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CAPT Joel M. Schofer **Commanding Officer**



Captain Schofer is a native of Boyertown, Pennsylvania, and received his Bachelor of Science from Ursinus College. Commissioned in 1997, he earned his Doctor of Medicine from MCP Hahnemann School of Medicine in 2001. He completed his Emergency Medicine residency as Academic Chief Resident at Naval Medical Center San Diego in 2006 and a fellowship in Emergency Ultrasound at Christiana Care Health System in 2009. He received his Executive Master's in Business Administration from the Naval Postgraduate School in 2014. He is also a graduate of the Naval War College Fleet Seminar Program (Joint Professional Military Education or JPME I) and Joint and Combined Warfighting School, Joint Forces Staff College, National Defense University (JPME II).

CAPT Schofer has served in a number of operational roles. In 2002, he served as a General Medical Officer with United States Marine Corps, Camp Pendleton, California, where he deployed in support of Operation Enduring/Iraqi Freedom I. In 2010, he deployed as an individual augmentee with the 15th Marine Expeditionary Unit aboard USS Pearl Harbor. From 2015 to 2016, CAPT Schofer served as Commander of the Joint Medical

Group and Joint Task Force (JTF) Surgeon, JTF GTMO. From 2018 to 2019, he served as the Executive Officer of Expeditionary Medical Facility Juliet.

CAPT Schofer also served in a number of leadership positions at Military Treatment Facilities. From 2006—2008, he served as a member of the Executive Committee of the Medical Staff, U.S. Naval Hospital Okinawa, Japan.

From 2009 to 2014, he served as Emergency Ultrasound Director, Fast Track Director, Emergency Department Senior Medical Officer, Associate Director of Medical Services, Physician Advisor for Quality Management, and Chairman of the Performance Improvement Committee at Naval Medical Center Portsmouth. From 2016 to 2019, he concluded another tour at Naval Medical Center Portsmouth where he served as Acting Chair of the Emergency Department and both Associate Director and Director of Healthcare Business.

CAPT Schofer also served in numerous of headquarters roles. From 2014 to 2015, he served as a Detailer at Navy Personnel Command, Millington, Tennessee. In 2018, he finished a three-year tour as the Emergency Medicine Specialty Leader. He led one of the largest communities in the Medical Corps, with over 270 physicians working in 15 Emergency Departments across the Department of Defense. From 2015 to 2019, he served as United States Representative to the Committee of Chiefs of Military Medical Services (COMEDS) NATO Expert Panel on Emergency Medicine. From 2019 to 2022, he served as Deputy Chief of the Medical Corps at Navy Bureau of Medicine and Surgery for 4,300 Active and Reserve physicians.

CAPT Schofer currently serves as Deputy Commander of Navy Medicine Readiness and Training Command Portsmouth and Deputy Director of Naval Medical Center Portsmouth. He is board certified in Emergency Medicine and is a Certified Physician Executive. He holds an academic appointment as an Associate Professor of Military and Emergency Medicine at the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences. He is a Fellow in the American Academy of Emergency Medicine and American Association for Physician Leadership. His military decorations include a Legion of Merit, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, two Meritorious Service Medals, four Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medals, a Fleet Marine Force Ribbon, and a Combat Action Ribbon.



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CAPT Virginia H. Damin Executive Officer



Captain (Gini) Damin graduated from Purdue University in 2003 with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing and commissioned as an Ensign through the Reserve Officer Training Corps.

CAPT Damin reported to Naval Hospital Camp Pendleton (NHCP) and worked as a staff nurse. One year into her initial tour, she deployed to Al Taqaddum, Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom (OIF) where she served as an En Route Care/trauma nurse. In July, 2006 CAPT Damin transferred to Naval Medical Center San Diego where she deployed for a second tour in support of OIF, and subsequently found her niche as a critical care nurse.

In 2010, CAPT Damin transferred to Norfolk, VA where she served as critical care nurse, Fleet Surgical Team II (FST 2). During this tour, she deployed aboard the USS Iwo Jima and participated in pre-deployment exercises aboard the USS Kearsarge.

