

The Jewish experience in the US Military: History and Personal Reflections  
Speaker Biographies

**Rosalind Sloan, CAPT, NC, USN (Ret)**



Roz's career spanned decades and places. She graduated from the University of Connecticut's School of Nursing and worked in Boston, MA for several years before joining the U.S. Navy. She retired from the Navy and then worked for the American Nurses Association (ANA) until her final retirement at the end of 2021.

Her career in the Navy took her to Portsmouth, VA, Charleston, SC, the Philippines, San Diego and Oakland, CA, Washington, DC, Great Lakes, IL, Naples, Italy, and Pensacola, FL. She worked in the areas of Medicine, ICU, both adult and neonatal, Emergency, and Education. She was stationed in hospitals, at Corps School where the basic medical technicians are trained, Navy Medical Headquarters, and with the Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC).

The ANA represents and provides policy and guidance for all registered nurses in the United States. Roz worked developing and providing quality courses, workshops, and conferences for registered nurses in the United States and worldwide.

Since retiring, she learned to play piano and returned to playing the flute after 40+ years. She devotes time to volunteer work. She lives in Arlington with her husband Art and dog, Duvee.

**Marc D. Herwitz, CAPT, MSC, USN**



A native of Chicago, Captain Herwitz received his commission as a Medical Service Corps Officer in the United States Navy, August 2001, and reported for duty to Naval Hospital Great Lakes, North Chicago, Illinois, where he provided eye care services and served as the Department Head of Optometry.

Subsequent assignments include Director of Clinical Support Services, Naval Hospital Lemoore, California; Officer-In-Charge, Naval Branch Health Clinic Brunswick, Maine; Clinic Head of the USS Red Rover, Branch Health Clinic 1523, Captain James A. Lovell Federal Health Care Center, North Chicago, Illinois; Executive Officer, Naval Ophthalmic Support and Training Activity (NOSTRA) and Training Officer of the Tri-Service Optician School, Yorktown, Virginia; Chief Ancillary Informatics Officer and Deputy Director, U.S. Navy Bureau of Medicine and Surgery (BUMED), Falls Church, Virginia.

In August 2019, he reported as Commanding Officer, Naval Ophthalmic Support and Training Activity where he directed the Tri-Service combat and ophthalmic eyewear program for over 1.9M Department of Defense beneficiaries. In August 2021, he returned to BUMED to serve as the Director of Education and Training. In June 2022 he was appointed as BUMED's first Director of Maritime Headquarters, overseeing all of the Navy Surgeon General's Title X responsibilities to include manpower (active duty and reserve), medical logistics, information technology, training and financial resources.

Captain Herwitz is a graduate of the Illinois College of Optometry where he attained his doctorate. He completed a Master in Healthcare Administration at Seton Hall University, South Orange, New Jersey, graduating valedictorian. He also graduated from the Marine Corps University, Command and Staff College, Quantico, Virginia, with a Master in Military Studies. His personal awards include the Legion of Merit Medal, Meritorious Service Medals, Navy Commendation Medals, and Navy Achievement Medal as well as other service related medals and awards. He is a Fellow of the American Academy of Optometry and the American College of Healthcare Executives.