



Rear Admiral Guido F. Valdes



Rear Adm. Guido F. Valdes is a native of San Juan, Puerto Rico. He holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Biology from the University of Miami, Florida. He earned his Doctor of Medicine degree from the University of Miami School of Medicine in 1992 as a Navy Health Professions Scholarship recipient and upon graduation reported for active duty.

Valdes' professional training includes transitional internship at the National Naval Medical Center and emergency medicine residency at Naval Medical Center Portsmouth. He is board certified by the American Board of Emergency Medicine.

He has served in various positions throughout Navy Medicine to include general medical officer, Branch Health Clinic Gaeta, Italy; staff emergency physician, U.S. Naval Hospital Naples, Italy; U.S. Naval Hospital Rota, Spain; and Naval Medical Center Portsmouth; executive officer, Naval Hospital Pensacola; commanding officer, Naval Health Clinic Corpus Christi; and deputy commander, Naval Medical Forces Atlantic.

Operationally, he served as officer in charge of the Shock Trauma Platoon/Forward Resuscitative Surgical Site at Camp Korean Village in Al-Anbar province, Iraq during Operation Iraqi Freedom; officer in charge, Fleet Surgical Team Six; force surgeon, Riverine Group One; executive officer, Role 3 Multinational Medical Unit, Kandahar, Afghanistan during Operation Enduring Freedom; and force surgeon, U.S. Naval Forces Central Command/Fifth Fleet.

Valdes is qualified as a Fleet Marine Force Warfare Officer. His personal decorations include the Legion of Merit (two awards), Meritorious Service Medal (four awards), Navy Commendation Medal (two awards), Navy Achievement Medal and various other unit and campaign awards.