

Rear Admiral Matthew L. Nathan
Commander, Naval Medicine East
Commander, Naval Medical Center Portsmouth

Rear Adm. (lower half) Matthew Nathan assumed command of Navy Medicine East and Naval Medical Center Portsmouth on Oct. 25, 2007.



Rear Adm. Nathan received his Bachelors degree from Georgia Tech in 1977 and attended The Medical College of Georgia on a Naval Health Professions Scholarship receiving his M.D. in 1981. He completed his internship and specialty residency in Internal Medicine in 1984 at the University of South Florida Affiliated Hospitals. Immediately following he served as an Internal Medicine Specialist at Naval Hospital Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, followed by a tour at Naval Hospital Groton, Ct., in 1985, as a practicing internist and leader of the Medical Mobilization Amphibious Readiness Team. In 1987, he transferred to Naval Medical Center San Diego as Head, Division of Internal Medicine and additional duty to the 1st Marine Division training and deployments.

In 1990 he went to Naval Hospital Beaufort, S.C., as Acting Department Head and later transferred to Naval Clinics Command, London, UK, with directorate, credentialing and quality assurance responsibilities.

This was followed by a tour at the Bureau of Naval Personnel, where he served as a Medical Specialist Assignment Officer. While there, he detailed more than 1,500 Medical Corps officers, providing promotion and assignment guidance. Succeeding that assignment, he accepted a seat at the Industrial College of the Armed Forces located in Washington, D.C., graduating in 1998 with a Master's Degree in "Resourcing the National Strategy".

In 1999, he went on to serve as the Fleet Surgeon to the Commander, U.S. Seventh Fleet, aboard the flagship USS Blue Ridge (LCC 19), home ported in Yokosuka, Japan.

In 2001, he was assigned as Deputy Commander, Naval Medical Center Portsmouth, followed by a command tour at Naval Hospital, Pensacola, Fla. He was selected for promotion to Rear Admiral in May 2006. From June 2006 to October 2007, he served as Fleet Surgeon to the Commander, U.S. Fleet Forces Command.

Rear Adm. Nathan's personal awards include the Legion of Merit (3); Meritorious Service Medal (2); Navy Commendation Medal, and Navy Achievement Medal (2). In addition, the American Hospital Association named him the 2005 recipient of the "Excellence in Leadership" award for the Federal Sector.