

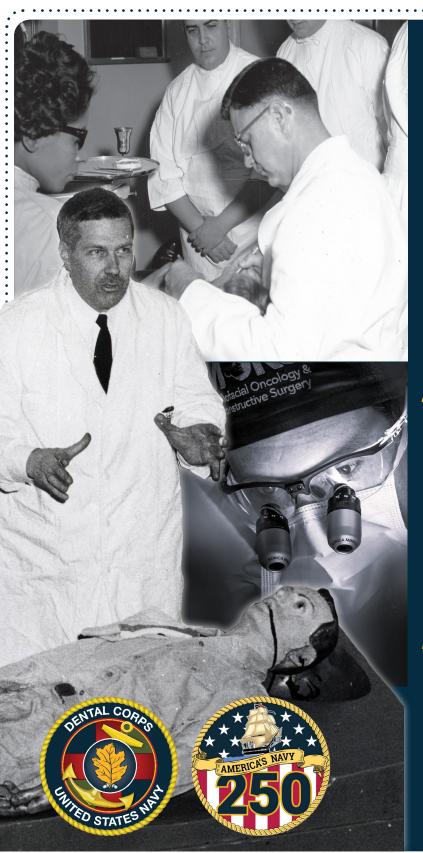
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NAVY DENTAL CORPS LEGENDS — DENTAL INNOVATORS





Dental Corps officers have long been on the vanguard of important innovations and technologies that have benefited warfighters.

In World War II, Navy dentists developed a process for fabricating acrylic eyes that would revolutionize the field of ocular prosthetics.

Capt. Victor Niiranen, DC, USN (1916-1993) can be credited for devising a mouth guard that was adopted by the National Boxing Association and a life-size bleeding maniken known as "Mr. Disaster" used for trauma training.

Navy dentists have played a vital role in shaping the field of maxillofacial restorative surgery. In 2020, Navy dentists were part of a team that performed the first immediate jaw reconstruction using 3D printed teeth.