

**BUMED Oral History Program
CDR Clint Lemaire, Nurse Corps, USN
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Commander Lemaire was raised in Kaplan, Louisiana and attended Northeast Louisiana University where he graduated with a bachelor's degree in nursing in 1992. After working as a civilian Emergency/Critical Care nurse and an associate instructor for GMKO's paramedic program, Lemaire decided to take his talents to the Navy, receiving a commission in February 1998.

Over the course of his career, CDR Lemaire served as: Staff Nurse in the Oncology Department, and Later Emergency Medicine Department (EMD) at Naval Medical Center (NMC) Portsmouth, VA (1998-2000); Nursing Education Officer at NMC Portsmouth, VA (2000-2001); Staff Nurse, EMD, and later Division Officer, General Surgery Clinic, Naval Hospital Roosevelt Roads, PR (2001-2003); Medical Recruiter, Naval District, Chicago, IL (2003-2006); Division Officer, General Surgery Clinic, Senior Nurse, Surgical Services, Naval Health Clinic Great Lakes, IL (2006-2007); Department Head, Internal Medical Clinic, Naval Health Clinic Great Lakes, IL (2008); Nursing Supervisor, and Division Officer, Intensive Care Unit, Naval Hospital Camp Lejeune, NC (2008-2010); Department Head, Inpatient Nursing, Inpatient Nursing, Naval Hospital Camp Lejeune (2010-2012; 2013).

At the time of this interview, CDR Lemaire had been on two deployments, first to the Joint Medical Group/Joint Task Force Guantanamo Bay, Cuba where he operated as a critical care asset for Detention Hospital in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. In 2012, Lemaire was deployed Afghanistan where he served as a combat advisor and team leader of the Medical Training and Advisory Group, Camp Stone Herat. While operating in this capacity, Lemaire mentored the Afghan National Army within the Herat Regional Military Hospital on Camp Zafar Afghanistan, assisted the Afghans in the development of an enduring Afghan Led Military Health Care System, and prepared Afghan leadership at the Herat Regional Military Hospital for Joint Commission inspections.

Key Acronyms

ANA-Afghan National Army
CACO-Casualty Assistance Calls Officer
CS-Culinary Specialists
DMRC-District Minority Recruiting Coordinator
ED-Emergency Department
JTF Guantanamo Bay-Joint Task Force
MPPO-Medical Programs Petty Officer
MRAP-Mine-Resistant Ambush Protected (Vehicles)
MTAG Team-Medical Training and Advisory Group
OPA-Officer Processing Assistant
OPDS-Officer Processing Division Supervisor
OPO-Officer Program Officer
OR-Officer Recruiters
POMI- Plans, Operations and Medical Intelligence
SGLI- Servicemember's Group Life Insurance
UIC-University of Illinois at Chicago

Glossary

207th Corps- The 207th Corps is headquartered at Camp Zafar, Heart Province in the west of Afghanistan. It includes 1st Brigade at Herat, 2nd Brigade at Farah and elements at Shindad (including commandos). The corps was supported by the Herat Regional Support Squadron of the Afghan National Air Corps, equipped with eight helicopters: four transport to support the corps' commando battalion, two attack, and two medical transport aircraft. It has been reported that the 3rd Brigade, 207th Corps will be established in Chesma-e-Dozakh, Badghis Province, where as of October 2011 barracks were under construction. (source: longwarjournal.org).

A Casualty Assistance Calls Officer (CACO) is the official representative of the Secretary of the Navy who provides information, resources and assistance to the PNOK and SNOK in the event of a casualty. Their full time responsibility and mission is to assist families during a difficult time and ensure they receive the benefits and entitlements due. CACO duties are varied and are dependent upon the status of the Sailor at the time the casualty occurs (i.e. Death, Whereabouts Unknown (DUSTWUN), Missing, Ill, or Injured).

Fortress of Farah/Citadel of Alexander the Great- The citadel of

Alexander sits on the edge of Farah. The walls of the fortress stand 50 feet high.

Mine-Resistant Ambush Protected vehicles are armored fighting vehicles used by various armed forces, whose designed purpose is surviving improvised explosive devices.

Officer programs officer (OPO) is the department head for the officer programs department, responsible for all officer recruiting goals. The OPO department includes the district minority recruiting coordinator (DMRC), officer recruiters (ORs), officer processing division supervisor (OPDS), officer processing assistant (OPA), and the medical programs petty officer (MPPO). (source: <http://navyadministration.tpub.com>).

SGLR-8283 is a claim for death benefits.

Vieques—Admiral Robert Natter served as Commander, U.S. Atlantic Fleet, from 2000 to 2003. In 2003, Natter said, "Without Vieques there is no way I need the Navy facilities at Roosevelt Roads - none."