

# WEEKLY DENTAL UPDATE



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#### PASSING OF HONORABLY DISCHARGED CARLA M. BENSON, LT, DC, USN

LT Carla Benson, DC, USN, died on July 7<sup>th</sup>, 2017. She was born in San Diego, CA, on October 1<sup>st</sup>, 1983. She was the second of two daughters born to USN CAPT (RET) Gregory Benson and Donna. She graduated from Rancho Bernardo High School, California, in 2002. She earned her Bachelors of Science degree in Biological Anthropology from the University of California, Davis in 2006. Following graduation, she worked as a Dental Assistant and Veterinary Technician. She graduated from University of Nevada Las Vegas, School of Dental Medicine with a Doctor of Dental Medicine degree. Following graduation, she trained in the Office of the Clark County Coroner conducting forensic post-mortem dental examinations. She was commissioned as a Lieutenant in the U.S. Navy in 2011, and completed a General Practice Residency at USNH Camp Pendleton. From 2012 to 2014, she was assigned as Dental Department Head onboard USS GREEN BAY (LPD 20), followed by a one year tour at Naval support Facility Diego Garcia. She was honorably discharged from the U.S. Navy in 2015.



Following the military, she practiced in Las Vegas as a general dentist until her death. Carla was kind, fun loving, and had a wonderful sense of humor. She loved adventure, reading, and spending time at family summer homes in Michigan. She was proficient on the piano and French horn. She had a deep affection for animals and had a special way with them. She was an accomplished horsewoman and rode competitively for most of her life. She was passionate for health and physical fitness, training daily in the gymnasium (as she called it), and competing in Tough Mudder events. Her zest, determination, and pursuit of excellence impressed and inspired everyone who knew her. She is survived by her mother, Donna Benson; father, Gregory (Rachel) Benson; dear sister, Sonja (Nathan) Hershkowitz; and niece and nephew, Charlotte and Soren Hershkowitz. Also survived by many aunts and uncles; Richard (Priscilla) Benson, Carole (Richard) Benson Weinberg, Thomas (Crissie) Benson, Christopher (Nancy) Benson, Kathleen (the late Charles) Goro, Debbie (Charles) Cosgrove, David (Sandra) Fredericks, and Daniel (Carol) Fredericks.