

**Guide and Finding Aid for  
Charles C. Lewis papers, 1961-1998**



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## **Abstract**

Contains the papers of Charles C. Lewis, a United States Navy Hospital Corpsman who was among the early graduates of the Duke University Medical Center Physician Assistant Program. Types of materials include photographs and artifacts. Major subjects include the United States Navy and physician assistants. Materials range in date from 1961 to 1998.

## **Descriptive Summary**

### Title

Charles C. Lewis papers, 1961-1998

### Creator

Lewis, Charles C.

### Extent

2 boxes,  
6 items,  
1.5 linear feet

### Repository

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### Call Number

NA

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## **Biographical/Historical Note**

Charles C. Lewis was born in Charleston, S.C. in 1943 and enlisted in the United States Navy in 1961. He attended recruit training and Navy Hospital Corps School at Great Lakes Naval Training Center in Illinois. From 1962 to 1964 he was assigned to the Charleston Naval Hospital in South Carolina as a hospital corpsman. He left active duty to attend college and received his degree from Newberry College in Newberry, South Carolina (B.A., 1969). In 1971 he received a certificate from the Duke University Medical Center Physician Assistant Program. He later went on to receive the Master of Public Health degree from the University of South Carolina.

After graduating from the Duke University Medical Center Physician Assistant program, Lewis joined the faculty body of the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center-Dallas Physician Assistant Program. From 1974 to 2004, he taught in Physician Assistant programs at the Medical University of South Carolina, Charleston, the Medical College of Georgia, East Carolina University, Nova Southeastern University, and Methodist College.

In between his faculty positions, Lewis was commissioned as a Lieutenant Junior Grade in the position of Environmental Health Officer for the Medical Service Corps. His duties were to provide preventive medicine support to deployed Marine Corps units and to train Navy medical personnel in preventive medicine. He served two tours as commanding officer of the Preventive Medicine Section, 4th Medical Battalion, Force Service Support Group, 4th Marine Division. In 1996 he was promoted to the rank of Commander (CDR) and retired at that rank in 1998. Lewis is working on his PhD dissertation.

## **Collection Overview**

Contains photographs and artifacts relating to Charles C. Lewis's career in the Navy and as a physician assistant. Materials range in date from 1961-1998.

Organized into the following series: Photographs, 1961-1998; Artifacts, circa 1964-unknown.

## **Online Catalog Headings**

Duke University. Medical Center.

Duke University. Medical Center. Dept. of Community and Family Medicine. Physician Assistant Program.

Physician Assistants.

United States--Navy--Hospital Corps.

## **Collection Series**

- **Photographs, 1961-1998**
- **Artifacts circa 1964-undated**

## **Detailed Description of the Collection**

Photographs, 1961-1998

Photographs are arranged chronologically and described to the item level.

Box OS 1

Navy boot camp, 1961

Portrait taken in Chicago, 1962

Lewis, Barnes, and Chambers at Ft. Sill, 1995

Lewis and wife (Merri) at Navy Ball in Columbia S.C., 1998

Artifacts circa 1964-unknown

Artifacts are arranged alphabetically and described to the item level.

Corpsman's dress uniform, circa, 1965

Hat, white

The American Registry of Physicians' Associates Inc. patch

Eugene A. Stead, Jr. Physician Assistant Student Society certificate, September 2, 1970