A Message From The Commanding Officer
Navy and Marine Corps Public Health Center

Dear NMCPH Conference Participant,

The theme of this year’s Conference, “Naval Readiness through Public Health,” forms the framework for our multi-disciplinary program of outcome-focused public health programs in the areas of occupational health, industrial hygiene, preventive medicine, health promotion, risk communications, and operational medicine.

Public health is a key element of force health protection – essential to maintaining a healthy and fit force and minimizing casualties in both deployed and non-deployed environments. Given this direct link to the war fighter, we in the public health community must seek innovative ways to monitor and protect the health of those we serve over the full range of current and future threats. I am confident that this conference will provide attendees with ideas and methods to enhance our force health protection capability – both individually and collectively.

I am particularly pleased to offer you an opportunity to network with and learn from colleagues within your professional discipline as well as other public health professionals and academics attending the conference.

I believe that the community-specific presentations, multi-disciplinary tracks, poster sessions, a public health exhibit show and social interactions will facilitate easy networking opportunities during the conference.

I encourage you to take this opportunity to share the latest and greatest innovations and ideas from your respective fields, renew old acquaintances and meet new shipmates.

T.L. WAGNER
Captain, Medical Corps
United States Navy
Commanding Officer
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Day at a Glance

Tuesday, March 20

0800 - 0930  PLENARY SESSION  
Vice Admiral Forrest Faison (Navy Surgeon General)  
Hampton Ballroom V-VIII

0930 - 1000  BREAK (POSTER SESSION)

1000 - 1130  BREAKOUT SESSIONS

1130 - 1230  LUNCH

1230 - 1400  BREAKOUT SESSIONS

1500 – 1515  BREAK

1515 – 1615  BREAKOUT SESSIONS

Wednesday, March 21

0800 – 0900  PLENARY SESSION  
Donald Shell, MD, MA (TMO\DHA)  
Hampton Ballroom V-VIII

0900 - 0930  BREAK (POSTER SESSION)

0930 - 1130  BREAKOUT SESSIONS

1130 - 1300  LUNCH

1300 - 1500  BREAKOUT SESSIONS

1500 – 1515  BREAK

1515 – 1715  BREAKOUT SESSIONS

Thursday, March 22

0800 - 0900  PLENARY SESSION  
Captain Darin Via (CENTCOM Surgeon)  
Hampton Ballroom V-VIII

0900 - 0930  BREAK (POSTER SESSION)

0930 - 1130  BREAKOUT SESSIONS

1130 - 1300  LUNCH

1300 - 1500  BREAKOUT SESSIONS

1500 – 1515  BREAK

1515 – 1615  BREAKOUT SESSIONS
Vice Admiral C. Forrest Faison, III
Surgeon General
Chief, Bureau of Medicine and Surgery

Vice Adm. Forrest Faison is a native of Norfolk, Va. and received his baccalaureate degree from Wake Forest University. Commissioned in 1980, Faison earned his doctorate degree in medicine and surgery from the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences in 1984. He completed post-graduate training in general pediatrics at Naval Hospital San Diego and fellowship training in neurodevelopmental pediatrics at the University of Washington.

Faison served as commander, Navy Medicine West and Naval Medical Center San Diego, where he was responsible for medical care and support to over 850,000 eligible beneficiaries by a staff of 16,000 at 10 hospitals and over 30 clinics from the West Coast to the Indian Ocean.

He served as deputy chief, Bureau of Medicine and Surgery, for Current and Future Healthcare Operations; commanding officer, Naval Hospital Camp Pendleton; commanding officer, U.S. Expeditionary Medical Facility; and U.S. Medical Task Force, Kuwait. In that role, Faison led a tri-service task force of subordinate commands and was responsible for all healthcare operations in Kuwait, Qatar and Southern Iraq; including all medical logistics support throughout U.S. Central Command. Faison’s other assignments include deputy commander, Naval Medical Center Portsmouth, Va., group surgeon, 3d Force Service Support Group, Fleet Marine Forces, Pacific; director of Department of Defense telemedicine, Washington District of Columbia; chief information officer, Bureau of Medicine and Surgery; U.S. Naval Hospital Yokosuka, Japan; Naval Hospital Lemoore; USS Texas (CON 39); and Amphibious Group 3.

Faison is board certified and an associate clinical professor in pediatrics and a distinguished professor of military medicine at the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences. He has several publications on neurodevelopmental outcomes of premature infants, as well as other publications and book chapters on the topics of the future of Wounded Warrior care and use of telemedicine and health informatics in healthcare. He is a senior member of the American College of Physician Executives.

