

Meet the NEMTI Officer In Charge

CDR VIRGINIA H. DAMIN, NURSE CORPS, USN



Commander Damin was born Virginia “Gini” Hinrichs in Winfield, Illinois. She resided in Aurora, IL until graduating from Waubonsie High School in 1999. In May, 2003 she graduated from Purdue University with a Bachelors of Science in Nursing and was commissioned as an Ensign through the Reserve Officer Training Corps.

CDR Damin reported to Naval Hospital Camp Pendleton (NHCP) for her first duty station where she was assigned to various roles including staff nurse, deployed as an En Route Care trauma nurse to Al Taqaddum, Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom (OIF), and served as Division Officer, School of Infantry clinic. In July, 2006 CDR Damin transferred to Naval Medical Center San Diego where she deployed for a second tour in support of OIF, and subsequently found her niche as a critical care nurse. In 2010, CDR Damin transferred to Norfolk, VA where she served as critical care nurse, Fleet Surgical Team 2 (FST). During this tour she deployed aboard the USS Iwo Jima as Senior Nurse Officer and participated in the pre-deployment exercise, Bold Alligator 2012 aboard the USS Kearsarge.

In May 2012 CDR Damin transferred back to NHCP where she served as Department Head of the Multi-Service Ward and Intensive Care Unit. In 2015 CDR Damin earned a Masters Degree in Healthcare Administration and was selected for full time out-service Duty Under Instruction at Old Dominion University (ODU).

CDR Damin graduated from ODU in May 2017 with a second Masters Degree and earned the Education and Training Master Specialist sub-specialty code 3150. She reported to NHCP for a third tour, this time as the head of Staff Education and Training and then as Associate Director, Director for Nursing Services. CDR Damin currently serves as Officer in Charge, Naval Expeditionary Medical Training Institute.

CDR Damin maintains professional certification as a Certified Critical Care Nurse. Qualifications include: Fleet Marine Force Qualified Officer and Surface Warfare Medical Department Qualified Officer. Personal awards include: Meritorious Service Medal, Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal (5 awards) and Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal (3 awards).