



+ 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**.

