



USS Puget Sound (AD-38)



Camp Arifjan, Kuwait

Charles David Peters Jr.
Lieutenant Commander U.S. Navy
25 February 1994 – 30 September 2008

Charles was born on 29 June 1972 to **Charles David Peters Sr.** (born 29 November 1932) and **Barbara Ellen Holland** (born 27 May 1943) in Allentown, Pennsylvania. At the time, the family was living Upper Milford Township, Pennsylvania. Charles attended Kings Highway Grade School in Old Zionsville, Pennsylvania, Shoemaker Elementary School and Eyer Junior High School in Macungie, Pennsylvania, and Emmaus High School in Emmaus, Pennsylvania. After graduating from high school in 1990, Charles attended Muhlenberg College in Allentown, from which he earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in 1994. Following that, he was commissioned Ensign in the Navy Reserve on 25 February 1994, and attended medical school from August 1994 to May 1998 under the Health Professions Scholarship Program at the Medical College of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. During medical school, he attended six weeks of Officer Indoctrination School in Newport, Rhode Island, and completed two months of shipboard orientation aboard Destroyer Tender *USS Puget Sound (AD-38)* in Norfolk, Virginia. Upon graduation from the Medical College, Charles was awarded a Doctor of Medicine Degree, and went on active duty as a Lieutenant in the Medical Corps. He then served his Internship and Residency in Internal Medicine at Naval Medical Center, Portsmouth, Virginia, from July 1998 to June 2001. Charles was then assigned to Naval Medical Center, San Diego, California, for his Fellowship Program in Cardiology until August 2004. After that, he served as a Cardiologist at Naval Hospital Camp Pendleton, Marine Corps Base, Camp Pendleton, California, until September 2008. While assigned to Camp Pendleton, he deployed overseas to the Expeditionary Medical Facility at Camp Arifjan, Kuwait, in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom from August 2006 to March 2007. Charles left active duty as a Lieutenant Commander on 30 September 2008 at Camp Pendleton. He then settled in Lower Macungie Township, Pennsylvania, and continued to serve in the Navy Reserve as a Cardiologist assigned to the Lehigh Valley Navy and Marine Corps Reserve Center, Navy Operational Support Center, in Allentown. Charles was awarded the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal, Meritorious Unit Commendation Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Global War on Terrorism (GWOT) Expeditionary Medal, GWOT Service Medal, Sea Service Deployment Ribbon, Army Meritorious Unit Award, and the Navy Expert Rifle and Pistol Medals. He has been a Cardiologist for The Heart Care Group on Cedar Crest Boulevard in Allentown since October 2008, and has been serving as Vice President of the Lower Macungie Township Historical Society since August 2009. Charles married **Jennifer Lynn Jackson** (born 19 February 1972) in Allentown on 25 September 1999. They have two children: **Madison Anne** and **Charles David III**. Charles's father served in the U.S. Army Medical Corps from 1959 to 1966. His cousin, **Andrew Peters**, serves on active duty in the U.S. Navy Dental Corps, and in 1991 deployed in support of Operation Desert Storm (Kuwait Liberation) and Operation Iraqi Freedom. Charles's uncle, **Ray F. Peters Jr.**, served in the U.S. Navy Dental Corps during both World War II and the Korean War.