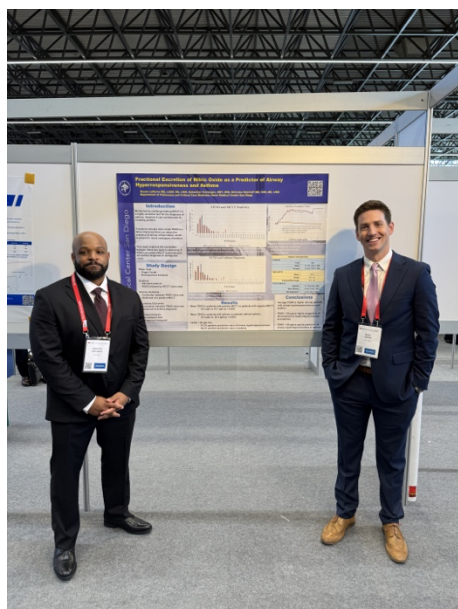


Fostering Excellence: NMCS D's Proud Legacy

Pulmonary and Critical Care Division



Program/Fellowship Notes

from JS Parrish- Associate Program Director
Clinical Professor of Medicine

Our fellows and staff presented seven abstracts at the American Thoracic Society meeting in San Francisco and three abstracts at CHEST 2025 in Chicago.

LCDR Daniel LaMorte and HM1 Sebastian Fontages (NMCS D RT) presented NMCS D Research at European Respiratory Society annual conference in Amsterdam, Netherlands in September 2025

Presentation title: Fractional Excretion of Nitric Oxide as a Predictor of Airway Hyperresponsiveness and Asthma.

CAPT Russell Miller continues to excel in his academic career with first authorship and chair of the **American Association for Bronchology and Interventional Pulmonary Guidelines on Bronchoscopic Diagnosis and Staging of Lung Cancer.**

https://journals.lww.com/bronchology/fulltext/2025/10010/american_association_for_bronchology_and.1.aspx

Despite the marked reduction in funding for GME in the DOD our Fellowship has maintained a solid academic footing. We will continue to train two fellows each year. With the assistance of the PCCM Foundation we have been able to provide our fellows with additional training opportunities in Mechanical Ventilation, Lung Pathology, and Point of Care Ultrasound. We are extremely grateful for the support that our alumni have provided us.

Department Deployments

LCDR Robert Trentacosta DMS USNS Mercy

During Pacific Partnership 24, USNS Mercy sailed from San Diego across the Pacific to the Republic of the Marshall Islands, Solomon Islands, Pohnpei and Chuuk in the Federated States of Micronesia, and Palau . Over four months, our multinational team performed more than 410 surgeries and thousands of medical, dental and optometry consultations. The mission emphasized “side-by-side” capacity building; Navy surgeons completed 74



joint operations with host-nation doctors, sharing skills such as laparoscopic gallbladder removal . In the Solomon Islands, we were the primary medical support for the 2023 Pacific Games—covering 150 event days across 17 venues. In Pohnpei, a fly-in team conducted over fifty medical engagements and 29 surgeries, and held disaster-response workshops and search-and-rescue exercises. Each stop combined clinical care, engineering projects and public-health training, forging enduring friendships throughout the region.



Our on-board intensive care unit stayed busy, managing everything from status epilepticus and anaphylaxis to acute stroke, hemorrhagic shock and post-cardiac arrest resuscitations—with gratifying outcomes for all our patients. My favorite way to greet each day was with an espresso at sunrise, but ship life also meant group workout sessions, Arrested Development marathons, BINGO nights, spirited ping-pong tournaments and the occasional book club. Crossing the equator and International Date Line added a touch of naval tradition. Ashore, we worked shoulder-to-shoulder with local physicians: in Majuro we rounded on complex cases with limited diagnostics, managing diabetic ketoacidosis by titrating to Kussmaul breathing and running pulmonary clinics; in Honiara we improvised with normal saline to treat complicated pleural infections when tPA and dornase were unavailable; in Pohnpei we taught point-of-care ultrasound and gave regular grand rounds; in Palau we helped open their new ICU, trained their healthcare team on ventilators and ultrasound-guided procedures and, when a break was needed, marveled at the reefs while scuba diving; and in Chuuk our pulmonary team cared for patients in the tuberculosis ward, including cases of empyema necessitans, while our critical-care nurses, lab techs



and biomedical specialists improved workflows and equipment. Across all of these experiences—clinical, educational and collegial—it was clear that the voyage’s real value lay in strengthening skills and relationships that endure beyond our time at sea.