In addition to numerous unit and campaign awards, Faison’s personal awards include the Navy Distinguished Service Medal (two awards), Legion of Merit (six awards), Meritorious Service Medal (three awards), Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal and Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal. Additionally, for coordinating Navy Medicine's support response to Operation Tomodachi, Faison was awarded the California Medical Community’s Lighthouse Award for visionary leadership and inspiring health innovation; a first for the Department of Defense.

Faison served as the deputy surgeon general of the Navy and deputy chief, Bureau of Medicine and Surgery from 2013 to 2015 and began serving as the 38th Surgeon General of the Navy on December 15, 2015.
Captain Wagner is a native of Grand Junction, Colo. He is a 1986 graduate of the United States Naval Academy (USNA) with a Bachelor of Science in economics. After graduation from USNA, Captain Wagner completed Surface Warfare Officer Training in San Diego and subsequently served as main propulsion assistant aboard USS Peleliu (LHA 5) from 1987-1990. He also served as a supply officer at the Naval Base Port Hueneme, Calif., from 1991-1994.

He was then accepted into the Naval Health Profession Scholarship Program and graduated from Michigan State University College of Osteopathic Medicine with his medical degree with honors in 1998. He then completed a transitional internship at Naval Medical Center San Diego in 1999 before reporting to Undersea Medical Officer Training, in Groton, Conn., and Panama City, Fla. His first duty station as an undersea medical officer was at Explosive Ordnance Disposal Mobile Unit Eleven, Whidbey Island, Wash. from 2000-2002.

He began his preventive medicine residency in 2003 at the University of California at San Diego. After graduation from residency training in June 2005, he began a tour as the preventive medicine officer, II Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Lejeune, N.C. During this tour, he has deployed twice to Iraq as the preventive medicine officer for Multinational Forces West. While deployed, he had responsibility for the force health protection of over 30,000 multinational forces on numerous forward operating bases in the Al Anbar Province of Iraq. From June 2007 to August 2008, Captain Wagner served as the clinical consultant as well as the operational and staff liaison at the Armed Forces Medical Intelligence Center located on Fort Detrick, Frederick, Md.

His next assignment, from August 2008 to July 2011, was as the officer in charge (OIC), Navy Environmental and Preventive Medicine Unit 2 (NEPMU-2) in Norfolk, Va. As the OIC of the Navy’s largest NEPMU, he was responsible for disease surveillance and public health and force health protection oversight supporting six geographic combatant commands and hundreds of operational commands and military treatment facilities in an area of responsibility covering nearly half of the globe.

Captain Wagner then served as the director of public health services at the Naval Hospital Camp Pendleton, Calif. As director, he managed the delivery of complex public health services to over 200 U.S. Navy and Marine Corps commands located on a 600 square mile base touching 5 surrounding counties.

His most recent assignment was as the executive officer of U.S. Naval Hospital located in Rota, Spain. Captain Wagner is a certified physician executive through the American College of Physician Executives as well as a fellow of the American College of Healthcare Executives. His personal decorations include the Meritorious Service Medal (two awards), Joint Service Commendation Medal, Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal (four awards) and Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal (two awards).
CAPT Robert Hawkins
Executive Officer, Navy and Marine Corps Public Health Center
PHD, DNP, MS, MBA, MA, CRNA CAPT NC USN

Captain Robert Hawkins is the executive officer for the Navy and Marine Corps Public Health Center. Additionally, he is a practicing certified registered nurse anesthetist and a nurse researcher. He was the associate director of Surgical Services at Naval Medical Center Portsmouth from 2015 to 2017 and the director of the Nurse Anesthesia Program in the Graduate School of Nursing at the Uniformed Services University from 2010 to 2014.

He enlisted in the Navy in 1983 and completed the Nuclear Power Training Program before serving on two submarines – the USS Sunfish and the USS Henry L. Stimson. After these tours were complete, Captain Hawkins was selected for the Medical Enlisted Commissioning Program. He earned a Bachelor of Science in Nursing from the Medical University of South Carolina and was commissioned in 1993. In 1995, he completed an Master of Business Administration from Webster University.

Captain Hawkins spent four years in the intensive care ward at Charleston Naval Hospital in S.C., before he was selected for the Navy Nurse Corps Anesthesia Program. Once his training was complete, Captain Hawkins earned a Master of Science from Georgetown University and became a certified registered nurse anesthetist. He maintains an active practice at the Naval Medical Center Portsmouth. He continued his education at Rush University, earning both a Doctor of Nursing Practice with an emphasis in leadership and the business of healthcare and a Doctor of Philosophy degree.

