

Captain Matthew W. Hebert, MSC, USN

Commanding Officer

Navy Medicine Operational Training Center

Captain Hebert earned a BS Degree in Zoology/Chemistry (minor) from Weber State University, a MS Degree in Health, Physical Education and Recreation with an emphasis in Cardiac Rehabilitation from Utah State University and is a Member and Associate Fellow of the Aerospace Medical Association, Aerospace Physiology Society, and the former President and Secretary of the Society of United States Naval Aerospace Physiologists.



In February 1993, he received his commission as a Lieutenant (Junior Grade) in the Medical Service Corps. He was sent to Officer Indoctrination School in Newport, Rhode Island, where he was selected as Battalion Adjutant and graduated with distinction.

Hebert was frocked to the grade of Lieutenant and graduated from Aeromedical Officer School, Naval Aerospace Medical Institute, Pensacola, Florida where he earned his wings of gold and designation as a Naval Aerospace Physiologist #197 in February 1994. His next duty assignment was at the Aviation Physiology Training Department in San Diego, California where he served as the Assistant Department Head and Division Officer for the Physiology and Water Survival Training directorate.

In 1996, he was assigned as Aeromedical Safety Officer, Marine Aircraft Group 39, Camp Pendleton, California for five composite UH-1N and AH-1W helicopter squadrons. While there he was awarded the 1998 US Navy 'Aerospace Physiologist of the Year.'

In 1999, Lieutenant Hebert reported to 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, Camp Foster, Okinawa, Japan. This position was the Senior WESTPAC Aeromedical Safety Officer where he had administrative oversight of three Marine Aircraft Group Aeromedical Safety Officers located in three diverse geographical areas (Mainland Japan, Okinawa and Hawaii). He was promoted to the grade of Lieutenant Commander in June 2001.

In February 2002, he was assigned as the Level 2 Integrated Program Team Leader, Life Support Systems, Fleet Support Team at the Naval Air Warfare Center, Aircraft Division, NAS Patuxent River, Maryland. There he provided research and engineering support to the Naval Aviation Systems Team, in partnership with Industry, to serve the Navy by developing, acquiring and supporting Naval Aeronautical and related technology systems for operating forces.

In 2005 Hebert served as Director, Aviation Survival Training Center (ASTC), NAS Patuxent River, Maryland where he provided high-risk physiology and water survival training for fleet aviation, ground forces and joint service aircrew. In April 2007, he was promoted to the grade of Commander. He was transferred to Program Management, Air (PMA-205), Naval Air Systems Command, Naval Aircrew Training Systems, NAS Patuxent River, MD where he served as the Executive Officer and Assistant Program Manager for Training Systems – Safety and Survivability Program, providing acquisition management oversight to the Naval Aviation Survival Training (NASTP) and Night Imaging and Threat Evaluation (NITE) Programs in 2009.

In 2010, he was hand-selected by the US Navy Surgeon General to fill the role as Program Management oversight of the Naval Aviation Survival Training Program and Naval Aerospace and Operational Physiology Program (NAOPP) Specialty Leader. He was promoted to the rank of Captain on 1 January 2013.

CAPT Hebert assumed the duties as the sixth Officer in Charge (OIC) of the Naval Survival Training Institute (NSTI) in Pensacola, FL from July 2013 to Apr 2016 whereby he had oversight of eight Aviation Survival Training Centers (ASTCs) located in geographically dispersed CONUS locations.

In June 2016, he was selected as the Executive Officer (XO) of the Naval Health Research Center in San Diego, CA - the Department of Defense's (DoD) premier deployment health research center. NHRC's cutting-edge research and development is used to optimize the operational health and readiness of the nation's armed forces.

On 3 August 2018, CAPT Hebert assumed command of the Naval Medicine Research Unit - Dayton, Wright-Patterson AFB, Dayton, OH. NAMRU-D is a major DoD medical research command that includes a one-of-a-kind Environmental Health Effects laboratory, including the DoD's program of record for inhalation toxicology research and also performs preeminent aerospace medical research through the Naval Aerospace Medical Research laboratory that enhances warfighter health, safety, performance, and readiness.

His personal decorations include the Meritorious Service Medal (six awards), Navy-Marine Corps Commendation Medal (two awards), and the Navy-Marine Corps Achievement Medal (two awards).