



BRIGADIER GENERAL FATIMA CLAIRE SANTOS NAVARRO MEDICAL CORPS
The Surgeon General
Armed Forces of the Philippines

BRIGADIER GENERAL FATIMA CLAIRE S NAVARRO MEDICAL CORPS is the 57th Surgeon General of the Armed Forces of the Philippines as designated on 01 July 2021 and the 1st female Medical Corps to have assumed the position and promoted to the flag rank. She is also designated as the Official Spokesperson of the Chief of Staff, AFP for COVID-19 cases and issues.

BGEN NAVARRO MC was born in Manila on 04 November 1967. She completed her degree in B.S Psychology at the University of Santo Tomas (UST) in Manila and pursued her studies obtaining a degree of Doctor of Medicine in the same institution. She took her Postgraduate Medical Internship and Residency Training in Pediatrics at the Armed Forces of the Philippines Medical Center. While already in the service, she underwent subspecialty training in Neonatology at the Philippine Children's Medical Center (PCMC) and went on observational rotation at Hutzel Hospital, Detroit Medical Center in Detroit, Michigan.

BGEN NAVARRO entered the Military as a Probationary 2nd Lieutenant in the Technical Service and was assigned at Philippine Air Force General Hospital after her military training, then had her Extension of Tour of Active Duty (ETAD) at the Philippine Navy where she served as a Medical Officer and lecturer on Basic Life Support at the Naval Education and Training Command (NETC) in San Antonio, Zambales. In 1995, she was reassigned to Victoriano Luna Medical Center (VLMC) for residency training, followed by subspecialty training in Neonatology. She then became the Training Officer of the VLMC Department of Pediatrics, Ward Officer of the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU), until she eventually became the Chair of the Pediatrics Department.

BGEN NAVARRO MC earned her Master's Degree in Management, Major in Hospital Administration from the Philippine Christian University and completed the Command General Staff Course with Master in Public Management Major in Development and Security in 2017 where she graduated with honors and was awarded the Most Outstanding Technical and Administrative Service (TAS) Officer and Silver Awardee for Best Action Plan and Project. She also completed her National Security Studies Program (NSSP) from National Defense College of the Philippines (NDCP) in 2020.

BGEN NAVARRO MC also held various administrative positions at VLMC of the AFP Health Service Command (AFPHSC) such as Chief of the AFPHSC Public Health Service Center, Chief of VLMC Hospital Infection Control Committee, Chief of VLMC Medical Service Division, Deputy Chief and lastly, as Chief of the Medical Center. Upon the outbreak of COVID-19, she conceptualized the establishment of the VLMC COVID-19 complex which provided full-spectrum care of moderate to critically ill patients. She also implemented the service delivery network system parallel to the roles of care in combat casualty response, thereby preventing the overwhelm of the AFP Health Service System. In the AFP's support to national government efforts, she was designated as the Deputy Commander of the AFP Regional Task Force for the National Capital Region Comprehensive and Responsive Elements (RJTF NCR CARE) which operationalized the three (3) National Isolation Facilities and one (1) Mega Swabbing Facility as well as provided oversight to the deployment of Medical Teams to augment overwhelmed hospitals within and outside National Capital Region (NCR). She is also frequently invited as lecturer or research adviser at the AFP Command and General Staff College (CGSC), National Defense College of the Philippines (NDCP) as well as in Pediatrics and Neonatology conferences/ webinars.

BGEN NAVARRO has earned numerous awards within and outside the AFP circle. Most notable were the AFP Bronze Cross and Award of Lapu-Lapu for her leadership during the AFP COVID-19 fight, Presidential Security Service Ribbon, NDCP Outstanding Alumnus Award, Phil Medical Association (PMA) Jose Rizal Award for Government Service (Finalist), Phil Association of Military Surgeons (PAMS) Award of Excellence (2022), and University of Santo Tomas (UST) Nomination for Thomas Awards. In the clinical field, she likewise received recognitions including the UST Medical Alumni Association "Young Researcher's Award", Philippine Medical Association 1st Price in Inter-Hospital Research Contest, Philippine Association of Military Surgeons (PAMS) Most Outstanding Resident for Research, 1st Place in the Annual Research Poster presentation of PCMC Clinical Training Fellows and PAMS Award for Excellence (2016).

BGEN NAVARRO MC is currently a Fellow of the Philippine Pediatric Society (PPS), Fellow of the Philippine Society of Newborn Medicine (PSNbM), Fellow of the Philippine Association of the Military Surgeons (PAMS) and Member of the Philippine Hospital Infection Control Society (PHICS).

BGEN NAVARRO MC is happily married to Rodel P Navarro and they are blessed with one daughter Claire Antoinette.