Captain Hawkins has extensive leadership experience in the Military Health System. He recently completed a Masters of Arts in defense and strategic studies at the Navy War College. He was a staff nurse anesthetist at the Naval Hospital Jacksonville, Fla., the Naval Medical Center Portsmouth, Va. and the Fleet Surgical Team Eight. Captain Hawkins also completed wartime deployments onboard the USS Wasp (LHD 1), the USS Kearsarge (LHD 3), and the USS Bataan (LHD 5). Furthermore, he is an experienced instructor holding education leadership positions as a clinical instructor, clinical site director and deputy program director. Captain Hawkins currently serves as principal investigator or associate investigator on research projects funded at $550,000.

Captain Hawkins has received many awards for his leadership and service including the Outstanding Master Faculty Award, the Faculty Leadership Award and the Outstanding Clinical Instructor Award for the Navy Nurse Corps Anesthesia Program at Portsmouth on three separate occasions. His personal military awards include the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Navy Commendation Medal (five awards), Navy Achievement Medal (five awards) and the Navy Good Conduct Medal (two awards).
HMC (SW) Marsha E. Burmeister
Command Master Chief, Navy and Marine Corps Public Health Center
United States Navy

Master Chief Burmeister is a native of Wadesville, Ind. and enlisted in the United States Navy in January 1990. She completed recruit training at Orlando, Fla. and Hospital Corpsman “A” school at Great Lakes, Ill. She was a PSI at Naval Medical Clinic, Quantico, Va., while awaiting Advanced Laboratory “C” school at Bethesda, Md.

Upon graduation, she reported for duty at Naval Hospital Camp Lejeune, N.C., where she served as an advanced laboratory technician. She reported to USS Puget Sound (AD 38) home ported in Norfolk, Va., only to begin the decommissioning process upon her arrival. She was transferred to Naval Medical Center Portsmouth, Va., where she served as a laboratory technician, command drug and alcohol program advisor and leading chief petty officer/assistant product line leader of patient and guest relations and descendant affairs product line. She served as a recruit division commander, instructor, facilitator, recruit division commander “C” school LCPO and ship’s LCPO while at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Ill. She transferred to Naval Medical Center Portsmouth, Va. and served as the directorate of medical services senior enlisted leader. She deployed as an individual augmentee to Expeditionary Medical Facility Kuwait where she served as the LCPO at Camp Arifjan Troop Medical Clinic. Upon her return, she served as the directorate of nursing services senior enlisted leader. She received Global War on Terrorism Support Assignment orders to Expeditionary Combat Readiness Center, Norfolk, Va., where she forward deployed to Bagram, Afghanistan. She served as the cooperative medical assistance, Joint Operational Team NCOIC where she served as the operations chief and a medical provider. She transferred to Naval Medical Center Portsmouth, Va. where she served as the deputy command master chief for Navy Medicine East.

Senior Chief Burmeister served as the health services and health dental departments LCPO onboard USS Mesa Verde (LPD 19) home ported in Norfolk, Va. She was transferred to Branch Health Clinic Naval Support Activity Norfolk, Va., where she was redirected to Naval Medical Center Portsmouth, Va., Master Chief Burmeister served as the directorate for clinical support services and directorate for primary care and branch health clinics senior enlisted leader. She transferred to her current position as command master chief Navy and Marine Corps Public Health Center. She is a graduate of Campbell University and the Navy Senior Enlisted Academy and has earned her Enlisted Surface Warfare and Master Training Specialist designations.

Her decorations include the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Navy Commendation Medal (six awards), Navy Achievement Medal (four awards) and various unit and campaign awards.
A native of Lumberton, N.C., Force Master Chief Hosea Smith began his naval career on September 15, 1987 at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Ill. followed by completion of the Hospital Corpsman “A” school.

He reported to his first duty station at Naval Hospital Pensacola, Fla., where he was assigned as a general duty hospital corpsman and held a variety of assignments, to include leading petty officer of overseas screening. During this tour, he was advanced to petty officer third class.

In October 1990, Smith reported to Field Medical Service School, Camp Johnson, N.C. After graduation, he reported to 2d Marine Division at Camp Lejeune and was assigned to 1st Battalion, 6th Marine Regiment where he deployed in support of Operation Desert Storm. He was later assigned to 1st Battalion, 8th Marine Regiment where he again deployed to the Persian Gulf onboard the USS Nashville (LPD 13) as part of the Battalion Landing Team.

In February 1993, Smith reported to Marine Corps Officer Candidate School, Quantico, Va., and served as the field leading petty officer. He then transferred in September 1996, to Navy Personnel Command and served at the health and physical readiness department (PERS 6). In September 1998, Smith was accepted to Surface Force Independent Duty Corpsman School in San Diego, Calif. where he graduated with high distinction and was meritoriously advanced to petty officer first class. In October 1999, Smith reported to USS O’Brien (DD 975), forward deployed to Yokosuka, Japan. During this tour, the ship participated in numerous exercises and deployed to the Persian Gulf where the USS O’Brien earned the distinction “First to Fire“, launching tomahawk missiles to start Operation Enduring Freedom.

