

Captain Mitas served as the U.S. Navy Surgeon General's Specialty Advisor for internal medicine, west coast, from 1989 through 1993. In 1981, he was elected to Fellowship in the American College of Physicians. In addition, he has been the College Governor for the U.S. Navy since 1991. His commitment to graduate medical education, the practice of state-of-the-art internal medicine, and support of the Navy/Marine Corps Team is universally recognized. His efforts at team building are well reflected in this first meeting of the U.S. Navy Region of the American College of Physicians.

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Laureate Award

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**U.S. Navy Region Laureate Award
American College of Physicians**

The Laureate Award honors those Fellows of the American College of Physicians in the U.S. Navy Region who have demonstrated by their example and conduct an abiding commitment to excellence in medical care, education or research, and in service to their community and the American College of Physicians.

Recipients of this award shall bear the title: Laureate of the U.S. Navy Region.

Awards shall be made at the Annual Regional Meeting of the U.S. Navy Region on recommendation of the Awards Committee, with approval of the Council and Governor. The awardee must accept this recognition in person, unless excused by the Governor. The awardee is to be nominated by a process that can originate from the Awards Committee or any member of the U.S. Navy Region, American College of Physicians. The nomination must document the personal attributes and accomplishments of the Master or Fellow that the Region wishes to honor as a Laureate of the U.S. Navy Region.

It is expected that awardees will be senior physicians, that is, Fellows for at least 15 to 20 years, with a long history of excellence and peer approval in the specialty of internal medicine. Exceptional circumstances may modify these requirements.

It is with distinct pleasure that the U.S. Navy Region of the American College of Physicians honors Fellows and Masters of the American College of Physicians. These physicians are long-standing and loyal supporters of the College, have rendered distinguished service to their Chapters, and have upheld the high ideals and professional standards for which the American College of Physicians is known.

We salute and honor them on this occasion and we wish them well in the future.

**John A. Mitas II, CAPT, MC, USN
ACP Governor, U.S. Navy Region**

In honor of their loyalty and long-standing membership in the American College of Physicians, and their service to their Chapter, the 1993 Laureate Awards are presented to:

Walter W. Karney, CAPT, MD, USN
John A. Mitas II, CAPT, MC, USN



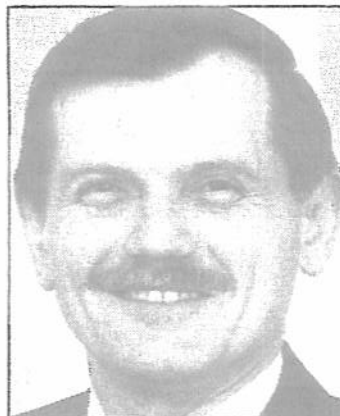
WALTER W. KARNEY, CAPT, MD, USN

Captain Karney was born in Orange, Connecticut, in 1936, and received his medical degree from Yale University School of Medicine in 1962. After completing his internship at Saint Albans Naval Hospital in Saint Albans, New York, he studied aviation medicine at the U.S. Navy School of Aviation Medicine in Pensacola, Florida. He undertook a residency in internal medicine at the Naval Hospital in Portsmouth, Virginia, and a fellowship in infectious diseases at the University of Washington School of Medicine in Seattle, Washington.

In 1971, Captain Karney was appointed instructor in clinical medicine at the University of Washington School of Medicine, becoming assistant professor of medicine in 1975. In 1978, he was appointed associate professor of medicine at the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences, rising to the rank of professor in 1984. He was also appointed adjunct associate professor of medicine at George Washington University Medical Center in 1981, becoming adjunct professor in 1985. In 1984, he became specialty advisor in internal medicine to the U.S. Navy Surgeon General and then in 1986 he was appointed U.S. Navy representative on the National Board of Medical Examiners. Since 1989, he has been manager of the Navy HIV program of the U.S. Naval Medical Command in Portsmouth.

Captain Karney has served on a number of committees at the Bethesda Naval Hospital, and was chair of the Hospital Infections Committee, from 1978 to 1982, and the Investigational Drug Review Committee, from 1981 to 1983. He was chair of the Admissions Committee, from 1979 to 1984, and vice chair of the Student Promotions Committee of the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences, from 1985 to 1988. Captain Karney has also been a member of the AIDS Clinical Drug Development Committee of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases.

Captain Karney is a Fellow of the Infectious Diseases Society of America, and a member of the American Federation for Clinical Research and the American Society for Microbiology. He has been active in the American College of Physicians since becoming a Fellow in 1974. He has been a staunch supporter of the U.S. Navy Region, and became its Governor-elect in 1986. In addition, Captain Karney served as Governor of the U.S. Navy Region from 1987 until 1991.



JOHN A. MITAS II, CAPT, MC, USN

Captain Mitas is a 1969 graduate of Cornell University and received his medical degree from the Medical College of Georgia in 1973. His internal medicine residency, 1976, and nephrology fellowship, 1978, were completed at the Naval Medical Center in San Diego. From 1979 until 1982, he was head of the nephrology division at the Naval Medical Center, San Diego. From 1982 through 1984, he pursued private practice in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, and was an assistant professor of medicine at the University of Oklahoma Health Science Center. He returned to active duty as head of the nephrology division at the Naval Hospital, Oakland, from 1984 through 1987. In 1987, Captain Mitas became the assistant chairman of internal medicine at the Naval Medical Center, San Diego, and then in 1988, chairman of the internal medicine department and internal medicine residency program director. In 1992, he reported as the 1st Force Service Support Group Surgeon at Camp Pendleton, California. In addition, Captain Mitas is an associate professor of medicine at the University of California in San Diego, and the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences.