



William J. McDaniel

**Rear Admiral
Medical Corps, U.S. Navy**

**Commander, Naval Medical
Center, Portsmouth
(1992-1995)**

RADM McDaniel became the 62nd commander of the Naval Medical Center Portsmouth, Virginia, on 11 September 1992.

Rear Admiral William James McDaniel, Medical Corps, U.S. Navy, was born on 26 February 1943, on a farm near Muskogee, Oklahoma. Attending college on a full wrestling scholarship, he received a Bachelor of Science degree in Physiology in 1964 from Oklahoma State University. In 1964 he began studies at the University of Oklahoma School of Medicine and received his Doctor of Medicine Degree in 1968. He completed his internship at St. Francis Hospital in Tulsa, Oklahoma in 1969.

After receiving his commission in the Medical Corps on 29 December 1969, Rear Admiral McDaniel attended the Naval Aerospace Medical Institute in Pensacola, Florida where he received training and became a Navy flight surgeon.

His subsequent duty assignments include Flight Surgeon at Marine Corps Air Station, El Toro, California; Marine Corps Air Station, Futema, Okinawa; aboard USS TRIPOLI (LPH-10) off the coast of the Republic of Vietnam; and Naval Air Station, Whidbey Island, Washington.

In 1973 RADM McDaniel began his Orthopedic Surgery Residency at Naval Hospital, Oakland, California. In 1977 he began a series of assignments which included Chief, Department of Orthopedics, Naval Hospital, Rota, Spain; Acting Commanding Officer and Director of Clinical Services, Naval Hospital, Rota,

Spain; Orthopedic Surgeon, Naval Regional Medical Clinic, Department of Orthopedics, U.S. Naval Academy; a student at the National War College, Fort Leslie J. McNair, Washington, D.C.; Seventh Fleet Surgeon for the Commander, U.S. Seventh Fleet, aboard USS BLUE RIDGE, Yokosuka, Japan; and Commanding Officer, Naval Hospital, Oak Harbor, Washington.

Rear Admiral McDaniel assumed command of Naval Hospital Charleston, South Carolina on 27 July 1988, where he was selected as Rear Admiral in November 1989. In June 1990, he became U.S. Pacific Command Surgeon, Camp H.M. Smith, Hawaii.

RADM McDaniel's other assignments and activities include Navy Wrestling Champion, 1973-1977; Interservice Wrestling Champion, 1975-1976; and World Silver Medallist in CISM Games, Rome, Italy in 1974. He has been the National Team Physician for Track and Field World Championship, Rio De Janeiro, Brazil in 1976; and Team Physician, World Championship Basketball in Teheran, Iran in 1977; World University Games, Bucharest, Romania in 1981; and for the U.S. Boxing Team, LaPaz, Bolivia in 1982. Rear Admiral McDaniel was also a U.S. Olympic Team physician for the 1984 Olympics in Los Angeles, California.

Rear Admiral McDaniel's military awards include: Defense Superior Service Medal; Legion of Merit (two awards); Meritorious Service Medal, Joint Service Commendation Medal, Army Commendation Medal; Meritorious Unit Commendation; National Defense Service Medal (two awards); Humanitarian Service Medal; Sea Service Deployment Ribbon; Overseas Service Ribbon; Vietnam Service Medal (with 2 battle stars) and Fleet Marine Force device.

RADM McDaniel is a member of the National Academy of Orthopedic Surgery, the Society of Olympic Physicians and the American Medical Association.

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