



# NAVAL MEDICAL CENTER CAMP LEJEUNE

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## Naval Medical Center Camp Lejeune Command Philosophy

### **MISSION.**

It is truly an honor to serve you and our Navy as the Commanding Officer of Naval Medical Center Camp Lejeune – *THE* Medical Center of the Marine Corps! The command has undergone transformational change over the past several years – reclassification as a medical center, designation as a trauma center, adding new services and staff. Through readiness, health, and partnerships NMCCCL serves our military forces and community through excellence in operational readiness, professional development, and patient-centered care. We support our mission by focusing on three tenants: be ready, be professional, and be kind.

**BE READY.** *“Luck is what happens when preparation meets opportunity.” – Seneca, Roman philosopher*

Naval Medical Center Camp Lejeune supports warfighter readiness by providing timely, high-quality health care to active duty members and their families. Readiness is sustained by preparing our Navy personnel with the knowledge, skills, and abilities necessary to support the warfighter in theater and our patients at home. We develop our medical force and constantly hone our skills; we train like we fight. Readiness is synonymous with growth; professional and personal. As much as we are ready to deploy, we must also be equally ready to be home. Personal growth involves physical, psychological, and spiritual wellbeing; all promote strength. We take every effort to encourage a healthy, balanced lifestyle that enhances personal well-being, as well as individual and family resilience.

**BE PROFESSIONAL.** *“The practice of medicine is an art, not a trade; a calling, not a business; a calling in which your heart will be exercised equally with your head.” – Sir William Osler*

We exhibit the highest level of professionalism. We strive to be our patients’ first choice for health care. Our professionalism must instill confidence in our team’s ability to perform state of the art care in a proficient, refined, and ethical manner. We create a positive work environment for our colleagues, our shipmates, and our patients. We treat every patient, every colleague, and every employee with the utmost dignity and respect. While celebrating our accomplishments, we also own our mistakes. We hold ourselves accountable, learn from mistakes, and transform the shortcomings of today into the successes of tomorrow.

**BE KIND.** *“Be kinder than necessary because everyone you meet is fighting some kind of battle.” – Ian McLaren*



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We tally our success one patient at a time. Each encounter is approached with empathy and concern. Through kindness and compassion, we show the true character of Naval Medical Center Camp Lejeune. We choose to put kindness into practice, placing others before self.

As your Commanding Officer, I am extremely proud of our mission success and staff commitment to excellence. Each member of this command is a contributor to our accomplishments. No one sits the bench; no job less important than another. Together, as a team, we can achieve great things!

We are Naval Medical Center Camp Lejeune - THE Medical Center of the Marine Corps!

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