



A native of Ridgecrest, California, Lieutenant Commander David A. Nissan entered Naval Service through the Reserve Officer Training Corps at the University of Rochester, graduating with a B.S. in Biochemistry and a B.A. in History. LCDR Nissan attended Weill Cornell Medical College, completed Psychiatry Residency at New York-Presbyterian Hospital, where he served as the Chief Resident before entering active service at Naval Medical Center Portsmouth (NMCP) in 2016. At Naval Medical Center Portsmouth, LCDR Nissan deployed to Puerto Rico with the USNS Comfort on its mission to support humanitarian operations in the aftermath of Hurricane Maria. At the hospital, he served as the Medical Student Psychiatry Clerkship Director, Associate Program Director, and Acting Program Director from July to December 2018. While program director, he completed a comprehensive review of the residency program to update and modernize the curriculum, shifting to an increased focus on operational and core clinical relevance. In 2018, LCDR Nissan created an embedded mental health program for the surface warfare community of the Seventh Fleet, where he established and led a multidisciplinary team to provide comprehensive mental health treatment to the Sailors on the cruisers and destroyers forward deployed in Yokosuka, Japan. Dr. Nissan is currently serving as the Psychiatry Residency Program Director at Naval Medical Center San Diego, the largest psychiatry program in the Navy, overseeing a gradual expansion from 24 to 32 residents, and increasing the residency's focus on operational and academic excellence.