

CAPTAIN AL LAWRENCE SORENSEN

Medical Service Corps
United States Navy
Officer In Charge

Captain Al Lawrence Sorensen was born in San Diego, California. In April 1964, he enlisted in the U.S. Naval Reserve as a Seaman Recruit. During his fourteen years of active, enlisted service, he served at Naval Hospital, San Diego, California; the Dispensary, Naval Shipyard, Long Beach, California; Navy Environmental and Preventive Medicine Unit No. 6, Pearl Harbor, Hawaii; 2nd Medical Battalion, Force Troops, Camp Lejeune, North Carolina, and Naval Hospital, Portsmouth, Virginia. Captain Sorensen served with 1st Marine Division, Republic of Vietnam.

Upon receiving his commission as an Ensign, Medical Service Corps, in March 1980, he was assigned to 2nd Medical Battalion, 2nd Force Service Support Group, Camp Lejeune, North Carolina. He also served at Naval Hospital, Rota, Spain and the Navy Environmental and Preventive Medicine Unit No. 2, Norfolk, Virginia.

Captain Sorensen served as Executive Officer, 2nd Medical Battalion, and 2nd Force Service Support Group. He deployed with the Battalion to Southwest Asia during Operation Desert Shield and Desert Storm in the liberation of Kuwait. He served as Officer-in-Charge, Branch Medical Clinic, Sasebo, Japan. He then served as Commanding Officer, 1st Medical Battalion, 1st Force Service Support Group. In September 2000, Captain Sorensen reported as Executive Officer/Officer in Charge, Medical Treatment Facility, USNS MERCY (T-AH 19). He reported as the Officer in Charge of the Fleet Hospital Operations and Training Center in August 2003.

Captain Sorensen received his Bachelor of Arts from Pepperdine University. He later attended Troy State University and was awarded a Master of Science. He is a graduate of the Marine Corps Command and Staff College.

Captain Sorensen's military awards include the Legion of Merit, Meritorious Service Medal (with two gold stars), Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal, the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal (with gold star), the Presidential Unit Citation, the Combat Action Ribbon, the

Vietnam Service Medal (with 4 bronze stars and FMF Combat Operations Insignia), Fleet Marine Force Service Ribbon, and thirteen others.