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The Navy Medicine Almanac is an annual professional publication of the U.S. Navy Bureau of Medicine and Surgery. Its purpose is to educate the general public about Navy Medicine’s mission and programs. Navy Medicine is a global health care network of more than 63,000 personnel that provide health care support to the U.S. Navy, Marine Corps, their families and veterans in high operational tempo environments, at expeditionary medical facilities, military treatment facilities, hospitals, clinics, hospital ships and research units around the world.
Keeping Sailors, Marines, and their families healthy, ready and on the job

**WHO WE ARE**

63,000
Military, civilian and contract personnel

1,175,000
Beneficiaries - Sailors, Marines, retirees and their families

$6.2 billion
Global network
Providing world-class care anytime, anywhere above, below, on the sea and on the battlefield.

**HOW WE DO IT**

**EXPEDITIONARY MEDICINE**
When Sailors and Marines go forward into harm’s way, Navy Medicine is there beside them on, above, below the sea and on the battlefield

**GARRISON HEALTH CARE**
Patient and family-centered care is our core philosophy and approach, providing comprehensive medical care for all Navy Medicine beneficiaries anytime, anywhere

**WARRIOR CARE**
Navy Medicine provides a seamless transition from battlefield, to bedside, to a robust reintegration support system so our warriors can lead productive lives

**RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT**
Navy Medicine R&D programs enable us to remain agile in the world-class health care we provide to our service members and beneficiaries

**EDUCATION AND TRAINING**
Navy Medicine is committed to delivering high-value, high-impact education and training to enhance the professional development and readiness of our health care providers

**GLOBAL HEALTH ENGAGEMENT**
Global health partnerships create opportunities to engage with other nations, build long-lasting mutual relationships, and improve the readiness of our Navy and Marine Corps
A MESSAGE FROM THE NAVY SURGEON GENERAL

Welcome to the 2018 Navy Medicine Almanac!

As the 38th Navy surgeon general, it’s my honor and privilege to lead an amazing team of more than 63,000 military, civilian, and contract personnel who work tirelessly every day to ensure the Navy and Marine Corps family has the best readiness and health in the world.

Navy Medicine honors and fulfills the trust placed in our hands by our nation to provide the best care possible to those who defend our freedom because we believe those who serve, including their families, are America’s most important line of defense.

From Navy Medicine’s headquarters just outside of Washington, D.C., to any of our military treatment facilities, research labs, training facilities, or support activities around the globe, preparing healthy Sailors and Marines to do our nation’s work is what we do.

Our success depends on partnering with military medical services, civilian health care organizations, government agencies and leading academic and research institutions to stay up-to-date with the latest health care innovations and technology, conducting innovative medical research, and ensuring we are doing all we can to care for those entrusted to us anywhere they serve.

The health of Sailors, Marines, and all others in our care is our number one priority. Throughout this Almanac we demonstrate why maintaining and building upon Navy Medicine’s essential medical capabilities is critical to the Navy and Marine Corps missions.

Our people are the most important part of our organization. The diverse skills and competencies of those who care for our patients are what make the Navy Medicine team such an integral part of the Navy’s mission.

In every Navy Medicine Almanac we highlight Navy Medicine service members who have made an impact. This year, we’re showcasing Navy Medicine service members whose dedication to service and protection of our Sailors and Marines resulted in a U.S. Navy ship commissioned in their name. To date, 44 Navy Medicine shipmates have been honored in this way.

If you’d like to learn more about Navy Medicine and our mission, I encourage you to join us on our social media platforms.

We’ve made incredible progress in the last year, and I’m proud to be a part of such an innovative team, leading us into the future as we continue to provide the best care our nation can offer to those who serve.

Vice Adm. Forrest Faison
MEET THE FORCE

Navy Medicine’s force master chief is the Navy surgeon general’s senior enlisted advisor. He or she is also dual-hatted as the director of the Hospital Corps, the Navy’s largest enlisted rating and only enlisted corps.

Force Master Chief Hosea Smith Jr. assumed this position in March 2017. As the new force master chief, Smith reflects on his career and the value of Navy Medicine.

1. Why did you decide to join Navy Medicine?
I grew up in Fayetteville, North Carolina as an Air Force brat, and as a result, I wanted to carry on my father’s legacy and join the Air Force. When I went to the recruiter’s office, the Air Force recruiter wasn’t there so I met with the Navy recruiter and decided to join the Navy without choosing what job I would have once I left boot camp.

