

CAPT JENNY S. BURKETT

UNITED STATES NAVY

Captain Jenny S. Burkett is a native of Roanoke, Va., and entered the Navy in May 1997 from Naval Reserve Officer Training Corps at the University of Virginia, where she earned a Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree. She reported to Naval Medical Center San Diego in June 1997.

Upon arrival at Naval Medical Center San Diego, she reported to Inpatient Internal Medicine, where she served as staff nurse. She transferred to the Intensive Care Unit in January 2000, to begin her critical care nursing practice. She transferred to US Naval Hospital Okinawa, Japan, in May 2001, where she served for two years as staff nurse, Special Care Unit, completed a Master in Business Administration from Touro University International, and obtained national certification as a Critical Care Registered Nurse. Accepted into graduate school through Duty Under Instruction, she attended University of Maryland, Baltimore, where she received her Master of Science degree in Emergency, Trauma, and Critical Care Nursing in May 2005. She completed her Clinical Nurse Specialist licensure from the Commonwealth of Virginia in July 2005.

Upon completion of her graduate program, she reported to National Naval Medical Center, Bethesda, Md. She served as staff nurse, Intensive Care Unit, and division officer, Intensive Care Unit. Capt Burkett also served as Nurse Corps officer for the Medical Evaluation and Treatment Unit, where she cared for the President and family, as well as escorted him on visits to wounded warriors from Operations Iraqi and Enduring Freedom.

In July 2007, Capt Burkett reported to US Naval Hospital Naples, Italy, where she served as division officer, Surgery Clinic. She then transitioned to department head, Multi-Service Unit, for the remainder of her tour. Capt Burkett transferred to Naval Medical Center Portsmouth, Va., in August 2010, where she served as division officer, Intensive Care/Stepdown Unit. She deployed to Helmand Province, Afghanistan, in support of 1st Marine Expeditionary Force (Forward), from July 2012 to February 2013. During this deployment, she served as shock trauma platoon/forward resuscitative surgical nurse for Combat Outpost Shukvani, as well as senior nurse for Charlie Company, First Medical Battalion. She earned her Fleet Marine Force (FMF) Officer Warfare device while in Afghanistan. On return from deployment, Capt Burkett returned to Naval Medical Center Portsmouth, where she served as department head, Critical Care.

Upon transfer to Naval Medical Center Camp Lejeune in 2014, Capt Burkett held a variety of positions. She served as clinical nurse specialist for the Intensive Care and Multi-Service Units, as well as interim director, Quality Management, prior to being selected as deputy director, Nursing Services. From 2018 to 2021, Capt Burkett held the position of director, Nursing Services and chief nursing officer, US Navy Medicine Readiness and Training Command, Okinawa, Japan. There she attained certification as Nurse Executive, Advanced. She currently holds the position of Executive Officer, US Navy Medicine Readiness and Training Command, Yokosuka, Japan.

Capt Burkett's personal decorations include the Meritorious Service Medal, Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal (three gold stars), the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal (one gold star), and various unit and service awards.