



Andrew Dean Peters
Captain, Dental Corps (DC), United States Navy
4 July 1983 – Present

USS Blue Ridge (LCC-19)

Captain Peters was born on 14 August 1957 in Allentown General Hospital, Allentown, Pennsylvania. His family lives in Lower Macungie Township, Pennsylvania, where he maintains his home of record while on active duty in the Navy. He attended Junior and Senior High Schools in Emmaus, Pennsylvania, graduating from the latter in 1975. From 1975 to 1979, he attended Dickinson College in Carlisle, Pennsylvania, where he earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Chemistry. He graduated from Temple University School of Dentistry in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, with a Doctorate of Dental Surgery Degree in May 1983. Captain Peters has been on active duty as a Navy dental officer since 4 July 1983. After attending Officer Indoctrination School at Naval Hospital, Portsmouth, Virginia, he was assigned successively to various shore, ship, Fleet Marine Force (FMF), executive medicine, and overseas activities. He served as Assistant Dental Officer, Naval Dental Clinic, Orlando, Florida (1983–85); Assistant Dental officer, Branch Dental Clinic, Marine Corps Air Station, Iwakuni, Japan (1985–86); and FMF Pacific Assistant Dental Officer, 11th Dental Company, Iwakuni, Japan (1986–87), from where he deployed to South Korea, Okinawa, and the Philippines. After his FMF tour, he was assigned as Assistant Dental Officer, Branch Dental Clinic, Marine Corps Combat Development Center, Quantico, Virginia (1987–88). In June 1988, Rear Admiral Shaffer, DC, U.S. Navy, selected then-Lieutenant Peters to serve as Administrative Assistant to Chief, Navy Dental Corps. During this tour he was promoted to Lieutenant Commander in 1989. Reporting aboard *USS Blue Ridge (LCC-19)* as Dental Department Head in June 1990, Lieutenant Commander Peters deployed for 11 months including over 110 days in combat to the Arabian Gulf for Operations Desert Shield and Storm. In June 1992, then-Lieutenant Commander Peters began his Comprehensive Dentistry Residency at Naval Postgraduate Dental School, National Naval Dental Center, Bethesda, Maryland. He graduated in June 1994 with a Certificate and a Masters Degree in Oral Biology from George Washington University. From 1994 to 1998, he served as Director, Branch Dental Clinic, Naval Air Station, Joint Reserve Base, Willow Grove, Pennsylvania. He was promoted to Commander in August 1995. In 1998, he was selected as the first Navy dentist to attend the U.S. Army–Baylor University Masters Program in Health Care Administration at Ft Sam Houston, Texas. In February 1999, he was selected for promotion to Captain. After completing the 13-month U.S. Army–Baylor Program didactic phase in June 1999, he traveled to Washington, DC, to be an Administrative Resident at the Bureau of Medicine and Surgery. Captain Peters is the first Navy Dental Corps officer to achieve Diplomate, American College of Healthcare Executives. After completing a tour as MED-05D, Special Assistant for Personnel Information Systems and Executive Management Education, from August 2000 to June 2002, he served as Assistant Director, Naval Postgraduate Dental School, National Navy Dental Center, Bethesda, and Chairman, Military Dentistry Department, from June 2002 to May 2004. After this assignment, he completed a tour as Executive Officer, 2nd Dental Battalion, Naval Dental Center, Camp Lejeune, North Carolina, including deployment for seven months as OIF 04.06-2 Dental Detachment Commander at Camp Taqaddum, Al Anbar Province, Iraq. From 2006 to 2008, Captain Peters served in the Office of the Corps Chiefs on the Navy Surgeon General Staff at the Bureau of Medicine and Surgery in Washington, DC. He currently is Head, Dental Corps Programs, Naval Support Command Manpower, Personnel, Training & Education in Bethesda, and plans to complete 30 years of service with a retirement date of 1 August 2013. Captain Peters has been awarded the following decorations and awards: Fleet Marine Force Officer Qualification (FMFOQ); Surface Warfare Medical Department Officer; Meritorious Service Medal (gold star in lieu of 3rd award), Joint Service Commendation Medal, Navy Commendation Medal (gold star in lieu of 3rd award); Navy Achievement Medal (gold star in lieu of 2nd award); Navy Unit Commendation; Navy Meritorious Unit Commendation with three bronze stars; Navy “E” Ribbon; Southwest Asia Service Medal with two bronze stars; Iraqi Campaign Medal, Navy Fleet Marine Force Service Ribbon; National Defense Service Medal; Sea Service Deployment Ribbon; Navy and Marine Corps Overseas Service Ribbon; Kuwait Liberation Medal (Saudi Arabia); Kuwait Liberation Medal (Kuwait); Expert Rifleman and Sharpshooter Pistol Ribbons. Andrew married **Cynthia Miklos** (born 16 March 1958) on 27 May 1990 with a Navy wedding at Georgetown Presbyterian Church in Washington, DC. They have two sons: **Cord Jefferson** and **Marshall Andrew**. Andrew’s parents are Commander **Ray Francis Peters Jr.** (30 October 1924–6 January 2001), a 1947 graduate from the V-12 Navy Program from University of Pennsylvania Dental School who served 23 years active and reserve in the Dental Corps, and **Pollyanna (Schaeffer)** (born 5 September 1926). Andrew’s uncle, **Charles David Peters Sr.**, served in the Army Medical Corps in the 1950s. Andrew’s cousin, **Charles David Peters Jr.**, had an 11-year active-duty career as a Navy Medical Corps officer, and his great uncle, **Arthur Peters**, served in the U.S. Army during World War I as an enlisted Construction Engineer.