



SHANE E. LAWSON
CAPTAIN
NURSE CORPS
UNITED STATES NAVY

Captain Shane E. Lawson enlisted in the United States Navy in 1992 as an Electronics Technician, serving aboard USS *Peterson* (DD-969) and at Shore Intermediate Maintenance Activity, Mayport, Florida. Selected for the Medical Enlisted Commissioning Program, he earned a Bachelor of Science in Nursing from Jacksonville University and was commissioned in 2002.

He began his Nurse Corps career at Naval Hospital Jacksonville, deploying in support of operations in Iraq and Kuwait. Selected for the Navy Nurse Corps Anesthesia Program, he earned a Master of Science in Nursing from Georgetown University and became a Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist.

Captain Lawson reported to Naval Medical Center Portsmouth, where he deployed as an Individual Augmentee to an Army Forward Surgical Team supporting Joint Special Operations Forces in Zabul Province, Afghanistan. He subsequently served with Fleet Surgical Team EIGHT, deploying aboard USS *Bataan* (LHD-5), USS *Wasp* (LHD-1), USS *San Antonio* (LPD-17), and USS *New York* (LPD-21) in support of combat operations, humanitarian response, and joint exercises.

His leadership assignments include Division Officer, Anesthesia Department, Naval Medical Center Portsmouth; Deputy Department Head for Medical aboard USS *Gerald R. Ford* (CVN-78); Director of Surgical Services, U.S. Naval Hospital Guantanamo Bay, Cuba; Assistant Specialty Leader for Navy Nurse Anesthesia; Executive Officer, Expeditionary Medical Facility Juliet; Director of Surgical Services, NMRTC Rota, Spain; and Executive Officer, NMRTC Great Lakes.

A graduate of the Naval War College, Lawson earned a Master of Arts in Defense and Strategic Studies. His operational experience includes leadership of surgical support deployments in support of U.S. Central Command and Operation Inherent Resolve, COVID-19 response missions under U.S. Northern Command, and medical screening operations for more than 10,000 Afghan evacuees during Operation Allies Welcome.

Captain Lawson's awards include the Military Health System Military Nursing Leadership Award and Outstanding Military Instructor of the Year for the Uniformed Services University Nurse Anesthesia Program. His personal decorations include the Meritorious Service Medal (three awards), Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal (five awards), and Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal (four awards).