In January 2003, Smith reported to Naval Special Warfare, Advanced Training Command at Little Creek, Va. During this tour he earned his master training specialist designation. In January 2006, he reported to Pre-Commissioning Unit, Naval Coastal Warfare Squadron Four (later renamed Maritime Expeditionary Security Four) as the senior medical department representative. In addition to his medical duties, he volunteered to serve in the gapped command senior chief billet and led MAREXSECRON FOUR on its initial CENTCOM deployment. In January 2009, he transferred to Maritime Expeditionary Security Group 2 as the senior ISIC independent duty corpsman. In June 2010, Smith reported as the command master chief of U.S. Naval Hospital Okinawa, Japan.

During this tour he successfully coordinated the landmark 650 million dollar hospital relocation project in which the seamless move to a state-of-the-art facility provided support to over 55,000 operational forces and their family members.

In July 2013, Smith assumed the duties simultaneously as regional command master chief of Navy Medicine West and command master chief of Naval Medical Center San Diego, Calif. In March 2015, he turned over responsibilities of Naval Medical Center San Diego and is now solely responsible for Navy Medicine West as the regional command master chief. Smith is a graduate of the Senior Enlisted Academy, Class 136 and command master chief/chief of the boat course in Newport, R.I. He holds a Bachelor of Science degree in health care management from Touro University International. Smith’s personal awards and decorations include the Meritorious Service Medal (Two awards), Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal, Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal (Seven awards), Army Achievement Medal, Combat Action Ribbon and various campaign and unit awards.
As the director of disease prevention, disease management and population health policy and oversight, Dr. Shell serves as an action officer for population health, public health, policy and programmatic initiatives including but not limited to health promotion, disease prevention, disease management, immunizations, HIV, chronic diseases, human performance, body composition and physical fitness, the built environment, and nutrition. Dr. Shell collaborates with the services, other federal agencies and stakeholders to address a broad range of policy gaps and to formulate policy or programmatic goals and objectives needed to improve Warfighter readiness, resiliency and retention through an integrated, coordinated system based approach. Dr. Shell also participates in the development and deployment of strategies designed to improve the measurement, efficiency and effectiveness of Department of Defense population health surveillance survey tools.

Dr. Donald Shell graduated from the Howard University College of Medicine and completed a general surgery internship, a residency in community health and family medicine, and fellowship training in primary care sports medicine and adult fitness at Marshall University. Prior to coming to the Department of Defense, Dr. Shell served as a local public health officer, a state public health program director and practiced family medicine in private, community based and hospital settings.
Captain Via assumed the responsibilities as Command Surgeon, U.S. Central Command in July 2016.

A native of Illinois, Via graduated from Millikin University with a Bachelor of Science in biology in 1987. Enlisting in 1985 and serving in the United States Navy Reserve as a hospital corpsman, Via was discharged from the Navy Reserve in 1987 and entered active duty as an ensign at the Uniformed Services University of the Health Science where he obtained his Doctor of Medicine in 1991. Via completed a Master of Health Care Delivery Science from Dartmouth College in 2014. Via’s professional training includes a transitional internship and anesthesiology residency at the National Naval Medical Center and a trauma anesthesia fellowship at the R. Adams Cowley Shock Trauma Center, University of Maryland. His medical facility tours include: staff anesthesiologist, National Naval Medical Center and Naval Medical Center Portsmouth (NMCP); vice chairman, Uniformed Services University; Chairman, department of anesthesiology, NMCP; operative support service line leader, NMCP; director for surgical services, NMCP; deputy commander, NMCP; and commanding officer, NMCP. Via is board certified in anesthesiology. His professional activities include being a certified physician executive and associate professor, Uniformed Services University. He has prior service as an American Board of Anesthesiology Oral Board Examiner and has held numerous leadership positions within the American Society of Anesthesiologists and the Uniformed Services Society of Anesthesiologists.

Via’s operational tours include: department head, Mobile Diving and Salvage Unit Two; command surgeon, Combat Support Squadron Eight; department head USNS Comfort (TAH 20) during Operation Nobel Eagle; department head, Fleet Hospital Three, Camp Viper, Iraq during Operation Iraqi Freedom; and commanding officer, NATO Role 3, Multi-national Medical Unit and Commander, Task Force Medical South, Kandahar, Afghanistan during Operation Enduring Freedom. Via also served as the Command Surgeon, U.S. Pacific Fleet. He is a qualified Diving and Submarine Medical Officer.
See You in 2019!

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