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Captain Hines was raised in Raleigh, NC and graduated from Duke University in 1996 with a Bachelor of Arts in Environmental Sciences and Policy and a minor in Chemistry. He received a Doctor of Dental Surgery from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. After two years of private practice, Captain Hines received a direct commission into the Dental Corps, United States Naval Reserve as a Lieutenant in February 2002. He completed his Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery residency at the National Naval Medical Center in Bethesda, MD in 2010. He is an honor graduate of the Naval Postgraduate School Executive Master of Business Administration program and received a Master of Science in National Resource Strategy with a Health Strategy Concentration from the Dwight D. Eisenhower School for National Security and Resource Strategy.

His operational assignments include Department Head tours on USS PELELIU LHA 5 from 2004 to 2006 and USS NIMITZ CVN 68 from 2016-2019 encompassing two WESTPAC deployments. His ashore assignments include Naval Dental Center Pearl Harbor in Hawaii, National Naval Medical Center in Bethesda, MD, and Naval Hospital Beaufort in Beaufort, SC where he served as Director for Surgical Services.

Captain Hines is a Fellow of the American Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons and a member of the Beta Gamma Sigma Business International Honor Society. He holds active licenses in North Carolina and South Carolina and maintains hospital privileges at U. S. Naval Hospital Okinawa.

Captain Hines is a graduate of Marine Corps University Amphibious Warfare School DEP Phase I, Marine Corps University Expeditionary Warfare School DEP Phase II, and Marine Corps University Command and Staff College. His operational qualifications include the Surface Warfare Medical Department Officer Pin, Officer of the Deck Underway (USS PELELIU LHA 5; USS NIMITZ CVN 68), Non-Nuclear Engineering Officer of the Watch (EOOW), and Helicopter Control Officer (HCO).

His military awards and decorations include the Meritorious Service Medal (two Gold Stars), Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal (Gold Star), Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal, and various other unit and campaign awards.