



### Captain Christine Sears, MC, USN

#### Command Surgeon U.S. Southern Command

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Captain Christine L. G. Sears earned her Bachelor of Arts in Biomedical Engineering from The Johns Hopkins University in 1989 and her Medical Doctorate from Northwestern University Medical School in 1993. She was commissioned through the Health Professions Scholarship Program. Captain Sears reported to U.S. Southern Command in June 2021 and currently serves as Command Surgeon.

She completed a surgical internship at Naval Medical Center San Diego, Urology Residency at Naval Medical Center San Diego, and Fellowship in Female Pelvic and Reconstructive Surgery at Walter Reed Army Medical Center. She is a Fellow of the American College of Healthcare Executives and is board certified in Urology.

Captain Sears' Command and Leadership positions include Commanding Officer of the USNS COMFORT's Medical Treatment Facility and Commanding Officer, Naval Health Clinic Oak Harbor. She also served as Executive Officer, Naval Hospital Jacksonville and as the Medical Executive Committee Chair, National Naval Medical Center.

Her staff positions include Medical Department Head, USS MCKEE, Department Head of Urology, Naval Hospital Bremerton, Head of Female Urology, National Naval Medical Center, Executive Assistant to the Commander, Walter Reed National Military Medical Center. She has served as Command Surgeon for U.S. Naval Forces Southern Command and U.S. Seventh Fleet.

Captain Sears' operational deployments have been as Urologist, Fleet Hospital Eight in support of Operational Iraqi Freedom, Continuing Promise 2015, and on 20-1 Patrol with Commander, U.S. Seventh Fleet, embarked on USS BLUE RIDGE.

Her personal decorations include Legion of Merit, Meritorious Service Medal, Navy Commendation Medal, among others. She is an honorary recipient of the Order of Military Medical Merit. She has published in the medical literature. She is married to Captain (retired) Stephen Sears, and they have 2 children.

#### EDUCATION:

1989: Bachelor of Arts, The Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore Maryland.

1993: Medical Doctorate, Northwestern University Medical School, Chicago, IL.

1994: Surgical Internship, Naval Medical Center San Diego, San Diego, CA.

2001: Urology Residency, Naval Medical Center San Diego, San Diego, CA.

2008: Fellowship, Female Pelvic Medicine and Reconstructive Surgery, Washington, DC.



## ASSIGNMENTS:

- July 1993-July 1994, Surgical Intern, Naval Medical Center San Diego, San Diego, CA.
- July 1994-August 1996, Medical Department Head, USS MCKEE (AS-41), San Diego, CA.
- August 1996-August 2001, Urology Resident, Naval Medical Center San Diego, San Diego, CA.
- August 2001-August 2003, Head, Urology, Naval Hospital Bremerton, Bremerton, WA.
- March 2003-July 2003, Staff Urologist, Fleet Hospital Eight, deployed iso Operation Iraqi Freedom, Rota, Spain.
- September 2003- August 2006, Staff Urologist, National Naval Medical Center, Bethesda, MD.
- August 2006-August 2008, Fellow in Female Pelvic Medicine and Reconstructive Surgery, National Capitol Consortium, Walter Reed Army Medical Center, Washington, DC.
- August 2008-July 2011, Head, Female Urology, National Naval Medical Center, Bethesda, MD.
- July 2011-October 2012, Executive Assistant to the Commander, Walter Reed National Military Medical Center, Bethesda, MD.
- November 2012- September 2014, Executive Officer, Naval Hospital Jacksonville, Jacksonville, FL.
- October 2014- July 2017: Command Surgeon, U.S. Naval Forces Southern Command/ U.S. Fourth Fleet, Mayport, FL.
- March 2015- September 2015, Commanding Officer, Medical Treatment Facility, USNS COMFORT (T-AH 20) ,deployed iso Continuing Promise 2015.
- July 2017-September 2019, Command Surgeon, U. S. Seventh Fleet embarked on USS BLUE RIDGE (LCC-19),Yokosuka, Japan.

