

CAPT TIMOTHY M. QUAST

Captain Tim Quast is a third generation Naval Officer who graduated from Tulane University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Engineering. He began his career as a Surface Warfare officer, serving aboard AEGIS Cruisers in San Diego and Japan. Quast attended the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences (USUHS) School of Medicine from 1998-2002 and was inducted into the Alpha Omega Alpha Medical Honor Society.

Captain Quast completed his internship and residency in Internal Medicine at Bethesda Naval Hospital, where he served as the intern class president and Chief of Residents. He subsequently completed a Pulmonary and Critical Care Fellowship at Walter Reed's National Capital Consortium, where he was a finalist for the Bailey K. Ashford award for research in 2009. During a staff tour at Walter Reed he deployed to Kandahar Airfield where he served as the ICU director, overseeing the care of hundreds of coalition warriors during the kinetic operations known as the "Kandahar Surge."



Quast has been devoted to mentorship and career development. At Walter Reed he instituted a formal mentorship program and created a Career Development Board program at US Naval Hospital Guam that is used at numerous Navy Medical Treatment Facilities.

At U.S. Naval Hospital Guam he served as Director of Primary Care and as one of two intensivists on the island, he served both the local community and the Navy's highest acuity ICU. In 2015 he reported to Naval Medical Center San Diego (NMCS D) and was selected as the Navy's Internal Medicine Specialty Leader for 440 internists and subspecialists worldwide. As Specialty Leader, he provided maximum support to the Fleet from his community by more than doubling downrange deployments from previous years and developing internist metrics for "knowledge, skills, and abilities." He also served as the Pulmonary-Critical Care and Sleep Department Chair and was an inaugural graduate for NMCS D's Healthcare Quality and Leadership Academy.

Quast served as Executive Officer to U.S. Naval Hospital Rota, Spain, where he developed over two dozen quality initiatives and implemented a vibrant telehealth capability. His leadership ensured Force Health Protection during the COVID pandemic at Rota during a time when Spain had the highest worldwide mortality rate, and he authored a COVID Reconstitution Plan that has been used as a template for other regional MTFs.

In August 2020, CAPT Quast assumed command of Medical Treatment Facility USNS Mercy (T-AH 19), where he directed MERCY's efforts for Pacific Partnership 2022, the largest multi-national medical outreach mission in the Indo-Pacific.

Captain Quast's personal awards include the Legion of Merit, the Meritorious Service Medal (4), the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal (5), and the Navy Achievement Medal (5). In 2014 he was honored with the American College of Physicians' Sparks award for teaching and acumen and was noted as a Master Clinician at NMCS D in 2017. In 2022 he received the Uniformed Services University's Alumni Association's Military Medical Service Award and the Navy's American College of Physician's Laureate Award.