In May 2012 CAPT Damin transferred back to NHCP where she served as Department Head of the Multi-Service Ward and Intensive Care Unit. In 2015 CAPT Damin earned a Master's Degree in Healthcare Administration and was selected for full time out-service Duty Under Instruction.

CAPT Damin graduated from ODU in May 2017 with a second Master's Degree focused on the Education and Training Master Specialist program. She reported to NHCP for a third tour and served as the head of Staff Education and Training and then as Associate Director for Nursing Services. CAPT Damin most recently served as Officer in Charge, Navy Medicine Operational Training Command Detachment Naval Expeditionary Medical Training Institute.

CAPT Damin maintains professional certification and clinical expertise as a Certified Critical Care Nurse. Qualifications include Fleet Marine Force Qualified Officer and Surface Warfare Medical Department Qualified Officer. Personal awards include Meritorious Service Medal (2 awards), Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal (5 awards) and Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal (3 awards).



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CMDCM (FMF/EXW) ANTHONY A. ROYAL **Command Master Chief**



Command Master Chief Anthony Royal was raised in Birmingham, Alabama and enlisted in the Navy on November 22, 1988. He completed Recruit Training and Hospital Corps "A" School in Great Lakes, IL; Field Medical Service School in Camp Johnson, NC; Expeditionary Combat Skill in Gulfport, MS; Riverine Combat Skill in Camp Lejeune, NC; earned his Bachelor of Arts in Business Administration in Health Care Management from Saint Leo University; a graduate of Senior Enlisted Academy class 195; and Command Master Chief & Chief of the Boat Course (A-570-4500) Class 20040. Royal served six years ten months and 28 days on active duty during his first enlistment before transferring to the Naval Reserves, where he would spend the next six years. After the cowardly act of terrorists on September 11, 2001, Royal accepted a reduction of rank of three pay grades returning him to E-3 in order to return to active duty on November 28, 2001 where he continues to honorably serve his country to this day.

Royal's duty assignments include Naval Hospital Groton, CT; Marine Corps Combat Development Command, Officer Candidate School, Quantico, VA; 2D Marine Division Camp Lejeune, NC where he was

assigned to 1st Battalion, 6th Marines deploying Operation Desert Shield and Desert Storm 1991 and 1st Battalion, 8th Marines deploying with 22nd MEU during Operation Provide Comfort 1991-1992; Naval Hospital Millington, TN; 4th Marine Division Memphis, TN where he was assigned to 3d Battalion, 23d Marines; Army 8th Brigade, 100th Division Memphis, TN where he was assigned as a Combat Medic Instructor; 2D Force Service Support Group Camp Lejeune, NC deploying with Alpha Surgical Company in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom 2003 and Explosive Ordnance Disposal Unit to Al Anbar province, Ramadi, Iraq 2004; Headquarters Marine Corps Forces Command Norfolk, VA; Riverine Squadron ONE Virginia Beach, VA deploying to Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Red Dawn 2010; 3D Marine Division Kaneohe Bay, HI where he was assigned to 3d Battalion, 3d Marines deploying as part of the Unit Deployment Program 2013 & 2014-2015; Naval Health Clinic Hawaii where he was assigned to Director of Public Health and Director for Administration; Expeditionary Medical Facility, Camp Lemonnier in Djibouti, Africa as the Senior Enlisted Advisor during an OSA assignment in support of OEF-Djibouti 2018-2019; and Walter Reed National Military Medical Center, Bethesda, MD Senior Enlisted Leader for Directorate for Clinical Support.

Royal reported to U. S. Naval Support Facility, Diego Garcia on July 7, 2022, as the Installation Command Master Chief.

Royal's personnel awards include the Joint Service Commendation Medal, Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal, Joint Service Achievement Medal, Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal with Combat "V", Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal, and various unit and campaign awards. He is authorized to wear the Enlisted Fleet Marine Force Warfare Specialist and Enlisted Expeditionary Warfare Specialist Insignia.