

# WEEKLY DENTAL UPDATE

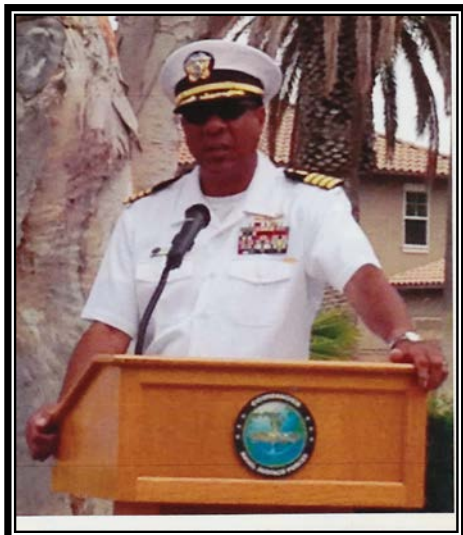


## SPECIAL EDITION

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#### PASSING OF RETIRED CAPT JEROME MCSWAIN, DC, USN



16 September 1953 – 2 November 2015

A native of Pensacola, Florida, Captain McSwain enlisted in the Navy in 1973 and reported to Boot Camp at NTC Orlando. He then attended Dental Technician "A" School at Naval Station, San Diego in 1974. In 1974, DN McSwain served as a Dental Technician at Naval Hospital, San Diego until 1977. DT3 McSwain then entered the Naval Reserves where he served until 1987. During this time in the Reserves, he was promoted to DT1, and he received a Bachelor of Science degree in Zoology at San Diego State University and a Doctor of Dental Surgery degree from Emory University School of Dentistry

Captain McSwain served on active duty as a Navy Dental Officer from 1987 until he retired on June 30, 2013. His assignments in order include the following: Branch Dental Clinic, MCAGCC 29 Palms, Dental Department Head, USS Tarawa during Operation Desert Storm, BDC Naval Station, San Diego for an ACP in Periodontics, BDC Naval Training Center, San Diego, Clinic Director, ASW San Diego, Dental Department Head, USS Frank Cable, MCRD, San Diego, BDC Naval Base Ventura County, Port Hueneme, and Naval Amphibious Base, Coronado. Through his enlistment as a Dental Technician, Naval Reserves, and service as an Officer in the Navy Dental Corps, Captain McSwain proudly served his country for 33 years.

His personal awards include: Meritorious Service Medal, Navy & Marine Corps Commendation Medal (4), Navy & Marine Corps Achievement Medal (2), Joint Service Meritorious Unit Award, Navy Meritorious Unit Commendation, Navy Good Conduct Medal, Navy Reserves Meritorious Service Medal, Navy Fleet Marine Force Service Ribbon, National Defense Service Medal (2), Southwest Asia Medal with Bronze Star, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Humanitarian Service Medal, Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal, Sea Service Deployment Ribbon, Armed Forces Reserve Medal, Kuwait Liberation Medal one each from Saudi Arabia and Kuwait, Navy Rifle Expert Medal, and Navy Pistol Expert Medal. He also qualified as a Surface Warfare Medical Department Officer (SWMDO).

Captain Jerome McSwain was married to Margaret for 41 years. They have two daughters; Jessica married to John Nascimento and Allyson married to Rashan Dopwell. They also have four grandchildren; Dia Nascimento, Paolo Nascimento, MacKenzie Dopwell, and Ravyn Dopwell.

Captain Jerome McSwain had a smile for everyone and was known for making those around him feel at home and welcome. He was a leader by example and his integrity, compassion, and determination made him not only an exemplary Naval Officer, but a truly gifted clinician. His passing is a true loss for his family, his friends, and the Navy Dental Corps.

A Memorial Service will be held for CAPT Jerome McSwain as follows:

Friday, November 20, 2015 at 1600

St. Patrick's Catholic Church in San Diego (North Park Area)  
3585 30th Street, San Diego, CA 92104

In lieu of flowers, the McSwain Family has set up a memorial fund with proceeds going to two of CAPT McSwain's favorite charities: Veterans Village Dental Clinic and Camp Able at Coronado. The link to this fund is the following: <http://jeromemcswain.mydagsite.com/>

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