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VETERANS DAY RELEASE 2

VETERANS DAY SPEAKER
DOCTOR MARK OLESEN
U.S. NAVY CAPTAIN, RET.



HERTFORD, NC - Dr. Mark Olesen, an Occupational and Environmental Medicine Specialist, and U.S. Navy Captain [Retired], will be the guest speaker at the Perquimans County Veterans Observance, Saturday, Nov. 11, 2017. Captain Olesen has been providing primary care services to military veterans at the Veterans Administration [VA] Albemarle Outpatient Clinic in Elizabeth City, NC, since September 2012.

A native of Milwaukee, WI, Captain Olesen received his bachelor of sciences degree from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee and his doctorate of medicine from the Medical College of Wisconsin. He completed a transitional internship at Naval Hospital Oakland, CA, and his residency in occupational and environmental medicine at the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences. As part of his residency, Captain Olesen also earned his Masters in Public Health.

Upon completion of his internship in 1984, he reported to the carrier USS Enterprise as a general medical officer, then reassigned as assistant senior medical officer at Branch Medical

Clinic, Naval Air Station, Alameda, CA. He served as senior medical officer, Branch Medical Clinic, Washington Navy Yard, prior to becoming specialized in occupational and environmental medicine.

After his residency, he was assigned as Head, Occupational Health Clinics, Naval Surface Warfare Centers, Indian head, Md., and Dahlgren, VA. During that tour, he was also selected for the concurrent assignment as Head, Wellness Department, National Naval Medical Center, and Division Officer, Occupational Medicine.

Captain Olesen has held medical positions at the Navy environmental Health Center, Bureau of Medicine and Surgery and in 1999 he was transferred to Naval Medical Center, Portsmouth. He reported to Naval Hospital Kelavik as Executive Officer in April 2002. He returned to Portsmouth Medical Center in November 2002, later becoming deputy commander, National Naval Medical Center. In June 2006, Captain Olesen assumed command at Naval Hospital Camp Lejeune and finished his military career in September 2012 as the sole occupational medicine physician supporting Naval services for the Eastern United States and Europe.

Captain Olesen is certified in Occupational and Environmental Medicine by the American Board of Preventive Medicine. He is also a certified Medical Review Officer and Independent Medical examiner. He has more than twenty years of experience in the field of occupational medicine as a clinician and regional, national, and international program manager.

Hertford American Legion Post 126 presents this annual Perquimans County Veterans Day Observance. This year's observance will honor and recognize Perquimans County living Vietnam Era veterans. Veterans in attendance will be recognized and provided with the nation's commemorative Vietnam Service Lapel Pin

The observance will be held on the Courthouse lawn at the Veterans Monument,

Saturday, Nov. 11, beginning at 11 a.m. In case of inclement weather, the observance will be moved to the County Recreation Center off Harvey Point Road. The road in front of the courthouse will be closed prior to the observance. However vehicles will be permitted to enter the street to drop off those with handicaps. Parking will be limited on the street prior to the observance.