-editor of *Aeromedical Psychology* (pending); *Military Psychology: Clinical and Operational Applications*; *Military Neuropsychology*; *Wheels Down: Adjusting to Life after Deployment*; *Ethical Practice in Operational Psychology*, and *Study Guide for Zilmer and Spiers Principles of Neuropsychology*.

**KEY WORDS**

Marine Corps Embassy Security Group  
Guantanamo Bay, Cuba (GTMO)  
Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI)  
Concussion Restoration Care Center, Afghanistan  
Don't Ask, Don't Tell policy  
Military Psychology Ethics  
Operation Enduring Freedom (OEF), Afghanistan  
Individual Augmentee (IA)  
Health Professions Scholarship Program (HPSP)  
Survival, Evasion, Resistance, and Escape training (SERE)  
Women in the Military

### GLOSSARY

Alzheimer, Alois; German psychiatrist and colleague of Emil Kraepelin.

APA: American Psychological Association

APPIC: Association of Psychological Postdoctoral and Internship Programs

ASVAB: Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery, a multiple choice test used to determine qualification for enlistment in the military.

B Billet, USMC: B billets are special duty assignments, such as recruiter and DI duty; as opposed to A billets, which are assignments in a Marine's primary MOS

Barth, Jeffrey T., Ph.D., Director, Brain Injury and Sports Concussion Institute, University of Virginia Health System

Brown, Andrew, HM3, USN

Concussion Restoration Care Center (CRCC); established by the Navy and Marines in 2010 at Camp Leatherneck, Helmand Province, Afghanistan

Don't Ask, Don't Tell (DADT): Policy on gender orientation in the military established at the beginning of the Clinton Administration in 1993; attributed to GEN Colin Powell, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff; was repealed in 2011 during the Obama Administration

DUINS: Duty Under Instruction

DVBIC: Defense and Veterans Brain Injury Center, Rockville, Maryland: primary operational TBI center of the Defense Centers of Excellence (DCoE) for Psychological and Traumatic Brain Injury

Gelles, Michael G., Ph.D.: formerly Chief Psychologist, Navy Criminal Investigative Service  
LCDR, MSC, USN, 1986-1993

IA: individual augmentee

JCAHO: Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations

JTF-GTMO: Joint Task Force Guantanamo; operates detention camps at Guantanamo, Cuba for detained enemy combatants.

Kraepelin, Emil 1856-1926: pre-eminent German psychiatrist and co-discover of Alzheimer's disease.; Emil Alzheimer joined his lab in Munich;

Lonetree, Clayton J., SGT, USMC: Security guard at the American Embassy in Moscow; convicted by general court martial in 1987 of espionage; sentenced to 30 years confinement, and served nine; was first Marine convicted of espionage.

MEDEVAC: medical evacuation

Mittelman, Michael H., O.D., RADM, MSC, USN; in November 2011, assigned as Deputy Surgeon General, U.S. Navy, and Deputy Chief, BUMED.

NAMI: Naval Aerospace Medical Institute, Pensacola, Florida

NICoE: National Intrepid Center of Excellence, Bethesda, Maryland, opened in 2010 for the treatment of service members with traumatic brain injury and psychological health issues.

Nissl, Franz: German psychiatrist, worked with Emil Alzheimer

OSCAR: Operational Stress Control and Readiness, a Marine Corps program

Personnel Retrieval and Processing Detachment (PRPC): Marine Corps mortuary affairs unit.

PRD: projected rotation date; same as Army projected PCS (permanent change of station)

RVU: relative value unit; metric used for measuring health provider productivity

SERE: Survival Escape, Resistance and Evasion; Navy schools are at Navy Remote Training Sites in Rangeley, Maine and Warner Springs, California.

Steussi, Keith, CDR, MC: Director CRCC, 2010.

T-34 Mentor: military trainer derived from the Beechcraft Model 35 Bonanza

TH-57 Sea Ranger: Navy derivative of the Bell Jet Ranger 206

UVA: University of Virginia

Zillmer, Eric A., Ph.D.: Professor of Neuropsychology and Director of Athletics, Drexel University, Philadelphia, PA

Zimbardo Prison Study, also known as the Stanford Prison Study: "A Study of Prison Guards in a Simulated Prison", sponsored by the Office of Naval Research and conducted in 1971 by Stanford professor, Philip G. Zimbardo, Ph.D. A controversial experiment involving volunteers to study the psychological effects of becoming a prisoner or a prison guard that had to be halted after six days and is often cited as an example of unethical research.

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