

Promotion Ceremony



In honor of

Major Brian G. Thorson

2 June 2025

1400 hours

*Office of the Surgeon General
Command Suite, Room 4SW112
7700 Arlington Boulevard
Falls Church, Virginia 22042*

Sequence of Events

Arrival of the
Official Party

National Anthem

Invocation
Chaplain (Colonel)
Eddie W. Cook

Host Remarks
Lieutenant General
Mary K. Izaguirre

Promotion Order

Placing of Rank
Mrs. Meredith Thorson
Elsie Thorson
Olivia Thorson
Naomi Thorson
Luke Thorson

Oath of Office
Lieutenant General
Mary K. Izaguirre

Honoree Remarks
Lieutenant Colonel
Brian G. Thorson

Receiving Line

Reception



Lieutenant General Mary K. Izaguirre

The Surgeon General and Commanding General,
United States Army Medical Command

Lieutenant General Mary K. Izaguirre is The 46th Surgeon General of the United States Army and Commanding General, United States Army Medical Command. Prior to her appointment as The Surgeon General and Commanding General, she served as the Commanding General, U.S. Army Medical Readiness Command, East and Chief of the U.S. Army Medical Corps.

LTG Izaguirre received her Bachelor of Science degree in Biology from Houghton College in 1991 and was commissioned through the Health Professions scholarship program as a second lieutenant in the United States Army. She received her Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine in 1995 from Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and completed residency training in Family Medicine in 1998, and Faculty Development Fellowship in 2002, both at Madigan Army Medical Center, Fort Lewis, Washington.

LTG Izaguirre is board certified in Family Medicine and is a Fellow of the American Academy of Family Physicians. She received a Master of Public Health from the University of Washington in 2002, a Master of Military Arts and Science from the Command and General Staff College in 2008, and a Master in National Security and Resource Strategy at the Dwight D. Eisenhower School of National Security and Resource Strategy in 2015.

LTG Izaguirre's military education includes the War College, Army Command and General Staff College, AMEDD Officer Advanced Course, AMEDD Officer Basic Course, Army Flight Surgeon Course, Division Surgeon Course, and Brigade Command Course.

LTG Izaguirre's military assignments include Commander, Tripler Army Medical Center, Honolulu, Hawaii from 2018-2020; Supervisory Assistant Deputy Health Affairs, Assistant Secretary of the Army for Manpower and Reserve Affairs, (MPQ), Pentagon, Washington, DC from 2015-2018; Commander, U.S. Army Health Clinic Schofield Barracks, Schofield Barracks, Hawaii from 2012-2014; Division Surgeon, 4th Infantry Division, Fort Carson, Colorado, and Tikrit, Iraq, in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation New Dawn from 2009-2012; Chief of Soldier Care, Evans Army Community Hospital, Fort Carson, Colorado from 2008-2009; Director of Residency Training, Department of Family Medicine, Fort Bragg, North Carolina from 2005-2007; Associate Program Director, Department of Family Medicine, Fort Bragg, North Carolina from 2003-2005; Deputy Surgeon, Combined Joint Civil Military Operations Task Force, Bagram, Afghanistan in 2003; Director of Research, Family Medicine Residency Program, Dewitt Army Community Hospital, Fort Belvoir, Virginia; Faculty Development Fellow, Madigan Army Medical Center, Fort Lewis, Washington from 2000-2002; and Family Medicine Residency Faculty, Madigan Army Medical Center, Fort Lewis, Washington from 1998-2000. Prior to her current position, she served as the Commanding General for Medical Readiness Command, East from 2021-2023 and Chief of the U.S. Army Medical Corps from 2022-2024.

LTG Izaguirre's military awards include the Army Distinguished Service Medal, Legion of Merit (two Oak Leaf Clusters), Bronze Star Medal (Oak Leaf Cluster), Meritorious Service Medal (three Oak Leaf Clusters), Army Commendation Medal (two Oak Leaf Clusters), and the Army Achievement Medal (Oak Leaf Cluster). LTG Izaguirre is an Army Flight Surgeon, has earned the Expert Field Medical Badge, the Army Staff Identification Badge, and holds The Surgeon General's 9A Designation. LTG Izaguirre is a member of the Order of Military Medical Merit.

LTG Izaguirre and her husband Joseph Izaguirre remain grounded through the joy and adventures of parenting their five children.



Major Brian G. Thorson

Strategic Advisor to The Surgeon General and
Commanding General, United States Army Medical Command

Major Brian G. Thorson is currently assigned as the Strategic Advisor to the Army Surgeon General and Commanding General of USAMEDCOM. Prior to this assignment, he served as the Deputy Director for the Commanders Action Group, XVIII Airborne Corps, Fort Bragg, North Carolina.

MAJ Thorson earned a Bachelor of Science in Nursing from the University of Connecticut and was commissioned through ROTC as a Second Lieutenant in 2009. In 2020 he earned a Master of Arts in Operational Studies from the Command and General Staff College, and in 2021, he earned a Master of Arts in Military Operations from the School of Advanced Military Studies.

MAJ Thorson's military education includes the Basic Officer Leaders Course, Airborne School, Survival Evasion Resistance and Escape Course (SERE-C), Theater Sustainment Planners Course, Security Cooperation Planners Course, Plans, Operations, Intelligence, Security, and Training Course, Joint Medical Planners Course (Basic and Advanced), Joint Medical Planning Tool Course, Logistics Captains Career Course, Command and General Staff College, Advanced Military Studies Program, NATO SOF Medical Planners Course, and Global Health Operations Course.

MAJ Thorson's military assignments include Walter Reed Army Medical Center as a Medical Surgical Nurse; Assistant S-4 and S-4, 212th Combat Support Hospital; Commander, 67th Forward Surgical Team (Airborne); Chief of Operations, 212th Combat Support Hospital; Commander, HHC, 30th Medical Brigade; S-3, 421st Multifunctional Medical Battalion; Deputy Surgeon, 3rd Special Forces Group; Strategic Planner, USASOC G-5; and Executive Officer, 261st Multifunctional Medical Battalion. MAJ Thorson deployed in support of Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan in 2019 and has multiple operational rotations through countries in Africa and Europe.

MAJ Thorson's awards and decorations include the Meritorious Service Medal (four Oak Leaf Clusters), Army Commendation Medal (with Combat Device and one Oak Leaf Cluster), Army Achievement Medal (three Oak Leaf Clusters), Army Superior Unit Award (two Oak Leaf Clusters), National Defense Service Medal, Overseas Service Ribbon, Afghanistan Campaign Medal, NATO Service Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Army Service Ribbon, Expert Field Medical Badge, Combat Action Badge, Parachutist Badge, and the Army Staff Identification Badge.

Brian is married to Meredith, and they enjoy raising their four children: Elsie (10), Olivia (7), Naomi (5) and Luke (3).



The Army Song

*March along, sing our song,
with the Army of the free.
Count the brave, count the true,
who have fought to victory.
We're the Army and proud of our name!
We're the Army and proudly proclaim:*

*First to fight for the right
And to build the Nation's might,
And The Army Goes Rolling Along.
Proud of all we have done,
Fighting till the battle's won,
And the Army Goes Rolling Along.*

*Then it's hū! hū! hey!
The Army's on its way.
Count off the cadence loud and strong;
(Two! Three!)
For where'er we go,
You will always know
That The Army Goes Rolling Along.*

The song "The Army Goes Rolling Along" is the official song of the United States Army. The song was dedicated on Veterans Day, November 11, 1956. The music was composed in 1908 by Lieutenant (later BG) Edmund L. Gruber and was originally known as the "Caisson Song."

