

Vice Admiral Sean Buck, USN 63rd Superintendent United States Naval Academy



Vice Adm. Sean Buck became the 63rd superintendent of the U.S. Naval Academy July 26, 2019. A native of Indianapolis, he graduated and received his commission from the U.S. Naval Academy in 1983 and was designated a naval flight officer in 1985. He earned a Master of Arts in International Security Policy from George Washington University and has completed studies at the College of Naval Command and Staff, U.S. Naval War College, and the Armed Forces Staff College; a fellowship with the Massachusetts Institute of Technology's Seminar XXI: Foreign Politics, International Relations, and the National Interest; and executive certificate programs at both the Harvard Kennedy School and Harvard Graduate School of Education.

As a flag officer, Buck has served as commander of Patrol and Reconnaissance Force 5th/7th Fleet, Fleet Air Forward, Patrol and Reconnaissance Group; chief of staff, Strategy, Plans and Policy (J5), the Joint Staff; and most recently he served as commander, U.S. Naval Forces Southern Command/U.S. 4th Fleet.

Flying the P-3C Orion, Buck's early at-sea operational tours were with the "Fighting Marlins" of Patrol Squadron (VP) 40; a disassociated sea tour aboard USS Theodore Roosevelt (CVN 71) as the catapult and arresting gear (V-2) division officer; and a department head tour with the "Tridents" of VP-26. He subsequently commanded VP-26 and Patrol and Reconnaissance Wing 11.

His shore and staff assignments include Air Test and Evaluation Squadron (VX) 1; the Bureau of Naval Personnel; the Joint Staff J3; Office of the Chief of Naval Operations (OPNAV) staff as executive assistant to the deputy chief of Naval Operations (CNO) for Warfare Requirements and Programs (N6/N7); and as the deputy director for operations in the Strategy and Policy Directorate (J5), U.S. Joint Forces Command. Prior to major command, Buck completed an interim assignment with the National Reconnaissance Office (NRO); he is a member of the Navy's Space Cadre.

He also completed a special assignment as a senior fellow on the CNO's Strategic Studies Group (SSG) in Newport, Rhode Island, an innovation think tank for the Navy.

Buck's personal awards include the Distinguished Service Medal, the Defense Superior Service Medal (two awards), the Legion of Merit (five awards) and various other personal, unit and service awards. He is most proud of his various unit awards that reflect credit on the successful teams he has served with and the many skilled professionals he has been privileged to work alongside.

Captain Thomas R. Buchanan, USN
88th Commandant of Midshipmen
United States Naval Academy



Captain Buchanan graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy in 1992 with a Bachelor of Science in Systems Engineering. He holds a master's degree from George Washington University and is a joint qualified officer.

At sea, Buchanan has served in both attack and ballistic missile submarines including: USS ASHEVILLE (SSN 758), USS FLORIDA (SSBN 728) (Gold), and USS NORFOLK (SSN 714). He commanded USS ALBANY (SSN 753) and was commodore of Submarine Squadron TWENTY, where he was responsible for the training and certification of all operational Atlantic-based Strategic Ballistic Missile Submarines (SSBNs).

His staff assignments include duty on the Chief of Naval Operations (CNO) staff; intern on the Joint Staff; Aide to the Director, Naval Reactors; Special Assistant to the Commander, US Joint Forces Command. He served in the Middle East as the Officer-in-charge of Commander, Task Force 54 Detachment Bahrain and was the Lead Shipbuilding Analyst in the Programming Division of the CNO's staff. He most recently completed an assignment as the Executive Assistant to the Director of the Joint Staff.

Captain Buchanan is honored to have been on teams that have earned Navy and Joint unit awards, including service on three Battle Efficiency 'E' crews. In 2002, he earned the VADM Lockwood award for submarine professional excellence.

Mr. Tim Disher
Director, International Programs, U.S. Naval Academy



Mr. Tim Disher, a son of a Naval Aviator, graduated from the Naval Academy in 1981 and joined the submarine community.

His at-sea assignments included USS JOHN ADAMS (SSBN 620 Blue Crew), USS WILL ROGERS (SSBN 659 Gold Crew), Destroyer Squadron 32 and USS JOHN C. STENNIS (CVN 74).

His shore assignments included assistant professor of Leadership at the Naval Reserve Officer Training Corps (NROTC) unit, University of Washington in Seattle, Washington, and varying degrees of increased leadership at the Submarine Training Facility, Charleston, South Carolina and Norfolk, Virginia.

He was selected as a Foreign Area Officer and assigned to serve as the liaison officer in Madrid, Spain for all cooperative programs between the U.S. and Spanish Navies. En-route to Spain he graduated with distinction from the Defense Language Institute with proficiency in the Spanish language.

He is the author of several articles on the integration of international education at the United States Naval Academy. He has taught undergraduate courses on leadership, ethics and culture.

He retired from the U.S. Navy on 1 September 2007 and currently serves as the Director, International Programs Office at United States Naval Academy. He is responsible for coordination of international engagement programs for faculty, staff and the 4,400 midshipmen including semester study abroad, immersion and professional exchanges.

He is married to Sharon Hanley Disher ('80) and is the proud father of Alison (Surface Warfare officer, '10), Brett (Marine Corps Logistics Officer, '10) and Matthew (Submariner, '13).

