



United States Navy Biography

Rear Admiral C. Forrest Faison, III DEPUTY SURGEON GENERAL DEPUTY CHIEF, BUREAU OF MEDICINE AND SURGERY

A native of Norfolk, Va., Rear Admiral Faison received his Bachelor's degree from Wake Forest University and his medical degree from the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences. He completed post-graduate training in General Pediatrics at Naval Hospital San Diego and fellowship training in Neurodevelopmental Pediatrics at the University of Washington.



Faison assumed the duties of Deputy Surgeon General of the Navy (Chief Operating Officer) and Deputy Chief, Bureau of Medicine and Surgery in 2014.

Prior to reporting to this assignment, Faison served as Commander, Navy Medicine West and Naval Medical Center (NMC) San Diego where he was responsible for medical care and support to over 850,000 eligible beneficiaries by a staff of 16,000 at ten hospitals and over thirty clinics from the West Coast to the Indian Ocean. In addition to coordinating the Navy Medicine support response to Operation Tomodachi, he introduced several innovative programs in the region, improving health and fleet readiness, while decreasing overall healthcare costs, culminating in him being awarded the California Medical Community's Lighthouse Award for visionary leadership and inspiring health innovation, a first for the Department of Defense.

From 2009-2010, Faison served as Deputy Chief, Bureau of Medicine and Surgery, for Current and Future Healthcare Operations where he was responsible for policy and coordination of Navy Medicine healthcare facilities and operations worldwide as well as coordination of Navy Medicine response to the Haiti earthquake disaster and medical support activities to Navy and Marine Corps operational forces worldwide.

In 2007, Faison reported as commanding officer of Naval Hospital Camp Pendleton where he provided seamless disaster response and medical support during two Southern California wildfire disasters. Under his tenure, the command achieved its highest performance on Joint Commission surveys and was hailed as a model for emulation.

In 2006, Faison assumed command of U.S. Expeditionary Medical Facility - Kuwait and served as Commanding Officer, U.S. Medical Task Force – Kuwait where he led a tri-service task force of subordinate commands and was responsible for all healthcare operations in Kuwait, Qatar and

Southern Iraq, and all medical logistics support throughout U.S. Central Command.

Other assignments include: Deputy Commander, Naval Medical Center Portsmouth, Portsmouth, Va.; Group Surgeon, 3d Force Service Support Group, Fleet Marine Forces, Pacific; Director of DoD Telemedicine, Washington D.C.; Chief Information Officer, Navy Medicine; U.S. Naval Hospital, Yokosuka, Japan; Naval Hospital Lemoore.; USS Texas (CGN 39); and Amphibious Group 3.

Faison is board certified in Pediatrics and is an Associate Clinical Professor of Pediatrics at the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences. He has several publications on neurodevelopmental outcomes of premature infants as well as other publications and book chapters on the topics of the future of Wounded Warrior care and use of telemedicine and health informatics in healthcare. He is a senior member of the American College of Physician Executives. His personal awards include the Navy Distinguished Service Medal, Legion of Merit (5 awards); Meritorious Service Medal (3 awards); Navy/Marine Corps Commendation Medal, and Navy/Marine Corps Achievement Medal and numerous unit and other awards.