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Michael R. Andersen, DDS, FACP was born and raised in San Antonio, Texas. He graduated from the University of Texas at Austin with a Bachelor of Science in Biology in 2005 and graduated from the University of Texas Health Science Center San Antonio with a Doctorate of Dental Surgery in 2009. He was commissioned a Lieutenant in the US Navy in May 2009. Upon graduating from dental school, he completed a General Practice Residency at the National Naval Medical Center, Bethesda, Maryland. Subsequently, he served a two-year operational assignment as the dental officer aboard the USS Ashland (LSD-48) stationed in Norfolk, Virginia.

Commander Andersen completed residency training in Prosthodontics at the Naval Postgraduate Dental School in Bethesda, Maryland as well as earned a master's degree in Oral Biology from the Uniformed Services University of Health Sciences.

Upon graduation, he received the Chief of the Dental Corps Award for Excellence, awarded to the top graduate across all Naval Postgraduate Dental School residency programs for clinical and academic performance. Dr. Andersen achieved Board Certification by the American Board of Prosthodontics in August 2015. He is also a Fellow of the American College of Prosthodontists.

After residency training, he reported to Naval Health Clinic Hawaii in August 2015 and served as the command dental laboratory officer and established the first OCONUS Navy dental prosthetic laboratory with 5-axis milling and 3D printing capabilities. He concurrently served as the Specialty Leader for Clinical Restorative Digital Dentistry from August 2016 through June 2018. Following the tour Hawaii, Dr. Andersen graduated from fellowship at MD Anderson Cancer Center, Houston, Texas with a Certificate in Oral Oncology and Maxillofacial Prosthodontics in June 2019.

Commander Andersen reported to Navy Medicine Readiness and Training Command San Diego in July 2019 and is currently serving as a Department Head Area Dental Laboratory Naval Station San Diego, BUMED Specialty Leader for Dental Laboratory Services, and staff maxillofacial prosthodontist at Balboa Hospital. Dr. Andersen is actively involved with various ACP committees, including the Recertification Task Force, Parameters of Care Task Force, and Nominating Committee.