

William Robert Kiser MD MBA FAAFP

Rear Admiral, Medical Corps, United States Navy



RDML Bob Kiser assumed command of Navy Medicine East and Naval Medical Center Portsmouth on Aug. 12, 2008.

He was born in Tachikawa AFB, Japan, into a career Army family. A graduate of Miami Killian Senior High School in Miami, Fla., he attended Abilene Christian University in Abilene, Texas, where he earned his undergraduate degree in Biology. In 1978, he was awarded the Doctor of Medicine degree from the University of South Florida College of Medicine. He also has earned Masters degrees in Social Science, Strategic Studies, Business Administration and Ministry.

His postgraduate medical education includes an internship in Basic Medicine at Naval Regional Medical Center, Oakland, Calif.; a residency in Family Practice at Naval Regional Medical Center, Charleston, S.C.; and a fellowship in Faculty Development (Academics) at Madigan Army Medical Center, Tacoma, Wash. He is Board Certified in Family Practice with a Certificate of Added Qualification in Geriatrics.

RDML Kiser's previous duty assignments include service as a General Medical Officer aboard USS Constellation (CV-64); Staff Family Physician at United States Naval Hospital, Guam; Faculty Family Physician at Naval Hospital Camp Pendleton, Calif.; Staff Family Physician aboard USNS Mercy (TAH-19) during Operation Desert Shield and Desert Storm; Director of Residency Training, The Family Practice Residency, Naval Hospital, Jacksonville, Fla.; Navy Family Practice Specialty Leader; Executive Officer and then Commanding Officer, USNH Guam. He relinquished Command in June 2003 and, after graduating from the Air War College, assumed the responsibilities of the Pacific Fleet Surgeon in July 2004. During his tenure there he held primary medical responsibility for the deployment of USNS Mercy in support of Operation Unified Assistance I and II, and the MERCY humanitarian deployment of 2006. His most recent assignment was as the Assistant Deputy Chief of Staff for Clinical Operations and Chief Medical Officer for Navy Medicine, where he has responsibility for public health, deployment health, clinical operations, credentialing and privileging, risk management, clinical quality, and psychological health and traumatic brain injury.

RDML Kiser is a Fellow of the American Academy of Family Physicians and former President of the Uniformed Services Academy of Family Physicians. He has held faculty appointments at the University of Washington College of Medicine, Texas A&M University College of Medicine, and the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences. He previously represented the Navy to the AMA Section on Medical Schools and is the 2005 recipient of the John P McGovern Award from Texas A&M College of Medicine.

RDML Kiser is also a member of the Society of Teachers of Family Medicine, the Christian Medical Dental Society, and a life member of the United States Naval Institute. He has published and lectured widely on various topics, including ethics, medical humanities, evidence based healthcare, and change management.

His awards include the Legion of Merit (with Gold Star in lieu of second award), the Meritorious Service Medal, and the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal (two awards).