



LT Nicholas J. Armendariz Medical Service Corps, US Navy

LT Nicholas J. Armendariz was born aboard Torrejon Air Base, in Madrid, Spain. He attended undergraduate school at North Carolina State University, studying Agricultural Education, with a focus in Horticulture. Upon graduating, LT Armendariz taught high school agriculture outside of Greenville, NC, where he also served as the FFA Chapter Advisor, and coached Varsity Football, Soccer, and Track. LT Armendariz left teaching and entered Officer Candidate School with the US Marine Corps in 2006 and was commissioned a 2ndLt. 2ndLt Armendariz completed training at The Basic School at Quantico, VA before departing for flight training at NAS Pensacola, FL. 1stLt Armendariz completed Naval Flight Officer training in May 2008. 1stLt selected to serve in the EA-6B Prowler and completed training as an Electronic Countermeasures Officer (ECMO) in 2009. 1stLt Armendariz was assigned to Marine Tactical Electronic Warfare Squadron Two (VMAQ-2). During his time at VMAQ-2, he was promoted to Captain and was designated a Mission Commander in 2011. During this tour, Capt Armendariz also served as an Instrument evaluator, Night Systems Instructor, Functional Check Flight evaluator, and Electronic Warfare Tactics Officer. While at VMAQ-2, Capt Armendariz supported Operation Enduring Freedom in 2010 and 2012. Capt Armendariz flew more than 1000 hours in the EA-6B, with nearly 500 combat hours. Capt Armendariz also served as a liaison to the Combined Air and Space Operations Center in support of the theater EW mission. Capt Armendariz was selected in 2013 on the Commandant's Career Level Education Board to pursue graduate education in the field of education and graduated with a Master of Education degree from North Carolina State University in 2014. Upon completion of this degree and awarding of a secondary MOS as a Training and Education Officer (8802), Capt Armendariz was assigned to MAGTF Training and Education Standards Division (MTESD) at Training and Education Command, Quantico, VA. During this tour, Capt Armendariz served as a policy writer, science and technology liaison, and formal schools supervisor manager. After promotion to Major, he served as the Policy Section Head and 8802 Occupational Field Supervisor, where he worked to update the pipeline for future Training and Education Officers. Maj Armendariz was selected as a Military Assistant in support of the Inauguration mission with Military District Washington for events leading up to and during the 58th Presidential Inauguration. Maj Armendariz was then asked to work as part of the CG TECOM Special Staff to support the standing up of the Future Learning Group as its Chief of Staff in 2017. Maj Armendariz then departed the Marine Corps in 2017 to pursue a Ph.D. in Modeling & Simulation with a focus in Cognitive Science at the University of Central Florida. While pursuing the Ph.D., Mr. Armendariz continued to support the government as a DoD contractor, serving as the Program Manager and Chief of Staff for the Advanced Distributed Learning Initiative, which reported to the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Readiness. In the fall of 2020, he was commissioned as a LT in the Medical Service Corps and completed Officer Development School in December 2020. LT Armendariz joined Navy Medicine Operational Training Command Detachment (NMOTC) Naval Aerospace Medical Institute (NAMI) as the Department Head for Operational Psychology. The focus of the department is research, development, and oversight of Automated Pilot Examination (APEX) hosted selection batteries. LT Armendariz currently serves as the NAMI Assistant Officer in Charge.

His personal awards include: Meritorious Service Medal, the Air Medal w/8 Strike Flight awards, and the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal.

LT Armendariz and his wife Amanda have three children, Fin, Kensi, and Raleigh.