

CAPTAIN KEVIN T. KALANTA
Dental Corps, U.S. Navy
Commanding Officer, Naval Health Clinic Hawaii

Captain Kalanta is originally from Colonia, N.J., and received his Bachelor of Science (Biology) from St. Joseph's College, Philadelphia, Pa., in 1974. He obtained his Doctor of Dental Surgery degree from Northwestern University Dental School, Chicago, Ill. in 1978; he was in private practice 1978-1990 and a member of the Operative Department at Northwestern part time, 1979-1980.



Kalanta began his Naval career at Branch Dental Clinic Cecil Field, Jacksonville, Fla., in February 1991, and additionally deployed as the Dental Officer for UNITAS/WATC aboard USS BARNSTABLE COUNTY (LST 1197). He was then assigned to USS YOSEMITE (AD 19) in Mayport, Fla., as an Assistant Dental Officer. He transitioned to the U.S. Marines at 3rd Dental Battalion, Naval Dental Center, Okinawa, in February 1994. He spent two months at Camp Fuji, Japan, CSSD-76; nine months with the MSSG-31, including time aboard USS BELLEAU WOOD (LHA 3); and completed his stay in Okinawa as the Clinic Director of Schwab Dental Clinic.

In June 1997, Kalanta reported to National Naval Dental Center, Bethesda, Md., and completed a residency in Comprehensive Dentistry with a Master of Science in Health Science from George Washington University. After training, in June 1999, he was assigned to 1st Dental Battalion, Naval Dental Center at Camp Pendleton, Calif., as the Advanced Education in General Dentistry Program Director and received his Federal Service Board in General Dentistry and a nomination into the International College of Dentists (ICD).

Kalanta received orders to the USS ENTERPRISE (CVN 65) as the Dental Officer in June 2002 with a six-month Persian Gulf deployment. In August 2004, he arrived at Naval Dental Center Gulf Coast, Pensacola, Fla. as Clinic Director, Naval Air Technical Training Center (NATTC). He was selected as the Officer in Charge, NATTC Naval Branch Health Center in February 2005, following the Dental/Medical integration. In March 2006, he deployed with the Expeditionary Medical Facility, Kuwait, as Director of Outpatient Clinics.

Kalanta reported to Bureau of Medicine and Surgery (BUMED) in October 2006, and held the positions of Director and Deputy Director, Program Analysis and Evaluation (M81), the first Dental Officer to hold them. From there, he received orders to the Naval School of Health Sciences Portsmouth, Va., as the Executive Officer in March 2008. In April 2010, he served as Executive Officer, Naval Health Clinic Corpus Christi, Texas. Kalanta assumed duties as Commanding Officer, Naval Health Clinic Hawaii on 01 June 2012.

Kalanta is a member of the American Dental Association (ADA), a Fellow in the Academy of General Dentistry (AGD), the American Board of General Dentistry (ABGD), the International Association of Dental Research (IADR), the American Association of Dental Research (AADR) and the ICD. His personal awards include the Meritorious Service Medal (four awards), the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal (three awards) and the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal.