



**Director, Dental Services
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Commander Daniel E. Kirkwood, DMD, USN**

Commander Daniel Kirkwood began his military career as an Air Traffic Controller while enlisted in the U.S. Air Force. He completed Basic Training as an Honor Graduate from Lackland AFB, TX in 1988; followed by Air Traffic Control training at Kessler AFB, MS. He finished his Air Force Career in Berlin, Germany at Tempelhof, AFB in 1990. After being Honorably Discharged from the Air Force, he received his Doctorate in Dental Medicine from the University of Kentucky, College of Dentistry in 1995.

Being a Naval Health Scholarship Collegiate Program recipient, he immediately entered the Navy. After completion of Officer Indoctrination School in 1996, where he served as Company Commander, he was placed with the Marines at 12th Dental Company, 2nd Dental Battalion, Cherry Point, NC. During this tour he worked as the Division Officer for 12th Dental and completed a 6 month deployment onboard the USS KEARSARGE (LHD 3), as the Dental Officer for the 22 Marine Expeditionary Unit.

In 1998, he was selected for Advanced Clinical Program Training in Exodontia at Naval Dental Center, Great Lakes, IL. After completing this one year fellowship, he remained in Great Lakes for an additional year as a staff Exodontist. He was then transferred to Boone Medical Clinic, Naval Amphibious Base, Little Creek, VA, as the Department Head of Oral Surgery. During his first year Dr. Kirkwood was selected for residency training in Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery at Naval Medical Center Portsmouth, Portsmouth, VA.

In 2005, Commander Kirkwood completed his residency in Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery. His first assignment was Assistant Department Head of Oral Surgery at Naval Hospital Camp Lejeune, NC. He was selected to deploy to Camp Arifjan, Kuwait in 2006, where he served as Department Head of Oral Surgery, Troop Medical Clinic and Chief Consultant for Head and Neck Surgery for the Expeditionary Medical Hospital. Upon his return in 2007, he was assigned as Department Head of Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery at Naval Hospital Camp Lejeune followed shortly by appointment as Director for Dental Services. He served on the Naval Hospital Camp Lejeune Board of Directors from July 2007 until his departure for the USS GEORGE H.W. BUSH (CVN 77) in July 2009. He reported to Naval Medical Center, Portsmouth in May 2011 as the Director for Dental Services.

He is a Diplomate of both the American Board of Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery and the National Dental Board of Anesthesiology. He is a Fellow of the American Dental Society of Anesthesiology and a member of the American Association of Oral & Maxillofacial Surgeons. His personal awards include the Meritorious Service Medal, two Navy Commendation Medals, two Navy Achievement medals, as well as, numerous other Medals, Unit Citations and Commendations.