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Captain Jamie Kersten

Associate Director of Fleet Medicine

Captain Jamie Kersten is the Associate Director of Fleet Medicine and Deputy Navy Nurse Executive at the Captain James A. Lovell Federal Health Care Center. She was appointed to the position Nov. 1, 2011.

In her current position, she is responsible for the strategic leadership and overall operations of the Fleet Medicine Directorate, which encompasses three medical clinics located on the Naval Station and Recruit Training Command at Great Lakes, Ill. She leads a combined active duty U.S. Navy and federal civil service staff of more than 400. The clinics are responsible for providing primary outpatient care, military medical screenings and evaluations for the active duty military population within the region, as well as more than 39,000 U.S. Navy Recruits entering Naval Service each year. In addition, she is responsible for military nursing practice provided at the Captain James A. Lovell Federal Health Care Center.



Captain Kersten was born and raised in Yakima, Wash. She graduated from the University of Washington with a Bachelor of Science Nursing degree, and was commissioned as an ensign in the U.S. Navy Nurse Corps in July 1987. She earned a Master's degree in Mental Health Nursing from the University of Washington in 1996.

Following Naval Officer Indoctrination School in Newport, R.I., Kersten's assignments included: Staff Nurse, Balboa Naval Hospital, San Diego, Calif.; Division Officer, Mental Health Unit, Bremerton Naval Hospital, Bremerton, Wash.; Clinical Consultant, TRISARF (TriService Addictions Rehabilitation Facility), Tripler Army Medical Center, Hawaii; Department Head, Psychiatric Technician School, Fort Sam Houston, San Antonio, Tex.; Chief, Inpatient Services and Interim Director Nursing Services, Naval Hospital Oak Harbor, Oak Harbor, Wash.; Department Head, Health Promotions and Interim Director Nursing Services, Naval Hospital Keflavik, Iceland; and most recently, Deputy Director, BRAC Program Management Office and Clinical Consultant, Navy Medicine National Capital Area, Bethesda, Md., where she played the lead role in design, outfitting and transition of the newly constructed \$1.3 billion additions to the recently established Walter Reed National Military Medical Center.

Captain Kersten's major military awards include the Navy Achievement Medal, the Army Commendation Medal, the Navy Commendation Medal and the Meritorious Service Medal (with one star).