



**Captain Kristen Atterbury**  
**Executive Officer**  
**U.S. Naval Hospital Yokosuka**



A native of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, Captain Kristen Atterbury received a direct commission into the Nurse Corps, United States Navy, at the rank of Ensign in 1989, after graduating from the Germantown Hospital School of Nursing in 1987 and civilian nursing experience. After attending Officer Indoctrination School in Newport, Rhode Island, her assignments included Naval Hospital Oakland, CA, Hospital Ship USNS Mercy, Branch Medical Clinic Philadelphia, PA, Naval Hospital Roosevelt Roads, Puerto Rico, Naval Medical Center Portsmouth, VA, and Branch Medical Clinic Sewells Point, where she served in staff and leadership roles in Pediatric, Emergency, Family Practice and Military Medicine settings. At Naval Hospital Rota, Spain she served as Deputy Director for Primary Care and Special Assistant to the Executive Steering Committee and returned to Naval Medical Center Portsmouth, VA where she served as the Associate Director, Primary Care and Branch Clinics, Medical Services and Healthcare Business Directorates, and Facilitator for the Executive Steering Committee. Captain Atterbury's executive positions include Director of Nursing, Joint Medical Group, Joint Task Force Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, Senior Nurse Executive/Director of Nursing for Naval Hospital Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, and Assistant to the Director of the Navy Nurse Corps for Policy and Practice at the Bureau of Medicine and Surgery. Captain Atterbury is the current Executive Officer for Naval Hospital, Yokosuka, Japan.

Captain Atterbury received her Bachelor of Science Degree in Nursing from Graceland University, Master of Public Administration in Healthcare from Troy University, Master of Business Administration in Healthcare Management from Columbia Southern University and is a current student in the Health Sciences Doctoral program at Nova Southeastern University. She is board certified as Nurse Executive Advanced and Public/Community Health Nursing, and has been awarded Advanced Qualification Designators in Executive Medicine, Healthcare Management, Managed Care, Hospital Ship Nursing and Ambulatory Care Nursing. Captain Atterbury is an alumnus of the Interagency Institute for Federal Health Care Executives and has additionally earned the distinction of Lean Six Sigma Black Belt. Her personal awards include the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (3 Awards), Joint Service Commendation Medal, Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal (5 Awards), Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal and Humanitarian Service Medal (2 Awards).

Captain Atterbury is married to Lieutenant Commander Al Applewhaite, Supply Corps, United States Navy and they are the proud parents of one son Kristopher, a graduate of the University of Virginia and United States Marine Corps officer candidate..