

### **ENS Michelle Lynch, USN**

**Ensign Michelle Muma Lynch** grew up in Salinas, California, where she graduated from Alisal High School in 1988. Following high school, she attended one year of community college before enlisting in the U.S. Navy. She served as a Navy Hospital Corpsman for eleven years on active duty and three years in the Naval Reserves, attaining the rank of Hospital Corpsman First Class (E-6) before earning her commission as an Ensign and matriculating to the Uniformed Services University of Health Sciences, School of Medicine in August of 2003. During her enlisted career she was assigned to numerous duty stations, to include: Naval Hospital Beaufort, South Carolina; Naval Medical Clinic Pearl Harbor Hawaii and Branch Medical Clinic Kaneohe Marine Corps Base Hawaii; USS Salvor (ARS-52), home-ported in Pearl Harbor Hawaii; Naval Air Station Patuxent River, Maryland and with the V-22 Osprey Multi-Service Operational Test Team. While serving on active duty she worked toward her undergraduate degree in biological sciences and pre-medicine requirements. She entered the Navy Reserves in 2000 so that she could complete her last two years at the University of North Carolina at Wilmington. In 2002 she earned her Bachelor of Science Degree in Biology and completed minors in both History and Chemistry. Later that year, she entered a one-year post-baccalaureate program at USU before joining the School of Medicine Class of 2007. USU was an obvious choice for Michelle as she has aspired to become a career military physician from early on in her Naval career. Having worked alongside and been mentored by some of the Navy's finest physicians who were themselves graduates of USU, she could think of no better place to gain the experience and specialized training necessary to provide the absolute best care for our Sailors, Marines and their families. Ensign Lynch is a member of the Class of 2007, and will graduate from USU on 19 May 2007. Following graduation, Lieutenant Lynch will report to Naval Hospital Camp Lejeune, North Carolina, where she will begin her internship in Family Medicine. She firmly believes that an internship in Family Medicine will provide the most broad-based training for her to achieve the level of knowledge and expertise that will be essential in both operational and clinical settings. After internship she plans to attend Naval Flight School. She would very much like to serve as a Flight Surgeon with a Marine Rotary Wing Squadron prior to returning to residency. Michelle is the daughter of Hildy Lonero-Duncan of Carmel, California. She is married to Brian Lynch who served in the United States Marines Corps for 10 years. They are the proud parents of a baby girl, Natalie and will reside in Jacksonville, North Carolina after graduation from USU.