CAPT Jonas Carmichael OIC Naval Expeditionary Unit- Baghdad

Navy Expeditionary Medical Unit 10G ROTO 18 (NEMU) provided a diverse complement of health services support from primary care to damage control resuscitation, emergency surgery, preventive medicine, biomedical repair, medical logistics, and patient movement coordination in support of Operation Inherent Resolve. The unit fielded a Role 2E facility embedded in a Department of State installation with an array of joint, US and coalition forces, Iraqi Counter Terrorist Service, Department of War, and

Department of State personnel. Aside from also providing primary care for all US and coalition forces, ROTO 18 developed a combined training program and exercises for prolonged field and casualty care, mass casualty, and medical evacuation that strengthened interoperability of joint forces in the greater Baghdad area. Our unit supported “Mercy Flights” or medical evacuation of Iraqi Counterterrorism Service members engaged in the eradication of ISIS. During the “12-Days War” and the order of departure of nearly two thousand State Department personnel, the NEMU was instrumental in providing medical support- augmenting the State Department’s Diplomatic Support Hospital mission and providing Sailors to aid during the evacuation.

The challenges of this deployment were more than those inherent in providing medical care in an austere environment. NEMU R18 was tasked with rebuilding a medical facility under a hardened structure with limited to then no engineer support during the Iran-Israel conflict. Our Sailors labored in intense heat and heightened threats to deconstruct a facility degraded from a decade of soilage from birds, erect tents, build walls, and install all electrical and plumbing necessary for a Role 3 medical facility. Everyone had an additional job to do aside from maintaining our unit’s full medical capabilities. Their dedication and “just keep steppin’ ” attitude finished the project three weeks ahead of schedule. The unit’s sense of accomplishment, ownership, and pride in showing the Army how it’s done will linger throughout their career and certainly resonated throughout Operation Inherent Resolve. In some ways we used our exclusivity as the sole Navy unit to drive cohesion. Establishing unit identity early, reinforcing our expeditionary Navy values, and engaging in group activities like our Sand Sailor trials, drove an indelible sense of pride and self-reliance.



Fair Winds and Following Seas

Dr. Robert Bondurant April 2, 1940-June 10, 2024

<https://www.harpermorrismemorialchapel.com/obituary/dr-robert-bondurant>

Did you know that you may be eligible for benefits and military honors for your funeral?

<https://www.cem.va.gov/veterans-and-families/>



Alumni Updates from Denny & Friends

(I look forward to receiving any alumni news items, photos, tall tales and/or any gouge for future Balboa Beacons at: deamundson@gmail.com.)

An update from one of the icons of pulmonary interventional bronchoscopy **JOHN BEMIS**- Currently reports he is doing well as he turns 81 next month! *(hope we all are)* He is keeping active in the community and just got back from harvesting persimmons with a volunteer group. *(persimmons??)* He resides in Santa Barbara. Sadly, his wife, Kazuko, died 15 months ago after a long battle with Alzheimer's. John has moved from his house into a condo (2836 Miradero Dr, SB) He has a daughter and 2 grandkids nearby in Montecito. He

spends the summers in Maine where he grew up and makes several trips a year to Honolulu to visit another daughter and 2 granddaughters. He continues to miss the excitement of coring out tumors with a rigid bronchoscope and placing airway stents. *(not me)*

RYAN MAVES – Continues his illustrious career at Wake Forrest in North Carolina and is co-chairing the March 2026 SCCM congress. Additionally, he is chairing the ABIM Critical Care Medicine board committee (suck up Fellows). He is also taking over the Chest infections and the Disaster Response Network at this year's Chest conference. If that's not enough, he was named deputy editor of the CHEST journal. Whenever he sees his wife, Robin, it is between his work and her job as the kidney transplant coordinator at Wake Forest. Their 3 children are continuing higher education with the 2 boys in college and daughter Astrid getting her MPH in Epidemiology. *So- what's next Ryan???*

<https://congress2026.eventscribe.net/index.asp>

BOB SARLIN- Has also moved to the great state of North Carolina and is enjoying his well-deserved retirement in Wilmington.

JUSTIN REIS- Justin finished his Fellowship in 2015 and completed a 5-year commitment in the Air Force finishing as the CCATT medical director. He subsequently joined a private practice in Pensacola, Florida and started an adult ECMO program at Ascension Sacred Heart Hospital there. He is the medical director for the ECMO program, as well as the Intensive Care unit. His outpatient work revolves around advanced bronchoscopy and lung cancer diagnostics. His wife and 3 kids make sure his dance card is full!



