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Commander Cooper was born in Arlington, Texas. He attended Texas A&M University where he was a member of the Corps of Cadets and received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Biomedical Science, minor in Leadership Development in 1998 and earned his Master of Science degree in Kinesiology with an emphasis on Applied Exercise Physiology in 2000.

In October 2000, he was commissioned as a Lieutenant (junior grade) in the United States Navy as a Medical Service Corps officer. After attending Officer Indoctrination School in Newport, Rhode Island, he reported to the Naval Aerospace Medical Institute, Pensacola, Florida for the Aerospace Medicine Residency. In June 2001, he earned his wings of gold and designation as a Naval Aerospace Physiologist #257. He then reported to the Aviation Survival Training Center in Jacksonville, Florida where he served as the Assistant Department Head for the Physiology and Water Survival Training directorates.

In May 2003, he attended the Aviation Safety Officer School at the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, California. Following completion in August 2003, he was assigned as the Aeromedical Safety Officer at Marine Aircraft Group 36, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, Okinawa, Japan. Here he served as supervisor for the Night Imaging and Threat Evaluation laboratory, laser safety program manager, chemical, biological, radiological, and nuclear training manager and provided aeromedical support for WESTPAC composite CH-46 helicopter squadrons, one C-130 fixed-wing squadron and the 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit. There he earned his Fleet Marine Force Officer Qualification Designator. In July 2006, he reported to Commander, Electronic Attack Wing Pacific, Whidbey Island, Washington. He served as the Aeromedical Safety representative to EA-6B squadrons in diverse geographical areas (CONUS, Japan, and CENTCOM) as well as during the transition to the new EA-18G platform. In July 2009, he was assigned as the Director, Human Performance and Training Technology, Naval Survival Training Institute, Pensacola, Florida. Working as Fleet Team Lead, Integrated Program Team, Life Support Systems, Naval Air Warfare Center, Aircraft Division, he provided engineering and development support to the Naval Aviation Systems Team, in partnership with Industry, to serve the Navy by developing, acquiring and supporting Naval Aeronautical training systems for operating forces. In July 2012, he reported as Director, Aviation Survival Training Center, Whidbey Island, Washington where he led a team of 21 officers, enlisted and civilians providing CNO-mandated high-risk physiology and water survival training for fleet aviation, ground forces and joint service aircrew. In July 2015, Commander Cooper transferred to Marine Aviation Weapons and Tactics Squadron One (MAWTS-1) as the Night Imaging and Threat Evaluation (NITE) Lab Program Manager providing direct oversight of 22 operational training sites around the world. Working with the Joint Program Office, he developed and deployed the first F-35 Helmet-mounted Display System NITE Lab training curriculum. In March 2019, Commander Cooper transferred to Navy Medicine Operational Training Center, Detachment Naval Survival Training Institute as the Assistant Officer in Charge.

Commander Cooper is board certified in Aerospace Physiology and an active member of the Society of United States Naval Aerospace Physiologists. He also serves as a member of the Naval Aerospace/Operational Physiology Program Planning Committee. His personal decorations include the Meritorious Service Medal, Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal (three awards), and the Navy and Marine Corps Naval Achievement Medal. He is married to the former Rebecca H. Shriver of Edwards AFB, California and has two sons, Paton Attebery and Nolan Revere. They currently reside in Pensacola, FL.