



# United States Navy Biography

## **Captain Thomas J. Piner, Medical Service Corps Commanding Officer, U.S. Naval Hospital Okinawa**

Captain (CAPT) Thomas J. Piner is a native of San Diego, California. He holds a Bachelor of Arts in Business Administration from the University of San Diego, a Masters in Healthcare Administration from Central Michigan University, and a Masters in Operations Research from the Naval Postgraduate School.

CAPT Piner began his career by enlisting in the U.S. Army in March of 1994. During his enlistment, he served as an Intelligence Analyst (96B) for the III Armored Corps and the Joint Intelligence Center Pacific.



After completing his degree, he was commissioned in the U.S. Navy as a Medical Service Corps Officer and reported to Naval Hospital Lemoore, California. Over the years, his increasing levels of responsibility garnered a broad base of experience that includes Clinic Management, Radiation Health, Managed Care, Finance, Operations Research, Logistics, Patient Administration, Legal and Plans, Operations, Medical Intelligence. He was competitively selected for several leadership positions, including Director for Administration at U.S. Naval Hospital Yokosuka, Director for Resource Management at Naval Hospital Lemoore and Naval Medical Center San Diego, and Specialty Leader for Navy Medicine Comptrollers. In 2019 he was selected as the Executive Officer of U.S. Naval Hospital Naples, Italy. He currently serves as the Commanding Officer of U.S. Naval Hospital Okinawa, the largest overseas hospital in the United States Navy, serving 47,000 beneficiaries.

Operationally, he served as the Medical Administration Officer/Radiation Health Officer aboard the USS Nimitz (CVN-68) and deployed in 2002 to the Persian Gulf to support Operation Iraqi Freedom. While deployed, he qualified as a Surface Warfare Medical Department Officer. In 2010 he deployed to Task Force Medical South/NATO Role 3 Hospital in Kandahar, Afghanistan, as the Comptroller and Logistics Officer for all Navy medical units in Southern Afghanistan.

CAPT Piner's awards include the Meritorious Service Medal, Commendation Medals from the Joint Services, Army, and the Navy, and various service awards. He is a member of the American College of Health Care Executives and a Certified Defense Financial Manager.