



CAPT Vicky Ottmers, DDS

Board Position: Dental Representative

CAPT Ottmers graduated from the University of Texas Health Science Center Dental School in San Antonio, TX in 2000. After graduation, she completed a two-year General Practice Residency (GPR) at Memorial Hermann Hospital, a Level I trauma center, in association with the Texas Institute of Rehabilitation and Research in Houston, TX. Upon her GPR completion, CAPT Ottmers dedicated 5 years to the Ryan White funded HIV/AIDS Dental clinic in Houston, providing much needed dental treatment for this underserved population. CAPT Ottmers was active in dental research including laboratory and clinical trials.

CAPT Ottmers joined the U.S. Public Health Service in September 2008 as a Lieutenant. Her administrative and clinical abilities were quickly recognized by executive leadership as she was selected as the Central Regional Dental Consultant (O-6 billet) one year after her call to active duty. She occupied the roles of Central Regional Dental Consultant (O-6 billet) and Local Unit Chief Dentist Pearsall (O-6 billet) simultaneously. Due to national ICE restructuring by January 2012, the Central Regional Dental Consultant position dissolved. CAPT Ottmers continued with her Local Unit Chief Dentist duties, but when Pearsall faced a critical staffing shortage in 2014, she served in additional dual roles again as acting Assistant Health Services Administrator (AHSA, O-5 billet) at ICE Processing Center Pearsall with periods of acting HSA (O-6 billet). In March 2022, CAPT Ottmers became the Acting IHSC Chief Dentist until her official selection in October 2022 while also continuing her Western Regional Dental Consultant duties. No stranger to hard work, CAPT Ottmers has performed dual O-6 billet duties for 12 out of her 17 years. In addition to her agency duties, she served as Dental PAC Chair 2016, USPHS Symposium Overall Category Day Coordinator for 11 Categories 2013-2017, the USPHS AMSUS Dental Chair 2015-2021 that developed/planned/lead the multi-disciplinary, multi-service annual AMSUS Oral Health Track session, and the ADA Alternate Delegate in 2022 and in 2023-2025 to the Dental Chief Professional Officer. CAPT Ottmers has advocated, reviewed, and obtained hundreds of continuing education hours for dental professionals in the USPHS, armed forces, and federal assets.