

CAPTAIN TED J. CAMAISA
Dental Corps
United States Navy (ret)

The son of a US Navy logistics officer, Captain Ted Camaisa grew up on naval bases in Yokosuka, Japan; Patuxent River, Maryland, and Athens, Georgia. He earned a Bachelor of Science degree from San Diego State University in 1985 and a Doctor of Dental Surgery degree from the University of California, San Francisco in 1989. While in dental school he was enrolled in the 1925I dental student program and was commissioned a lieutenant upon graduation.



Captain Camaisa was first assigned to Naval Dental Center, Camp Pendleton, California where he served as clinic director, Edson Range Dental Clinic. He was transferred to the USS Cape Cod (AD-43) in Dubai, United Arab Emirates, to support coalition surface forces during Operation Desert Storm. While returning from the Persian Gulf, he received a humanitarian award for aiding in disaster relief efforts in the Asia Pacific Region. He coordinated the 'Partners in Education' program with local schools and was recognized by the United Way for his volunteer efforts. In February 1993, Captain Camaisa reported to Branch Dental Clinic, Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego. Following his graduation in 1997 from the Advanced Clinical Program in General Dentistry at Naval Dental Dental Center, Southwest, Captain Camaisa reported to US Naval Dental Center Far East as clinic director, Naval Computer and Telecommunications Station, Guam. While on Guam, he led a humanitarian mission to Tinian Island in the Marianas to provide and improve medical and dental care to island residents. In 2000 he was transferred to 1st Dental Battalion, Camp Pendleton and assigned as clinic director, Branch Dental Clinic Horno. During the summer of 2002 his family moved to the high desert where he served as Company Commander 23d Dental Company and clinic director, Branch Dental Clinic Twentynine Palms. He deployed with the First Marine Expeditionary Force to Central Command as Officer in Charge, Dental Clinic and Triage Officer, Combat Service Support Company 151 during the height of combat operations in support of Iraqi Freedom. Captain Camaisa was transferred to Port Hueneme in August 2004 and served as Force Dental Officer, Pacific Fleet Seabees and Head of Dental Services, Naval Branch Health Clinic Port Hueneme. He reported to Naval Medical Center, San Diego in 2009, where he served as staff dentist and chairman of the command awards board, subsequently retiring after 24 years of active service. He received the University of California San Francisco Dental Alumni Medal of Honor in April 2012 for his civic and professional accomplishments.

Captain Camaisa's awards and decorations include the Meritorious Service Medal (with one gold star), Navy Commendation Medal (with three gold stars), Navy Achievement Medal (with two gold stars), Presidential Unit Citation, Joint Meritorious Unit Award, Meritorious Unit Commendation (with bronze star), National Defense Medal, Southwest Asia Service Medal (with bronze star), Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary and Service Medals,

Humanitarian Service Medal, Sea Service Deployment Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon, and Kuwait Liberation Medal (Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and Kuwait).

He is married to the former Rhiza Errasquin, from San Diego, California, and they have three daughters, Teriza, Nina and Leah.