To the Foundation,

October 31, 2025

As the current NMCS D third year Pulmonary fellows, we would like to thank you for your generous funding this year. Because of the Foundation, we were able to attend the Mayo Clinic Mechanical Ventilation Course, Memorial Sloan Kettering Thoracic Pathology Course, and Chest Pulmonary Board Review Courses, all of which were exceptional learning opportunities which expanded upon our fellowship training. We greatly appreciate this support.

*Very Respectfully,
Kate Hughes and Derek Booth*

We hope that you will consider a contribution to help support the next generation of Navy PCCM fellows and staff. Donations to the tax deductible 501.(c)(3) foundation can be sent to: **PO Box 34487, San Diego, California, 92163** or via e-pay: <https://pay.pccmfoundation.com>

The PCCM Foundation is a 501.(c)(3) registered non-profit organization that was established in 2015 with the stated mission goal of providing support for trainees to acquire the necessary skills to excel in the practice of Pulmonary and Critical Care Medicine anywhere, anytime, under any conditions. The foundation's current and future success is dependent upon the contributions of program alumni, industry donations, and course fees collected by our teaching faculty.

NMCS D PCCM Fellowship Graduates

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| 1. Joseph D Bloom* | 19. Leslie Smith | 38. Charles Martin |
| 2. John Joseph Bouvier* | 20. Stephen McAdams | 39. J. Scott Parrish |
| 3. George Henry Barbier | 21. John Newcomer | 40. Dom Rascona |
| 4. Robert Bondurant* | 22. Stephen Baez | 41. Joseph Mondschein |
| 5. Thomas Cassidy | 23. Robert Chin | 42. Russell Gilbert |
| 6. Victor Iacovoni | 24. John Fraley* | 43. John Perri |
| 7. Thomas Farrell* | 25. Kevin Murray | 44. Peter Marco |
| 8. Robert S Conte* | 26. Webster Bazemore | 45. Carla Lamb |
| 9. James Boddicker | 27. Frank Maguire | 46. Asha Vyas Devereaux |
| 10. John Beamis | 28. Peter Bagley | 47. Richard Mahon |
| 11. Robert Sarlin | 29. Dennis Amundson | 48. Christopher Lewis |
| 12. Theodore Georges | 30. James McCarrick* | 49. Suzanne Timmer |
| 13. Robert Calloway | 31. John Connolly | 50. Samuel El Halawani |
| 14. Richard Blevins | 32. Allen Roberts | 51. David Murphy |
| 15. Edward Ebert | 33. Richard Summa | 52. William Gill |
| 16. Richard Pesce | 34. Nathan Mull | 53. David Norton |
| 17. Tony Warren | 35. Scott Sageman | 54. Christopher Stafford |
| 18. Daniel Nader | 36. Bart Gumpert | 55. Matthew Boland |
| | 37. David Bradshaw | 56. Bruce Ludwig |



57. Gregory Ruff
58. Tony Han
59. Frank Grassi
60. Ken Eisenberg
61. Lisa Jones
62. Edward Pak
63. Gregory Matwiyoff
64. Michael Tripp
65. Alok Shah
66. Steven Escobar
67. Konrad Davis
68. Gilbert Seda
69. Thuy Lin
70. James Prah
71. Jose Gomez
72. Steven Praske
73. Jonas Carmichael
74. Richard Hedelius
75. Russel Miller
76. Justin Stocks
77. Justin Reis
78. Ryan Maves
79. Michael Kavanaugh
80. Mike Powers
81. Alex Perry
82. Evan Butlin
83. Garrett Harp
84. Patricia Hogan
85. Michael Monson
86. Charles Volk
87. Patrick Moon
88. Jeff Biberston
89. Neil Partain
90. Ashley Alex
91. Paul Cusmano
92. Bobby Trentacosta
93. Brian Tran
94. Evan Ewers
95. Nick Rohrhoff
96. Steve Hughes
97. Sean Foley
98. Matthew Russell

99. Kimberly Boyd
100. Stacy Chow
101. Daniel LaMorte

Current Fellows

102. Derek Booth
103. Kathryn Hughes
104. Erin Hourigan
105. Joseph Boone
106. Henry Weaver
107. Emily Fisher

PCCM Faculty who graduated from other programs:

Donald Reid*
Donald C. Kent*
Richard Schillaci*
Tom Walsh
Jeff Miller
Richard Kanak
David Stroh
Steven Crawford
Lin Weaver
Lonnie Ruben
Mark Chung
Tim Quast
Jesse Sherratt
Nikunj Bhatt
Dean Gubler
James Harrell

****Deceased***

*Training records from the initial years of the fellowship program are sparse. At this point we are unsure of the exact date that the fellowship program was initiated (circa 1967) and we are unsure of the initial program graduates. If you have any insight into the initial history please reach out to **Scott Parrish**.
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