

COMMANDER ANDREW J. WEISS

Medical Service Corps, United States Navy

Originally from Chattanooga, Tennessee, CDR Andrew Weiss entered the Navy via the Health Services Collegiate Program. Upon receipt of initial orders, CDR Weiss reported to Newport, Rhode Island, for Officer Indoctrination School and upon graduation was presented the CAPT George T. Smith Leadership Award. He subsequently reported to the National Naval Medical Center (NNMC) in Bethesda, Maryland, for his first tour of duty.

At NNMC, CDR Weiss served in the offices of emergency management and patient administration. As division officer for emergency management, he developed and designed the command's first dedicated emergency operations center and base-wide emergency notification procedures. Leading over 140 personnel as department head for patient administration, his duties included oversight for over 300 medical evaluation boards and coordination of the operational forces medical liaison services. Additionally, CDR Weiss was selected as assistant officer in charge of the Medical Evaluation and Treatment Unit; the team responsible for facilitating medical care to our nation's highest elected leaders and their families. For his achievements in these leadership roles, CDR Weiss' tour culminated in his selection as NNMC's Junior Officer of the Year.

Operationally, CDR Weiss volunteered to deploy as an individual augmentee to Expeditionary Medical Facility-Kuwait, where he served as command emergency management officer and data analyst. He later served onboard the USS NIMITZ (CVN 68) as the medical administration officer in support of Carrier Strike Group 11 and the NIMITZ battle group, facilitating over 50 patient transfers and medical evacuations during Rim of the Pacific (RIMPAC) and THIRD Fleet operations. For his efforts, CDR Weiss was selected as Navy Medicine's Medical Administration Officer of the Year, earned his Surface Warfare Medical Department Officer designation, and was nominated for the John T. Stennis Leadership award.

Following his sea tour, CDR Weiss reported to U.S. Naval Hospital Rota, Spain, as special assistant to the command suite. In Rota, he led over 80 program managers in preparations for the command's triannual Joint Commission and Medical Inspector General Inspections. The resulting inspection yielded the fewest requirements for improvement and largest number of cited best practices among any hospital in Navy Medicine East for the inspection year. Midway through this tour, he was chosen to serve as the command's director for administration leading seven departments in the administration and management functions for the command's 400 staff members.

While next stationed at Navy Personnel Command in Millington, Tennessee, CDR Weiss served as the placement officer for Navy Medicine East and the National Capitol Area. In this capacity, he advocated on behalf of more than 40 constituent commands, comprising over 300 various units, and more than 6,600 unique billets. Additionally, he was a key member of the Bureau of Medicine and Surgery's (BUMED) nominative billet working group, executing associated placement actions for senior leadership positions within BUMED and the Defense Health Agency.

CDR Weiss is currently the director for administration at Navy Medicine Readiness and Training Command Charleston and is a board certified Fellow by the American College of Healthcare Executives. He holds an undergraduate degree in communications and a Master of Health Services Administration degree from Xavier University in Cincinnati, Ohio. His personal awards include the Meritorious Service Medal (two awards), Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal (four awards), Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal, and various unit, service, and campaign awards.