While at boot camp, I originally wanted to do clerical and administrative type of work, but once I read about the hospital corps and saw what they were about, I chose my job and the rest is history.

2. What are some of the most distinct memories of your career in Navy Medicine?
My first tour as an Independent Duty Corpsman (IDC) on USS O’Brien (DD 975) was probably the most challenging assignment I’d ever had. IDCs are different because they are trained to serve as the sole source of medical care for the Sailors and Marines they deploy with.

In my case, I was responsible for the health of more than 300 people with only two junior Sailors working with me. The whole crew entrusts their health care to their corpsmen and it’s a responsibility we don’t take lightly.

3. What is the Hospital Corps?
The Hospital Corps is comprised of more than 30,000 men and women who are ready to provide health care to Sailors, Marines and their families no matter the environment. Our corpsmen are the heart of Navy Medicine. They’re on the front lines, standing shoulder to shoulder with doctors and nurses ensuring our shipmates and fellow Marines are receiving the best health care we can deliver. That’s why I’m proud to be a hospital corpsman myself, and to represent the force. My title may be Force Master Chief, but our hospital corpsmen are truly the force that keeps this organization running.

4. What is the Hospital Corps mission?
Our mission as hospital corpsmen is and will always be to support warfighters and their families by providing them the best health care our nation can offer.

5. Why is Navy Medicine so important?
Wherever the United States has Navy and Marine Corps forces, Navy Medicine is there. Whether it’s on the sea, below the sea or on the battlefield with the Marines, we are there. Wherever our Sailors and Marines go there’s a corpsman, a nurse or doctor ready to take care of them, making us invaluable to the Navy and Marine Corps mission.
Since its establishment in August 1842, the Bureau of Medicine and Surgery (BUMED) serves as the headquarters for all naval medical personnel. Under Vice Adm. Forrest Faison’s leadership as the Navy surgeon general, and chief, BUMED, Navy Medicine ensures Sailors, Marines, their families and retirees are healthy, ready, and on the job.

BUMED is physically located within Defense Health Headquarters (DHHQ) in Falls Church, Virginia, just a few miles from the nation’s capital. More than 300 Sailors and more than 400 Navy civilians work together with contractor counterparts to develop policy and manage manpower, personnel and resources throughout the enterprise. BUMED also oversees Navy Medicine’s medical operations, research and development, and educational programs.

This work enables Navy Medicine to answer the call whenever and wherever needed, from kinetic operations to global engagement. The ability to provide the Navy and Marine Corps with Sailors and Marines who are healthy and ready to complete their mission is truly the hallmark of Navy Medicine. Highly-trained, highly-specialized Navy Medicine personnel deploy alongside service members around the globe to provide mission critical support on any platform above, below or on the sea. This same group of outstanding medical personnel also provides world-class health care to the families of Sailors and Marines as well as retirees at military treatment facilities worldwide.

Policies created at BUMED affect the way Navy Medicine personnel conduct business and provide health care around the globe. From a military hospital in the United States, to a Marine Corps battalion operating on the ground in the Middle East, or a naval ship and its crew steaming across the Pacific, the work done at BUMED allows Navy Medicine to provide world-class care anytime, anywhere.
Navy Medicine Education, Training and Logistics Command (NMETLC) is headquartered at Joint Base San Antonio - Fort Sam Houston (JBSA-FSH) in San Antonio, Texas. NMETLC is Navy Medicine’s central point of accountability for medical logistics and all formal education and training. NMETLC’s mission is to deliver professional, occupational and operational education, training and logistic solutions to support the Navy Medicine mission.

**Naval Reserve Medical Education and Training Command (NR-METC)** - Based in Pensacola, Florida, NR-METC is responsible for developing programs and resources to educate, train and develop Navy Reserve Medicine.

**Navy Medicine Operational Training Center (NMOTC)** - Pensacola, Florida
Consists of six detachments and nine training centers at 15 locations throughout the U.S. NMOTC provides training for operational medicine and aviation survival.

**Navy Medicine Professional Development Center (NMPDC)** - Located in Bethesda, Maryland, NMPDC is the cornerstone for Navy Medicine’s health services support, professional development training and education mission. NMPDC oversees the Naval Dental Postgraduate School and courses that focus on the practice and business of Navy Medicine.

