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CAPT Ralph received his BA in Government and Psychology from the University of Notre Dame in 1987. After serving as a Navy Surface Warfare Officer for five years, he resigned his active duty commission, but continued as an active reservist while attending the clinical psychology Ph.D. program at Northwestern University in Chicago. He earned his MS from Northwestern in 1994 and his Ph.D. in 1996. In 1995 he returned to active duty and completed his predoctoral internship at the National Naval Medical Center (NNMC) Bethesda. His first psychology assignment was as a staff psychologist at Naval Hospital Great Lakes, IL, where he ultimately served as the OIC of the psychological screening program at Recruit Training Command. He then served as Ship's Psychologist aboard the USS John F. Kennedy (CV-67), the first person to hold this billet. In 2001 he reported to the U.S. Naval Academy, where he served as the Psychology Section Head within the Department of Leadership, Ethics and Law. In 2004 he was assigned as Battalion Psychologist for Marine Barracks Washington and Marine Helicopter Squadron One. In this billet he served as OIC of the USMC Presidential Support Program, responsible for the screening, selection and assignment of all Marines who provided security for Presidential assets. He also served as psychologist for the White House Medical Unit. In 2007 CAPT Ralph returned to NNMC Bethesda, where he served as the Director of Mental Health. During this time he led the integration of mental health services at Walter Reed Army Hospital and NNMC, ultimately serving as the first Deputy Commander for Mental Health at the new Walter Reed National Military Medical Center. In March of 2012 he reported to the Bureau of Medicine and Surgery as the Acting Assistant Deputy Chief for Wounded, Ill and Injured Programs (M9). He currently serves as the M9 Chief of Staff. Since 2009 CAPT Ralph has also served as the Specialty Leader for Navy Clinical Psychology.