

## **Frank K. Butler, Jr, MD**

Dr. Frank Butler completed Basic Underwater Demolition/SEAL Training in 1972 and served as a platoon leader in both Underwater Demolition Team Twelve and SEAL Team One. After medical school, Dr. Butler spent 5 years as a Diving Medical Research officer at the Navy Experimental Diving Unit in Panama City, where he helped to develop many of the diving techniques and procedures used by Navy SEALs today, including closed-circuit oxygen diving exposure limits and decompression procedures for complex multi-level, mixed-gas diving operations conducted from submarines.

Upon completing his ophthalmology residency, Dr. Butler served as the Chief of Ophthalmology at Naval Hospital Pensacola from 1990 to 1994. He was also the Director of Biomedical Research for the Naval Special Warfare Command from 1990 to 2004. In 2003, Dr. Butler served as the Task Force Surgeon for a Joint Special Operations Counterterrorist Task Force in Afghanistan. He was the first Navy medical officer selected to be the Command Surgeon at the United States Special Operations Command. Dr. Butler now serves as the Chairman of the Committee on Tactical Combat Casualty Care (CoTCCC).

He was the first recipient of the TCCC Award in 2006, which is now named for him and is presented annually for outstanding contributions to TCCC. He was also the recipient of the 2010 Auerbach Award for exceptional contributions to Wilderness Medicine and the 2009 Norman McSwain Award for outstanding leadership in prehospital trauma care.

Dr. Butler has been Editor of both the Journal of Special Operations Medicine and the Seventh Edition of the Prehospital Trauma Life Support Manual (Military Version). He has authored approximately 70 published papers and technical reports. He has been a long-time consultant to the Diver's Alert Network for ophthalmology-related diving emergencies.

Dr. Butler's military awards include the Defense Superior Service Medal, the Legion of Merit, the Bronze Star, the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, and the Navy Meritorious Service Medal.