Colonial Maria Pallotta, USMCR

Experiential Leadership Development (ELD)

Naval Academy Leadership Education and Development (LEAD)



Colonel Pallotta was born and raised in Cleveland, OH and graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy in 1994 as a Marine second lieutenant, where she rowed crew and studied English and Spanish. Originally a Motor Transport Officer, she transitioned to Logistics as a captain. Her assignments over her active duty career included Okinawa, Japan; Pasadena, CA; the USNA English Department; and Camp Lejeune, NC. She served two tours in Iraq, as a regimental operations officer and as Transportation Support Company Commander, running convoys in al Anbar Province in 2005-06. After becoming a reserve officer, Colonel Pallotta served in Okinawa, a Congressional Fellowship in the U.S. House of Representatives, 4th Marine Logistics Group and at Marine Corps University's History Division. She currently serves in Talent

Management for the Marine Corps, working directly with the Assistant Commandant's staff in the Pentagon.

Colonel Pallotta's awards include the Bronze Star and three Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medals. She is a Ph.D. candidate in Higher Education at George Mason University and works in the Naval Academy's Leadership Education and Development (LEAD) Division, where she teaches leadership and ethics and serves as the Director of the Center for Experiential Leadership Development (ELD).

CAPT W. D. Brafford, DC, USN
Commanding Officer
Naval Health Clinic Medical Clinic Annapolis



CAPT Brafford graduated from Drury College in 1992 with a Bachelor of Arts degree, and from the University of Missouri-Kansas City in 1996 with a Doctor of Dental Surgery degree. He was commissioned in the United States Navy Dental Corps in January 1995.

CAPT Brafford's initial assignment was to Naval Dental Center Parris Island, SC where he completed a one-year Advanced Education in General Dentistry program in 1997. He was reassigned to the USS HARRY S. TRUMAN (CVN – 75) where he served as the Division Officer for the Dental Department for three years. In 2000, he was selected to serve as the Administrative Assistant to the Chief, Navy Dental Corps, MED-00DCB, at the Navy's Bureau of Medicine and Surgery, with follow on duty at the Washington Navy Yard. CAPT Brafford began postdoctoral residency

training in periodontics at the Naval Postgraduate Dental School, National Naval Medical Center, Bethesda, Maryland in 2002. He completed his residency training in June 2005 and also received a Master's in Health Sciences from The George Washington University. He received full board certification in periodontics in December of 2005. In July 2005, he was assigned to Naval Medical Center Portsmouth, Virginia, where he served as the department head and the specialty advisor for periodontics until January 2008. In January 2008, he was selected and served as the Associate Director for the Dental Services Directorate. In 2010, CAPT Brafford reported to Naval Hospital Beaufort, South Carolina and served as the Director for Dental Services at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island until July 2012, when he was selected as the Director for Clinical Support Services at Naval Hospital Beaufort overseeing all ancillary services. In April 2013, CAPT Brafford was selected to attend the Dwight D. Eisenhower School for National Security and Resource Strategy, National Defense University, Washington, DC. He completed his studies in June 2014 earning a Master's of Science in National Resource Strategy. CAPT Brafford then reported to Navy Medicine East in Portsmouth, VA where he served as the Senior Dental Executive overseeing 19 commands in the region while serving as region lead for the Secretary of Defense Military Health Systems review. In July 2015, CAPT Brafford reported to Newport, Rhode Island where he served as the Executive Officer of Naval Health Clinic New England. In 2017, he reported to the Navy Personnel Command (PERS-4415) in Millington, TN as the Head Dental Corps Assignment Officer. CAPT Brafford reported to Naval Health Clinic Annapolis in June 2019 as the Commanding Officer.

He is qualified to wear the following military decorations and awards: Meritorious Service Medal (5), Navy Commendation Medal (2), Navy Achievement Medal (2), and various unit awards. He qualified Surface Warfare Medical Department Officer while onboard the USS HARRY S. TRUMAN (CVN-75). CAPT Brafford is married to the former Mary Angela Dietrich of Springfield, Illinois and they have one son, Walter Dietrich.

Captain Richard D. Quattrone, MC, USN

USNA Brigade Medical Officer, Naval Health Clinic Annapolis



Captain Quattrone is a native of Turnersville, New Jersey who graduated from LaSalle University, Philadelphia PA and the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey, School of Osteopathic Medicine. He completed Family Medicine Residency at the Naval Hospital Camp Pendleton, Aerospace Medicine Residency at the Naval Aerospace Medical Institute, Primary Care Sports Medicine Fellowship at the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences, and a Master of Public Health degree in Health Care Policy and Administration at the UNC, Chapel Hill.

Captain Quattrone's assignments have included Flight Surgeon for HSL 51, Department Head for Primary Care Clinics at Naval Hospital Yokosuka, Expeditionary Flight Surgeon for VAQ 142, Family Medicine Assistant Department Head and Residency Team Leader at Naval Hospital Camp Lejeune, Department Head and Senior Medical Officer on USS THEODORE ROOSEVELT CVN-71 / CARRIER STRIKE GROUP TWO Surgeon. He additionally served as Director of Branch Clinics, Director of Brigade Medical Clinics, and USNA Brigade Medical Officer, Naval Health Clinic Annapolis, and was recently stationed at the Naval Health Clinic Hawaii, Sports Medicine and Reconditioning Team (SMART) Clinic. He returned to the Naval Health Clinic Annapolis and serves as the USNA Brigade Medical Officer and Varsity Football Sports Medicine Physician.

Captain Quattrone deployed in support of OPERATION NORTHERN, OPERATION SOUTHERN WATCH / OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM, as Senior Medical Officer on the USS THEODORE ROOSEVELT CVN-71 in support of Horn of Africa Antipiracy Operations and OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM, and was deployed to the JOINT TASK FORCE GUANTANAMO, JOINT MEDICAL GROUP as the Senior Medical Officer and Acting Deputy Commander.

His personal awards include the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, the Navy Meritorious Service Medal (1 gold star), the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal (3 gold stars), the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal, and various campaign and unit citations.