**Navy Medicine Training Support Center (NMTSC)** - Based in San Antonio, Texas, with two detachments in San Diego, California and Portsmouth, Virginia, NMTSC provides administrative and training support to Navy staff and students assigned to the Medical Education and Training Campus, including basic corpsman training, advanced technical corpsman programs, and officer programs. In addition, NMTSC provides 10 U.S. Code (Uniform Code of Military Justice) authority and oversight to all Navy personnel assigned to the Defense Health Agency stationed in San Antonio, Texas.

**Naval Medical Logistics Command (NMLC)** - Headquartered at Fort Detrick, Maryland, NMLC is Navy Medicine’s center of logistics expertise, delivering patient-centered logistics solutions for military medicine. NMLC has oversight of Naval Ophthalmic Support and Training Activity (NOSTRA) at Yorktown, Virginia; Navy Expeditionary Medical Support Command (NEMSCOM) at Williamsburg, Virginia; and NMLC Detachment in Pirmasens, Germany.
Navy Medicine East (NME) serves as Navy Medicine’s health care system in the eastern hemisphere, providing medical care to approximately 1 million patients throughout the eastern United States, Europe, Africa and the Middle East.

NME is anchored by Naval Medical Center Portsmouth (NMCP), the U.S. Navy’s oldest, continuously operating hospital, treating military members and their families since 1830.

Aside from delivering world-class care to Navy and Marine Corps patients, NMCP provides award-winning graduate medical education programs, and cutting-edge clinical research to ensure the nation’s warfighters—past and present—and their families receive the highest quality care, either above, on, or below the sea, on the battlefield or at home.

NME also includes public health experts at Navy and Marine Corps Public Health Center (NMCPHC). NMCPHC consists of 750 staff members with 10 facilities including:

- The Navy Entomology Center of Excellence (NECE)
- Navy Drug Screening Laboratories (NDSL)
- Naval Dosimetry Center (NDC)
- Navy Environmental and Preventive Medicine Units (NEPMU)
- Navy Bloodborne Infection Management Center (NBIMC)

NMCPHC and their subordinate activities are responsible for surveying, consulting, developing, and shaping public health for the Navy and Marine Corps in areas ranging from entomology, drug screenings, environmental health, preventive medicine and blood borne disease.

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**NAVY MEDICINE EAST AT A GLANCE**

- **Inpatient visits** 28,000
- **Outpatient visits** 5,500,000
- **Prescriptions filled** 7,000,000
- **Babies delivered** 5,800

As of September 30, 2017

**FACILITIES**

- Naval Medical Center Camp Lejeune
- Naval Medical Center Portsmouth
- James A. Lovell Federal Health Care Center
- Navy and Marine Corps Public Health Center
- Naval Hospital Beaufort
- Naval Hospital Jacksonville
- Naval Hospital Pensacola
- U.S. Naval Hospital Guantanamo Bay
- U.S. Naval Hospital Naples
- U.S. Naval Hospital Rota
- U.S. Naval Hospital Sigonella
- Naval Health Clinic Annapolis
- Naval Health Clinic Charleston
- Naval Health Clinic Cherry Point
- Naval Health Clinic Corpus Christi
- Naval Health Clinic New England
- Naval Health Clinic Patuxent River
- Naval Health Clinic Quantico
Navy Medicine West (NMW) serves the Western Pacific, providing care to more than 675,000 beneficiaries across 10 naval hospitals, two dental battalions and 51 branch clinics located throughout California, Washington, Hawaii, Guam, Korea, Japan and Diego Garcia.

NMW is anchored by Naval Medical Center San Diego (NMCSD), which is accredited by the Joint Commission and has the only Navy Medicine amputee center in the Western Pacific. NMCSD staff has been recognized for excellence by organizations such as the American College of Surgeons, the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, Athena International, and the National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA). NMCSD’s hematology/oncology department has also been recognized as one of the best cancer centers in the Department of Defense.

NMW also includes all of Navy Medicine’s research and development laboratories, which are overseen by Naval Medical Research Center (NMRC) and include:

- Naval Medical Research Center (NMRC)
- Naval Health Research Center (NHRC)
- Naval Submarine Medical Research Laboratory (NSMRL)
- Naval Medical Research Unit San Antonio (NAMRU-SA)
- Naval Medical Research Unit Dayton (NAMRU-Dayton)
- U.S. Naval Medical Research Unit No. 3 (NAMRU-3)
- U.S. Naval Medical Research Unit No. 6 (NAMRU-6)
- U.S. Naval Medical Research Center Asia (NMRC-A)

These labs are engaged in a broad spectrum of activity, from basic science in the laboratory, to field studies at sites in remote areas of the world and other operational environments in support the Navy, Marine Corps, and joint U.S. warfighters. NMRC’s laboratory research focuses on infectious disease vaccine development; operational and undersea medicine; bone marrow research and registry; and biological defense.

