

**JENNIFER L. VEDRAL-BARON**

**Captain**

**Nurse Corps**

**United States Navy**

**Chief of Staff**

**Navy Medicine National Capital Area, Bethesda Md.**



Born in Rota, Spain to a Navy family, Captain Vedral-Baron grew up in Jacksonville, Florida. She attended Florida State University and received her Bachelor of Science Degree in Nursing summa cum laude from the University of North Florida in 1986 and her Master's Degree in Adult Health Nursing in 1996 from the University of Florida. She is a Fellow of the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners and certified as an Adult Nurse Practitioner.

Captain Vedral-Baron was commissioned as an Ensign in the Navy Nurse Corps in July 1986 and reported to Officer Indoctrination School, Newport, RI in August 1986. Upon completion of OIS, she reported to Naval Hospital Long Beach, CA, where she was assigned as a staff nurse to a variety of clinical settings, including the Medical-Surgical Ward, Pediatrics Inpatient Care and the Intensive Care Unit as the Assistant Division Officer. While stationed in Long Beach, she accepted additional duty as an active duty liaison officer to the Los Angeles Recruiting District assisting with the recruitment of medical department professionals. From 1990 to 1993, she was assigned as staff nurse, Naval Hospital Jacksonville in the Intensive Care Unit.

Captain Vedral-Baron achieved Critical Care Nurse Certification (CCRN) and began work on her Master's Degree during off-duty hours. In 1993 she transferred to Naval Medical Clinic Kings Bay, Georgia as Department Head of the Primary Care Clinic. Following this tour and upon graduation from graduate school in 1996, Captain Vedral-Baron received orders back to Naval Hospital Jacksonville as the Clinical Nurse Specialist for Critical Care and Medicine Departments. She later became the Division Officer for the Naval Hospital's Wellness Center. In 1998 Captain Vedral-Baron transferred to U.S. Naval Branch Medical Clinic St. Mawgan, United Kingdom where she assumed duties as the Clinic Director, clinic nurse and Advanced Nurse Practitioner.

Captain Vedral-Baron transferred to National Naval Medical Center Bethesda, MD in 2002 where she held a variety of positions including, Assistant Director for Clinical Support Services and Executive Assistant to the Commander. Collateral duties included Officer-in-Charge of the Medical Evaluation and Treatment Unit, the team responsible for coordinating the care of the President of the United States and his family members and Advanced Nurse Practitioner in the Internal Medicine and Breast Care Clinics. In August 2007 she reported to the Bureau of Medicine and Surgery, Washington, D.C. as the Executive Assistant to the Navy Surgeon General. She reported to Naval Hospital Jacksonville, FL in August 2008 as the Executive Officer and assumed command of Naval Hospital Pensacola in August 2010. CAPT Vedral-Baron assumed command of Naval Hospital Pensacola, FL in August 2010.

Captain Vedral-Baron's awards include the Legion of Merit (two awards), Meritorious Service Medal (three awards), Navy Commendation Medal (four awards) and Navy Achievement Medal (five awards).