

Capt. Thomas Johnson, M.D., U.S. Navy

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Capt. Tom Johnson is a native of Winona, Minn. He graduated with honors from Haverford College in 1985. He attended medical school at the University of Minnesota on a Navy Health Professions Scholarship. Upon graduating medical school in 1989, he came on active duty as a lieutenant. He interned at Portsmouth Naval Medical Center and then went on for additional training in undersea medicine. He served as a diving medical officer (DMO) for Submarine Squadron 14, Holy Loch, Scotland, from 1990 to 1992. He then did his residency in neurology at the National Naval Medical Center in Bethesda, Md., where he was awarded the John Hallenbeck award for outstanding resident. He went on to serve as a neurologist at Naval Hospital Camp Pendleton. In 1997 he was the DMO for the Cooperation Afloat Readiness and Training exercise conducted by the U.S. Navy with various other nations in Southeast Asia. Upon completion of the exercise he served as a neurologist at Naval Medical Center San Diego until 2002. He then went on to serve as a DMO at the Navy Experimental Diving Unit in Panama City Beach, Fla., where he was the principal investigator for the development of repetitive decompression tables for the Mk 16 MOD 1 underwater breathing apparatus. He was then assigned to Naval Medical Center Portsmouth from 2002 to 2006, during which time he served as a neurologist, as well as the specialty leader for Navy neurology community. He was then assigned temporary duty with the Marine Corps Center for Lessons Learned and deployed to Iraq to evaluate the care provided to service members with possible traumatic brain injury. He then served as a neurologist at Naval Hospital Camp Lejeune from 2006 to 2010. He then worked as a neurologist at the National Intrepid Center of Excellence from 2010-2011. He is currently at Camp Lejeune and is serving as the director of the Marine and Sailor Concussion Recovery Center.

Johnson is board certified in neurology, as well as undersea and hyperbaric medicine. He is also certified in acupuncture therapy. In addition, he has earned a diploma from the Naval War College. He has published a number of papers on traumatic brain injury, as well as a book on the psychological and social aspects of military conflict. His personal awards include: Meritorious Service Medal (2), Navy Commendation Medal, Navy Achievement Medal (3), Iraq Campaign Medal, and Sea Service Ribbon, and various other service and unit awards.