

Captain Kennett D. Radford, NC, USN

Executive Officer

Originally from Shakopee, MN, CAPT Radford enlisted in the Navy in 1994 as a sailor aboard two ballistic missile nuclear submarines before entering the BOOST commissioning program and earning a NROTC scholarship. CAPT Radford graduated from Marquette University (Bachelor of Science, Nursing - 2001) and served at Naval Medical Center Portsmouth, VA (2001-04) as staff nurse in the Pediatric Medical/Surgical Unit, Pediatric Intensive Care Unit, and Adult Intensive Care Unit, obtaining a Critical Care Registered Nurse (CCRN) credential.

He was deployed to Fleet Hospital-15 for Operation Iraqi Freedom (2003), earning the Presidential Unit Citation. Next, CAPT Radford served at Naval Hospital Guam (2004-07) as a staff nurse in the Intensive Care Unit and was certified in Critical Care Air Transport Team (CCAT) and flew critical care Trans-Pacific aero-medical evacuation missions. He was deployed on the USNS Mercy (T-AH 19), Intensive Care Unit, for Pacific Partnership providing humanitarian assistance in Southeast Asia.

CAPT Radford attended Georgetown University (Master of Science – 2010) as part of the Navy Nurse Corps Anesthesia Program (NNCAP) and completed his nurse anesthesia residency at Naval Hospital Jacksonville, FL. His first assignment as a Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist was at Naval Medical Center Portsmouth, VA (2010-12) where he was deployed on the USS George H.W. Bush (CVN-77) as the sole anesthesia provider for Operation New Dawn (Persian Gulf) and Operation Enduring Freedom (Arabian Sea).

CAPT Radford completed a Department Head tour at Naval Hospital Sigonella, Italy (2012-14) before arriving at Uniformed Services University (Ph.D. Nursing Science – 2017). After completion of his Ph.D., CAPT Radford stayed at USU and served as an assistant professor in the Nurse Anesthesia Program before assuming the role as Director, Nurse Anesthesia Program (2021), where he led tri-service faculty and students at multiple training sites across the U.S. While at USU, CAPT Radford completed federal grant funded studies exploring the effects of intravenous anesthetic agents on stress related disorders and traumatic brain injury.

CAPT Radford also coordinated operational readiness training courses for USU students in Maritime, Mountain, and Cold Weather Medicine, becoming a Fellow of the Academy for Wilderness Medicine (FAWM). He also led the inaugural Trauma Culmination Exercise for USU Nurse Anesthesia residents partnered with the Hostage Rescue Team at the Federal Bureau of Investigation in Quantico, VA before arriving as Executive Officer, Naval Medical Leader and Professional Development Command.

CAPT Radford is credentialed at Fort Meade Ambulatory Care Center and is an active member of the Tri-Service Nursing Research Program and American Association of Nurse Anesthesiology. His personal awards include the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Navy Commendation Medal (2 awards), Navy Achievement Medal (3 awards), Surface Warfare Medical Department Officer qualification, and Enlisted Submarine Warfare qualification