

**United States Navy
Biography
Lieutenant Commander Eric J Koch
Medical Corps**



LCDR Koch, originally from New York, attended the University of Albany and earned his Bachelor of Science in Biology in 2008. He received his commission in 2008 via the Health Professions Scholarship Program (HPSP) and went on to earn his Doctor of Osteopathy degree from New York College of Osteopathic Medicine in 2012.

Following medical school, he completed a Transitional Year internship from 2012-2013 at Naval Medical Center San Diego and was chosen as Transitional Intern of the Year. After internship, he transferred to Naval Undersea Medical Institute where he completed the Undersea Medical Officer course in June of 2014.

From June 2014 - June 2017 he was assigned to 3d Reconnaissance Battalion, 3d Marine Division, III Marine Expeditionary Force in Okinawa, Japan.

During this tour, he served as the Senior Medical Officer and earned his Basic Airborne Insignia, Fleet Marine Force (FMF) Officer Qualification and the Navy and Marine Corps Parachutist Badge.

LCDR Koch completed his Emergency Medicine residency at Naval Medical Center San Diego (NMCSA) from June 2017 – June 2021. During this time, he served as Academic Chief Resident and was heavily involved with the Combat Trauma Research Group, successfully publishing one research article and giving four podium presentations at national medical conferences.

In July 2021, LCDR Koch reported to Bravo Company, 2nd Medical Battalion in Portsmouth, Virginia where he is serving as an Emergency Medicine physician and Assistant Program Director for the Emergency Medicine residency program at Navy Medicine Readiness and Training Center Portsmouth.

LCDR Koch enjoys spending time with his wife Amy, who is a pediatrician, and his two children, Piper and Reagan. He is an active Wilderness Medical Society member and became a Fellow of the Academy of Wilderness Medicine (FAWM) in 2018.