

**U.S. Navy Medical Service Corps Promotes
NSU College of Pharmacy Alumni to Commander**



**Christopher G. Lynch, Pharm.D., M.Ed., is congratulated by
Rear Admiral, Bob Kiser, US Navy Medical Service Corps**

Christopher G. Lynch, Pharm.D., M.Ed., College of Pharmacy alumni, class of 1997, was officially promoted to Commander by Rear Admiral, Bob Kiser, Inaugural Commandant for the Military's Medical Education & Training Campus (METC), on October 7, 2011 at Ft. Sam Houston, TX. Dr. Lynch's promotion by the U.S. Navy to the rank of commander designates him as a "senior officer." Officers promoted to this rank commensurately wear a cover that has clusters of oak leaves on the brim to distinguish them from junior officers. Dr. Lynch has received numerous awards for his overall leadership and professional achievement, including four (4) Navy & Marine Corps Commendation Medals; the Navy & Marine Corps Achievement Medal; two (2) Admirals' Letter of Commendation for specific leadership actions; and (4) Commanding Officers' Letter of Commendation for the superior performance of his duties.

Dr. Lynch enlisted in the Navy in 1986 at the age of 17, and served in the junior enlisted ranks until commissioned as a Lieutenant in the Navy's Medical Service Corps in 1997. Since graduating from pharmacy school, he has served in a multitude of military pharmacy positions throughout the United States. In his current position, Dr. Lynch serves as the inaugural director for a first of its kind, joint-military service pharmacy technician training program that is recognized as the premiere program within the profession. He leads a multiservice team of 35 faculty pharmacists and technicians tasked with instructing > 560 students annually. He was also a key player in a ground breaking partnership between the Veteran's Health Administration and Department of Defense for the development of \$4M in state of the art Computer-Based

Training courses for entry level pharmacy technician training as well as continuing education for all federal pharmacy technicians.

In the summer of 2007, Dr. Lynch was deployed as Chief Pharmacist aboard the U.S. Naval Hospital Ship USNS COMFORT (TAH-20) in support of the “Partnership for the Americas” humanitarian medical mission to Central and South America. His military and civilian comprised pharmacy team dispensed over 136K prescriptions both ashore and afloat to patients from 12 different countries. Additionally, Dr Lynch was the first Navy pharmacist selected for post graduate training to obtain a master of education, preparing him for his future military pharmacy educational assignments. As Chief of the Ancillary Services for the Naval Branch Health Clinic in Mayport, FL, homeport for >26 U.S. Navy ships, he directed the operations for the pharmacy, laboratory, and radiography departments. His first assignment as a Navy pharmacist was as Assistant Chief of the Pharmacy Department, and as the Family Medicine Residency Program’s Clinical Pharmacist at Naval Hospital Pensacola, Florida from 1997-2002.

Dr. Lynch is licensed in Florida and Texas and holds professional affiliations with the American Pharmaceutical Association, Phi Lambda Sigma Pharmacy Leadership Society, and the Phi Delta Chi pharmacy fraternity. He has conducted numerous national presentations to military pharmacists, technicians, and organizations throughout the U.S. for over ten years. Dr. Lynch will be transferred in February, 2011 to the Naval Hospital in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba where he will serve as Chief of Pharmacy Services for an eighteen-month unaccompanied tour of duty.



Photos above: Joined by his wife, Jennifer and his three children, fourteen year old Ryan and ten year old Sean, placed the new shoulder boards, and his five year old daughter Lauren placed the new cover (hat) on Dr. Christopher G. Lynch during the ceremony.