CAPT. MATTHEW W. HEBERT

Commanding Officer, Navy Medicine Operational Training Command

Captain Hebert has 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.

He received his commission as a Lieutenant (Junior Grade) in the Medical Service Corps in 1993 and at Officer Indoctrination School in Newport, Rhode Island was selected as Battalion Adjutant graduating with distinction.

Hebert was frocked to Lieutenant and graduated from Aeromedical Officer School, Naval Aerospace Medical Institute, Pensacola, Florida, earning his wings of gold and designation as a Naval Aerospace Physiologist #197 in 1994. His follow-on assignment was the Aviation Physiology Training Unit in San Diego, California where he served as the Assistant Department Head/Division Officer.

In 1996, he was assigned as Aeromedical Safety Officer, Marine Aircraft Group 39, Camp Pendleton, California. While there, he was awarded the 1998 U.S. Navy 'Aerospace Physiologist of the Year.'

Lieutenant Hebert reported to 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, Camp Foster, Okinawa, Japan in 1999, where he served as the Senior WESTPAC Aeromedical Safety Officer. He was promoted to the grade of Lieutenant Commander in 2001.

In 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, Naval Air Station Patuxent River, Maryland, providing test and evaluation and engineering support for operating forces.

Lieutenant Commander Hebert served as Director, Aviation Survival Training Center, Naval Air Station Patuxent River, Maryland in 2005, and in April 2007, he was promoted to the grade of Commander. In 2009, Commander Hebert transferred to Program Management, Air 205, Naval Air Systems Command, Naval Aircrew Training Systems, Naval Air Station Patuxent River, Maryland serving as Executive Officer and Assistant Program Manager for Training Systems – Safety and Survivability.

Hand-selected by the U.S. Navy Surgeon General as the Naval Aviation Survival Training Program Manager and Naval Aerospace and Operational Physiology Program Specialty Leader at the Bureau of Medicine and Surgery (BUMED) in 2010, he was promoted to the rank of Captain on 1 January 2013.

Captain Hebert assumed the duties as the sixth Officer in Charge of the Naval Survival Training Institute in Pensacola, Florida in 2013, and in 2016, he was selected as the Executive Officer of the Naval Health Research Center in San Diego, California - the Department of Defense's premier deployment health research center.

In 2018, he assumed command of the Naval Medicine Research Unit - Dayton, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, Ohio, a major laboratory of eight within the Bureau of Medicine and Surgery and the Naval Medical Research and Development enterprise. In late 2019, Captain Hebert assumed command of Navy Medicine Operational Training Command, Pensacola, Florida, which provides all operational medicine and aviation survival training.

His personal decorations include the Legion of Merit, Meritorious Service Medal (six awards), Navy-Marine Corps Commendation Medal (two awards), and the Navy-Marine Corps Achievement Medal (two awards) and various unit and campaign awards.



