

## Navy Captain Richard F. Stoltz



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Capt. Richard Stoltz is the director of the Defense Centers of Excellence for Psychological Health and Traumatic Brain Injury (DCoE).

He is responsible for the work of DCoE headquarters and centers, the Defense and Veterans Brain Injury Center, the Deployment Health Clinical Center and the National Center for Telehealth and Technology, and a combined mission to improve the lives of our nation's service members, families and veterans by advancing excellence in psychological health and traumatic brain injury (TBI) prevention and care.

Stoltz was commissioned as a Lieutenant in the United States Navy in 1986 and began his military career as a clinical psychology intern at National Naval Medical Center in Bethesda, Md. (NNMC). In 1987 he completed his internship and received his doctorate from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

He was assigned to Naval Hospital Philadelphia where he provided inpatient, outpatient and substance abuse services, and then Naval Medical Center Portsmouth, Va., where he served two years as the supervisor of outpatient services and two years as the attending inpatient psychologist. Stoltz then served as the executive officer and clinical director of the Addictions Rehabilitation Center at Norfolk Naval Station, Va., where he integrated three outpatient clinics into the command, expanded the services to include all drug addictions, and opened the services to civilian beneficiaries and active-duty personnel.

After transferring to the Navy Bureau of Medicine and Surgery in Washington, D.C., (BUMED), Stoltz served as program manager for mental health and substance abuse programs and later as the deputy director of clinical operations. In this position he supervised patient safety, population health, case management, primary care and

specialty care. He originated and facilitated the primary care and mental health advisory boards and served as the specialty leader for clinical psychology.

In 2004, Stoltz was named the director of behavioral health services at NNMC, which included the adult inpatient unit, child and adolescent outpatient program, substance abuse department and adult outpatient clinic. The following year he became the director of women's, children's, emergency room, behavioral health and primary care services at NNMC.

Next, as the assistant chief of staff at BUMED, Stoltz provided leadership, management and staff coordination for Navy Medicine headquarters operations. He then became the officer-in-charge at the Naval Branch Health Clinic Bahrain, directing daily operations of health care services in support of 80 tenant commands and Fifth Fleet service personnel, before returning to the states to serve as the executive officer of Naval Health Clinic, New England.

Most recently, Stoltz was the commanding officer of Naval Hospital Guantanamo Bay and commander of the Joint Medical Group, Joint Task Force, Guantanamo Bay, directing all medical care provided at Guantanamo Bay including the naval hospital, detention hospital, inpatient behavioral health unit and multiple medical clinics.

Stoltz's personal decorations include the Legion of Merit, Meritorious Service Medal (two awards), Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal (three awards), Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal (two awards) and various service awards.



**Dr. Alison Cernich** is a Board Certified Neuropsychologist, Deputy Director of the Defense Centers of Excellence for Psychological Health and Traumatic Brain Injury (DCoE), and Senior Liaison to DCoE for the Department of Veterans Affairs, Rehabilitation and Prosthetics Service. She is also an Assistant Professor of Neurology and Psychiatry at the University of Maryland School of Medicine. Her areas of expertise include traumatic brain injury, computerized neuropsychological assessment, cognitive neuropsychology and polytrauma rehabilitation.

## EDUCATION

- PHD (2002) Fairleigh Dickinson University, New Jersey
- (Continue degrees, etc.)