



# United States Navy Biography

## CAPTAIN SHERRY W. WANGWHITE

### Chief, USMTM Riyadh

Captain Wangwhite assumed the duties and responsibilities as the Chief of United States Military Training Mission (USMTM) to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia (KSA) in June 2022.

USMTM enhances U.S. national security through building the capability and capacity of the Saudi Arabian Armed Forces (SAAF) to defend our shared interests in the Middle East.

Raised in Jacksonville, Florida, Captain Wangwhite holds a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration from the University of Florida; a Master in Healthcare Administration and a Master of Business Administration from the University of North Florida; and a Master of Arts in National Security Affairs from the Naval Postgraduate School.



Captain Wangwhite served multiple tours as a Medical Service Corps (MSC) officer before jumping the ship to become a Navy FAO Plank Owner. Her MSC assignments include Admin Officer at Naval Medical Clinic Annapolis; Patient Admin Officer at U.S. Naval Hospital Guantanamo Bay, Cuba; Medical Admin Officer onboard USS JOHN F KENNEDY (CV 67); and Plans, Operations, & Medical Intel (POMI) at Naval Hospital Pensacola.

Fluent in Mandarin Chinese and Taiwanese, Captain Wangwhite's Foreign Area Officer (FAO) assignments include China/Taiwan Desk at Commander, U.S. Pacific Fleet Headquarters (COMPACFLT); Maritime & COMSEC Programs at Office of Defense Cooperation (ODC) Singapore/Brunei and Security Cooperation Office (SCO) Taiwan; Senior Military Advisor for Bureau of South & Central Asian Affairs at the U.S. Department of State; Section Chief for Indo-Pacific & Western Hemisphere, and Deputy Branch Chief for Security Cooperation & Posture on the Chief of Naval Operations staff. A Joint Qualified Officer, Captain Wangwhite served as Chief of Naval Forces Division and Chief of Staff at USMTM prior to her selection as the Chief to lead USMTM, headquartered in Riyadh. The Kingdom is America's largest Foreign Military Sales (FMS) customer, worldwide.

Captain Wangwhite is married to Mr. Matt White, a retired Civil Servant; they have one daughter. Her decorations include: Defense Meritorious Service Medals (3), Meritorious Service Medal, Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal (3), Joint Service Achievement Medal, Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medals (3), and other personal and unit awards.