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Captain

Medical Service Corps

United States Navy

A native of Cape Girardeau, Missouri, CAPT Read entered the Navy in 1999. She graduated cum laude from St. Louis University with a Bachelor of Arts in Biology. She earned her Doctor of Optometry degree graduating Summa cum Laude from Southern College of Optometry. She has a Master of Business Administration from Naval Postgraduate School and a Master of Arts in Defense and Strategic Studies with a focus on Irregular Warfare from the Naval War College.



CAPT Read reported to her first duty station at Branch Medical Clinic, Mayport, Florida in August of 1999. She began as a staff optometrist rising to lead as Product Line Manager of Clinical Support Services. In the summer of 2003, she commenced a one year post-doctoral residency program at the Harry S. Truman Memorial Veteran's Hospital in Columbia, Missouri in primary care and ocular pathology. Following residency, she reported to Naval Hospital, Keflavik, Iceland where she served as the sole optometrist, Chair of the Executive Committee of the Medical Staff (ECOMS), and the Disaster Preparedness Officer. Subsequent to her overseas tour, she served as the Director for the Arlington Annex, DiLorenzo Tricare Clinic in Washington, D.C. In November 2008, CAPT Read transferred to the United States Army Public Health Command (USAPHC), Aberdeen Proving Grounds, Maryland as the Navy Program Manager of the Tri-Service Vision Conservation and Readiness Program. From July 2010 to March 2011, she deployed to Expeditionary Medical Facility, Kuwait. Post-Deployment, CAPT Read was selected as the first Chair of the Public Health Review Board for USAPHC and was promoted to Portfolio Executive Officer, Occupational and Environmental Medicine Portfolio. In May 2012, she reported to Naval Health Clinic, Quantico, Virginia as the Director for Clinical Support Services and precepted students as adjunct faculty for Indiana University College of Optometry. In May 2015, CAPT Read was selected to serve as the Executive Assistant for the Deputy Chief, Healthcare Operations (M3), Bureau of Medicine and Surgery (BUMED), Falls Church, Virginia then fletted up to serve the Deputy Chief, Readiness and Health encompassing Research and Development (M2), Healthcare Operations (M3), Office of the Chief Medical Officer (M5), and Operational Medicine and Capabilities Development (M9). She was competitively selected as a Defense Legislative Fellow serving in the office of Senator Richard Blumenthal of Connecticut. She then shaped health care policy as the Director, Health Affairs and Special Assistant Health Affairs to the Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Manpower and Reserve Affairs. Currently, CAPT Read is the Director for Military Health System Governance in the office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs.

CAPT Read is a fellow in the American Academy of Optometry, a member of the American College of Healthcare Executives, and a past President of the Armed Forces Optometric Society (AFOS). She is on the American Optometric Association Federal Relations Committee and serves on the board of the Health Care Alliance for Patient Safety. She was named AFOS Navy Optometrist of the Year 2013.

Awards include Legion of Merit, Meritorious Service Medal (three gold stars), Navy/Marine Corps Commendation Medal (two gold stars), Army Commendation Medal, Navy/Marine Corps Achievement Medal, Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal and various other personal and unit awards.

CAPT Read is married to John Read. They have three children: Joby (23), Emma (21), and David (18).