



CAPTAIN LANNY L. BOSWELL
MEDICAL SERVICE CORPS, UNITED STATES NAVY
COMMANDING OFFICER

Captain Boswell is currently serving as the Commanding Officer of the United States Naval Hospital ship, USNS COMFORT. A native of San Antonio, Texas, Captain Boswell holds a Bachelor's Degree in Business Management from Southwest Texas State University, a Master's Degree in Physical Therapy from Baylor University, and a PhD in Sports Medicine from the University of Virginia. During his career Captain Boswell served throughout the world to include Europe, the Caribbean, and Middle East. His deployments, both afloat and ground-based, include expeditionary deployments to Iraq and Afghanistan, and a Carrier Strike Group deployment to the Arabian Gulf. He has also deployed in support of humanitarian assistance missions to Kenya, Tanzania, and Romania, as well as medical civic actions in Iraq and tribal outreach missions in Afghanistan.

Captain Boswell enlisted in 1981 and was commissioned an Ensign in the Medical Service Corps in July 1987. His first assignment was the Academy of Health Sciences, Fort Sam Houston, Texas. In 1989, he reported as a staff member to Naval Medical Center San Diego, California. In 1991, he transferred to the U.S. Naval Hospital, Naples, Italy where he implemented a Mobile Neuromuscular Medicine Clinic which provided care to Navy ships entering the Adriatic theater. This effort led to his assignment in 1994 to the USS Enterprise (CVN 65) and ultimately to a policy change that assigned musculoskeletal physical therapy providers to all U.S. Navy aircraft carriers. In 1996, Captain Boswell reported to Naval Hospital Roosevelt Roads, Puerto Rico, where he implemented operational musculoskeletal clinics to the special warfare and combat construction battalion detachments in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, and Puerto Rico.

From 2002 to 2005, Captain Boswell served as the Director of Strategic Analysis for the Naval Service Training Command in Great Lakes, Illinois, where he was responsible for operational analysis, the coordination of biomedical research, and program development that leveraged medical science to decrease injury rates of enlisted recruits and officer candidates. He served as a member of the Joint Services Physical Training and Injury Prevention Committee to the Secretary of Defense.

Captain Boswell was assigned to the Naval Special Warfare Command in Coronado, California from 2005 to 2009 where he served as the Deputy Force Medical Officer. He led the development of human performance and combat stress mitigation programs for deploying SEAL Teams. In 2009, he deployed with SEAL Team FIVE as part of the Navy's first expeditionary musculoskeletal care team, assigned to Special Operations Task Force West in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

In 2010, Captain Boswell was assigned as Director, Warfighter Performance Research Laboratory at the DoD's Deployment Health Research Center. He directed research emphasizing the identification and solutions to the physical and mental performance degradation in combat, and the development of interventions to regain, maintain or optimize performance. In 2011, he deployed to Afghanistan as the Theater Director for U.S. Central Command, Joint Combat Casualty Research. He was responsible for the oversight of all medical research within Joint Operational Areas, including Iraq, Afghanistan, and Kuwait and facilitated international collaborations between, U.S. Forces Afghanistan, NATO, and ISAF leadership. He directed five combat trauma research detachments throughout Afghanistan that enhanced casualty care through the identification and dissemination of innovative trauma care interventions and best practices.

Captain Boswell served as Executive Officer at Naval Health Research Center (NHRC) from 2012 to 2014. His responsibilities included overseeing the operations of the six major research and development laboratories hosting a multifaceted combination of joint military, civil service, and government contract agencies. In his last assignment Captain Boswell served as the National Director of Research and Surveillance, for the DoD-VA Extremity Trauma and Amputation Center of Excellence (EACE).

Captain Boswell is a licensed physical therapist, holds a board certified specialty in orthopedics, and is a credentialed electromyographer and neuro-musculoskeletal primary care provider. His personal awards include the Bronze Star, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Navy and Marine Corps Meritorious Service Medals (4), Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medals (5), Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medals (2), and the Air Force Commendation Medal.