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### **Rear Admiral Christine Bruzek-Kohler Announces Retirement**

**San Diego-** After 38 years of service to country and the Navy Nurse Corps, Rear Adm. Christine Bruzek-Kohler announces her retirement.

"I have enjoyed every tour in my career," said Bruzek-Kohler. "I began on the footsteps of Bethesda and will end my career here at Naval Medical Center San Diego- it doesn't get much better than that."

Bruzek-Kohler has decided to stay through Naval Medical Center San Diego's upcoming Joint Commission re-accreditation. "I want to follow through and finish what we've started here. It is a huge endeavor to go through a Joint Commission and I want to be with my staff through this experience," she said.

Bruzek-Kohler's tour will continue through the summer to plan for and support Pacific Partnership 2010 Humanitarian Assistance mission aboard USNS Mercy. "This summer, Navy Medicine West has several changes of command scheduled in our region as well as the upcoming PP10 mission. Ensuring the Mercy is equipped with the necessary types of medical personnel while retaining the right mix of providers at our Military Treatment Facilities ashore is essential," she said.

When asked how she feels about her upcoming retirement she said, "It has been an adventure and an amazing journey. I will treasure my memories from the Navy and in particular the friends I've made along the way. My husband and children have been so supportive through all my career moves and I am looking forward to our return home and spending more time with my family. I finally have the chance to give back to them after all these years."

Bruzek-Kohler and her family plan to return to their hometown in Northern Virginia following her scheduled retirement. Bruzek-Kohler will officially be retired in December. The combined Change of Command and retirement ceremony is scheduled to take place in August, allowing time for her family to transition home and for her children to enroll in school.

Capt. Clinton Forrest Faison III, has been selected for promotion to Rear Adm. (lower half), and will be assigned as commander, Navy Medicine West/commander, Naval Medical Center San Diego. Faison is currently serving as deputy chief, Medical Operations, M3/5, Bureau of Medicine and Surgery, Washington, D.C.