

IN MEMORIAM

Commander Michael Todd Mazurek, MD



COMMANDER Michael Todd Mazurek was born on February 9, 1968. He grew up in Philadelphia, surrounded by a loving family. One of his early passions was playing football. He played very hard and never backed down. He played life the same way. In 1998, he married Lisa. Mike and Lisa had many adventures together, most importantly sharing in the arrival of their three boys Adam, Dylan, and Spencer.

Mike went to Dickinson College in Pennsylvania, where he was a three-time varsity letter winner in football. He was commissioned as an ensign in the Navy in

1990, and attended the Uniformed Services University School of the Health Sciences, where he received his M.D. degree in 1994. He completed a surgery internship at Naval Medical Center, San Diego, and then served as Battalion Surgeon for the 1st SRIG, I MEF based at Camp Pendleton.

While with the Marines, he deployed overseas. Mike was selected for an orthopaedic residency in 1997, completing his training at Naval Medical Center, San Diego in 2001. Mike was then selected for a Navy sponsored fellowship in Orthopaedic Traumatology at Carolinas Medical Center which he completed in 2002.

Following fellowship training, he returned to Naval Medical Center, San Diego where he was named Director of the Orthopaedic Trauma, Tumor and Reconstruction Service. In this capacity, he was responsible for treating many war wounded having musculo-skeletal injuries. He deployed with the Marines to Fallujah, Iraq in 2004 where he served with distinction with Bravo Surgical Company, and was decorated for his selfless actions that often occurred under fire.

He returned to Naval Medical Center, San Diego in 2005, and in 2009, he was selected as Orthopaedic Residency Program Director. In this capacity, he excelled in all aspects of leading one of the largest residency programs in the military.

Mike passed away on November 7, 2009, following a bicycle accident. Mike is survived by his wife Lisa, his sons, Adam, Dylan and Spencer, his parents Janis and Glenn Bonat and Martin and Cathy Mazurek, his grandfather Al Mashman, his sisters Andrea and Amanda, his in-laws Donna and Ralph; his sisters-in-law and families: Laura, Mike, Kari, Aaron, and Nyla, and many aunts, uncles and cousins. Mike was an amazing husband and father, a wonderful son, a super older brother, and a passionate orthopaedic surgeon. He will be remembered for his love of life.

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