



Michael L. Finch

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CDR Finch attended California State Polytechnic University, Pomona where he graduated cum laude receiving his Bachelor of Science degree in Zoology with a minor in Microbiology in 1984. After completing a one-year internship in Medical Technology at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center, Los Angeles in 1985, he was certified as a Medical Technologist by the American Society of Clinical Pathologists and licensed by the State of California. He received his Master of Business Administration degree in 1995 from Averett University.

He was commissioned in the Navy in February 1986. His assignments include:

- Laboratory Officer, Naval Hospital, Long Beach, California, April 1986 to February 1989
- Laboratory Officer, Naval Hospital, Portsmouth, Virginia, March 1989 to October 1992
- Laboratory Officer, Fleet Hospital 5, Saudi Arabia, August 1990 to December 1990
- Director, Ancillary Services and Head, Laboratory Department, Naval Medical Clinic Quantico, Virginia, October 1992 to July 1996
- Head, Laboratory Department, Naval Hospital, Camp Pendleton, California, July 1996 to January 1999
- Head Laboratory Department, U.S. Naval Hospital, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, January 1999 to July 2000
- Service Line Leader, Tidewater Laboratory Services, Naval Medical Center, Portsmouth, Virginia, August 2000 to February 2003
- Commanding Officer, Navy Drug Screening Laboratory, San Diego, California, February 2003 to present

CDR Finch's leadership extends beyond the Laboratories he has been assigned to include:

- Chair, of the tri-service/VA Federal Laboratory Working Group
- Vice President and President of the Society of Armed Forces Medical Laboratory Scientists (SAFMLS)
- Navy gatekeeper for the Laboratory Response Network (LRN) for Bioterrorism
- Member of the Medical Service Corps Executive Steering Committee (ESC) and Goal Chair for goal 2 of the Medical Service Corps Strategic Plan
- Adjunct professor at Troy State University and City Colleges of Chicago

CDR Finch's awards and commendations include:

- Meritorious Service Medal (4 August 2000 to 21 February 2003)
- Meritorious Service Medal (1 August 1996 to 2 January 1999)
- Navy Commendation Medal (8 January 1999 to 5 July 2000)
- Navy Commendation Medal (20 October 1992 to 15 July 1996)
- Navy Achievement Medal (20 October 1992 to 10 January 1993)
- Navy Achievement Medal (April 1986 to 15 March 1989)
- Numerous Letters of Commendation and Appreciation