

# AQUA LUNG®

## Military & Professional

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Aqua Lung America, Inc., located in Vista, Ca. is pleased to announce that Josh Butner has joined the Military and Professional Team as the new Diving, Military & Professional Operations Division Manger. Josh retired in August 2011 from the U.S. Navy at the rank of Lt. Commander after 23 years as a U.S. Navy SEAL. He graduated with BUD/S class 159 and served as an enlisted SEAL and corpsman before earning his commission.



Josh participated in Desert Storm, Operation Restore Hope, Operation Enduring Freedom, Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation New Dawn deploying to countries including Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Somalia, Iraq, Afghanistan, Guam, Bahrain, Singapore, Malaysia, Thailand and the Philippines. Additionally, he participated in UNITAS 98, a Naval exercise that circumnavigated South America working with combat divers in Brazil, Argentina, Chile, Peru, Ecuador, Colombia and Venezuela.

Josh has experience as a combat medic, diving medical technician, combat swimmer, and a SEAL Delivery Vehicle (SDV) pilot and primary navigator. He completed SDV tours at both SDV Team One and SDV Team Two as well as SEAL Teams 1, 5 and 4. He recently returned from his final deployment to Iraq where he was the Joint Operations Center Director for the Combined Joint Special Operations Task Force Arabian Peninsula.

Josh holds a Master's Degree in Defense Analysis and National Security Affairs with honors from the Naval Postgraduate School (NPS) and plans to pursue a second Masters Degree in Marine Biodiversity and Conservation at UCSD's Scripps Institute.

Josh and his wife Lisa have 3 children and live in San Diego County.

According to Don Rockwell, CEO of Aqua Lung America, Inc, "We are thrilled to have someone with Josh's military experience and leadership on board in this newly created position at Aqua Lung America. Josh's role will be to support all of our Military and Professional customers with world-class service and support and continue to build and strengthen our capabilities to this very important segment of our business".

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