AT A GLANCE

Inpatient visits
33,200
Outpatient visits
4,300,000
Prescriptions filled
3,800,000
Babies delivered
7,400

As of September 30, 2017

FACILITIES

- Naval Medical Center San Diego
- Naval Hospital Bremerton
- Naval Hospital Camp Pendleton
- Naval Hospital Lemoore
- Naval Hospital Oak Harbor
- Naval Hospital Twenty-Nine Palms
- U.S. Naval Hospital Okinawa
- U.S. Naval Hospital Yokosuka
- Naval Health Clinic Hawaii

1st, Dental Battalion, Naval Dental Center Camp Pendleton
NAVY MEDICINE AROUND THE GLOBE

South America
- Peru

Europe and Africa
- Belgium
- Crete
- Djibouti
- Egypt
- Germany
- Ghana
- Hungary
- Italy
- Spain

Middle East
- Afghanistan
- Bahrain

Asia-Pacific
- Cambodia
- Diego Garcia
- Guam
- Korea
- Japan
- Papua New Guinea
- Singapore
- Vietnam

*NOTE: Map is not drawn to scale
FOCUS ON READINESS:

U.S. NAVY

The Navy is a cornerstone of American security and prosperity and is continuously operating forward around the world, on, above and below the sea. Navy Medicine will always be an integral part of the Navy no matter the platform or geographic region. Whether it’s an independent duty corpsman on a submarine, the medical team aboard a Navy vessel, a flight nurse on an aircraft or an entire health care delivery team at one of our clinics or hospitals, Navy Medicine’s mission is to equip naval forces and their families with the best care our nation can offer so they can stay healthy, ready and on the job. Wherever a Sailor goes, Navy Medicine is there.

U.S. MARINE CORPS

The Marine Corps is America’s expeditionary force in readiness, forward deployed to respond swiftly and aggressively in times of crisis. As the nature of global conflict continues to change for our military, so does the demand to provide expeditionary care. Navy Medicine is highly-trained, highly-specialized and completely integrated into the Marine Corps mission worldwide – providing critical support anytime, anywhere, engaged in all aspects of expeditionary medical operations. The Navy Medicine team works tirelessly to ensure the physical and mental well-being of Marines so they continue to be ‘first to fight.’ Wherever a Marine goes, Navy Medicine is there.
NAVY MEDICINE CAREERS

Navy and Marine Corps health care providers are distinguished by five distinct corps. Each corps is comprised of personnel who specialize in particular health care fields, such as nursing or dentistry. Together, these corps represent Navy Medicine’s active duty and reserve service members who ensure the health and well-being of every Sailor, Marine and Navy Medicine beneficiary around the world. The corps work side by side with Navy civilians who supplement our military medical force in all areas from administrative work to medical professionals. For more information about a military career in Navy Medicine, please visit www.navy.com. For civilian careers in Navy Medicine, visit www.usajobs.com.

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PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITIES

- **MEDICAL CORPS**
  - The Medical Corps is comprised of the Navy’s physicians and surgeons. These individuals are practicing physicians and surgeons, or physicians in training, who continue to pave new frontiers in patient care delivery, medical education and biomedical research.

- **HOSPITAL CORPS**
  - The Hospital Corps is the Navy’s only enlisted corps. Navy corpsmen serve in scores of environments, utilizing the most advanced technology and sciences to support Sailors, Marines and their families. They stand ready to heed the call “corpsman up!”

- **NURSE CORPS**
  - Navy nurses deliver care at the bedside, as licensed independent providers, instructors, recruiters, quality management managers, researchers and in administrative roles.

- **MEDICAL SERVICE CORPS**
  - The Medical Service Corps is Navy Medicine’s most diverse corps, comprised of health care administrators, clinicians and scientists. These medical professionals are trained and focused on ensuring warfighter’s medical readiness, whenever they are called upon.

- **DENTAL CORPS**
  - Navy dentists maintain high operational readiness and train for all contingencies. They routinely deploy with Marine expeditionary units and aboard ships, where they assume roles in triage and surgical support far beyond their dental responsibilities.
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**NAVY MEDICINE NAMESAKES**

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