



**CAPTAIN KRIS M. BELLAND**  
**Medical Corps, U.S. Navy**  
**Force Surgeon**  
**Commander Naval Air Forces**

Captain Belland is a 1984 graduate of the United States Naval Academy and a 1989 graduate of the Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine. He is board certified in Family Medicine and in Aerospace Medicine. Additional degrees include a Master of Strategic Studies from the USAF Air War College, a Master of Business Administration from Western Governors University, and a Master of Public Health from USUHS. Belland earned naval aviator wings in 1997, and F/A-18 Hornet qualifications and serves CNAF today as a Force Surgeon.

Belland's operational assignments include serving aboard the aircraft carriers USS Midway (CV-41), USS Independence (CV-62), and USS Carl Vinson (CVN-70) during Operations Desert Storm and Southern Watch as the flight surgeon for Carrier Air Wings Five and Fourteen respectively. He was the Senior Medical Officer and Battle Forces SEVENTH Fleet Surgeon aboard the USS Kitty Hawk (CV-63), deploying in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. Belland has accrued over 1,500 hours of flight time in various aircraft including the F/A-18, F-14, EA-6B, and S-3, with over 112 arrested landings and 25 combat missions over Iraq.

Belland has served as THIRD, FOURTH and Battle Forces SEVENTH Fleet Surgeons. As THIRD Fleet Surgeon, Belland was integrally involved in the CNO's Sea Power-21 Sea Trials – Sea Shield programs. Belland served as a homeland security/defense CBRNE /weapons of mass destruction subject matter expert. He was the operational exercise manager for the Biological Combat Assessment System, a \$120 million DTRA / PACOM-sponsored advanced technology demonstration which develops biologic sensors for unmanned aerial vehicles. As acting FOURTH Fleet / NAVSOUTH Surgeon, Belland served as an Individual Augmentation (IA) during Operation Unified Response (OUR) Haiti Earthquake disaster relief operations at FOURTH Fleet and as C7F LNO to CNFJ during Operation Tomodachi. Belland has served as Director of Health Services, Director of Surgical Services, Director of Primary Care, and interim Executive Officer at Charleston Naval Hospital. He holds certification as a Lean Six Sigma Green Belt and as a Certified Physician Executive from the American College of Physician Executives.

Belland's awards include the Meritorious Service Medal (three awards), Strike Flight Air Medal, Navy Commendation (two awards), and Navy Achievement Medal (two awards). In 2009, he received the Aerospace Medical Association's Theodore G. Lyster Award for outstanding achievement in the general field of aerospace medicine. The Society of United States Naval Flight Surgeons has presented him with the 1993 Operational Flight Surgeon of the Year Richard E. Leuhrs Memorial Award and the 2000 Sonny Carter Memorial Award. Belland was the first Navy physician to attend the USAF Air War College residence program. His paper "Aircrew Performance Cutting Edge Tech" received the Air Force Historical Foundation's Award in Research and Writing for the best aerospace report of major historical significance to the United States Air Force during the year 2001. In 2011 he received the Ashton Graybiel award in recognition of outstanding contributions by a SUSNFS member in support of some operational issue in aerospace medicine that has made a significant contribution with promise of long term impact on the health and safety of aviation. Also in 2011 he was awarded the William E. Collins award for the outstanding publication in the field of human factors awarded by the Aerospace Human Factors Association. Dr. Belland served as president of the International Association of Military Flight Surgeon Pilots from 2007 to 2009, and as President of the Society of US Naval Flight Surgeons 2011-12, and is a Fellow of the Aerospace Medical Association.