



ABOUT US

It has been nearly three years since the Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) announcement was made which included the integration of the Army and the Navy's two biggest and most prominent hospitals: Walter Reed Army Medical Center (WRAMC), and the National Naval Medical Center (NNMC). Once made law, it was evident that military medicine in the National Capital Region (NCR) would never be quite the same, and the integration of these two military medical giants would likely be the model for the future of military medicine as we know it.

The Joint Task Force National Capital Region Medical Command (JTF CapMed) is established.

In September of 2007, the JTF CapMed, a fully functional Standing Joint Task Force was established. Located on the NNMC campus and reporting directly to the Secretary of Defense through the Deputy Secretary of Defense, the newly formed Command was charged with leading the way for the effective and efficient consolidation and realignment of military healthcare in the NCR. Rear Admiral John Mateczun was appointed to lead the mission. Having a single leader in charge, allows for proper focus on patient care by the hospital Commanders, and allows for BRAC planning by the JTF CapMed Commander.



VADM Mateczun has significant managerial and leadership experience and is particularly skilled in focusing groups and individuals on a common set of priorities and obtaining consensus on the courses of action required to achieve intended objectives and outcomes. He has served as Joint Staff Surgeon, Commander of the Medical Center in San Diego, Chief Operating Officer for Navy Medicine

as the Deputy Surgeon General, and also was the Director for the Military Health System Office of Transformation.

The medical services of the Army, Navy, and Air Force in the National Capital Region will integrate to ensure the best utilization of resources available to eliminate redundancies, enhance clinical care, promote health professions education and joint training, and enhance military medical research opportunities. This integration will also further the growth of transformative efforts with government, community and private sector partners.

JTF has clearly defined the Principles and Priorities that guide their actions:

A Focus on the Mission. We are at war and have a responsibility to provide healthcare services while we prepare and train for deployments and contingencies. Our greatest commitment is to the health and well being of the men and women who serve our country. Our nation has seen its share of Marines, Sailors, Airmen and Soldiers injured while fighting for the welfare of others during Operations Iraqi and Enduring Freedom. As America's future primary reception site for returning casualties and trauma care, there is nothing more important to our mission than taking care of our wounded, ill and injured warriors and their families. Force Health Protection is an on-going, four-pronged approach which includes:

- Casualty Care: Providing health care to returning or injured service personnel
- Individual Medical Readiness: Maintaining a fit and ready force.
- Deployment of Army, Navy and Air Force medical practitioners, often into harm's way.
- Family-Centered Care: Providing care to our other beneficiaries at home; families and retired.

Serving Our People. Our success depends on the contributions of our active, reserve, civilian, and contract personnel and their families. Their personal readiness is essential to our mission. One of our Priorities is caring for the caregivers. Our people are called to provide healthcare often under trying circumstances. It is a tough job and we have a covenant responsibility to care for them.

Interoperability and Leadership. Leadership is key to service. We are currently in a unique situation to be able to draw leadership potential from all Services. Since each Service brings unique and critical capabilities to the table, we will have the "best of the best." Yet, with interoperability, the fusion of working together on all levels, must come teamwork and trust. These are the keys to agile leadership and interoperability between the Services.

Regional Healthcare Delivery. Integrated planning for the efficient and effective delivery of services on a regional basis is the key to quality and to mission success. We will use common business standards and clinical processes to maximize region-wide growth and potential.

Our Pledge to YOU:

Military healthcare professionals are filling a wide range of roles – demonstrating courage, compassion, ingenuity, and excellence. The staff members of the JTF, and of the Military Health Care Treatment Facilities throughout the NCR, both military and civilian, pledge to you, active duty service members; your families; retired service members and all eligible beneficiaries, our sincerest commitment that you will receive the highest quality of care during this exciting evolution. We take full accountability for our decisions and actions and will meet our responsibilities to you with integrity and honor.

During the realignment and construction process, we will strive to minimize the inconvenience to our beneficiaries as they access healthcare services. There will be changes in the locations of delivery of specific services as the building plans unfold and the BRAC Plan progresses, but at no time throughout the construction phases of this enormous undertaking will the quality of patient care be diminished. It will be challenging, but we will continue our most important mission... excellent patient care.



The planning, formation and architectural design of the Walter Reed National Military Medical Center are well under way. Once complete, the facility at Bethesda will be the first of its kind — an integrated, state-of-the-art healthcare center. It will deliver the highest quality of medical care, provide the best in graduate medical training, collaborate on unique military medical research needs and serve as a worldwide military referral and coordination center.