

Promotion Ceremony



In honor of
Lieutenant Colonel
Ricardo J. Rodríguez

6 June 2025
1430 hours

Gatehouse Road - Defense Health Agency
Annex
8111 Gatehouse Road
Room GH 252AB
Falls Church, Virginia 22042

Sequence of Events

Arrival of the
Official Party

National Anthem

Host Remarks
Colonel (Retired)
James B. Goetschius

Promotion Order

Placing of Rank
Carmen Cintron
Diego and Izabella Rodriguez
Felix and Angie Rodriguez

Oath of Office
Colonel (Retired)
James B. Goetschius

Honoree Remarks
Colonel
Ricardo J. Rodriguez

The Army Song

Receiving Line

Reception



Colonel (Retired) James B. Goetschius

United States Army

Colonel James B. Goetschius retired from the United States Army with 30 years of military service. He was the 14th Commander of the U.S. Army Health Facility Planning Agency (HFPA) and the Assistant Deputy Chief of Staff for Facilities (G-9) for the U.S. Army Medical Command (MEDCOM) at the Defense Health Headquarters in Falls Church, Virginia. He also served as the Army Surgeon General's Health Facilities Planning Consultant (70K9I), responsible for recruiting, training and retaining subject matter experts in the health facility planning career field.

Previously, COL Goetschius served as HFPA's Project Execution Division Director in which he was responsible for executing the U.S. Army's \$5.4 billion medical facility capital investment program with a direct, positive impact on more than 3.9 million DoD beneficiaries. He led a globally dispersed, multidisciplinary team in the execution of \$1.2 billion in initial outfitting and transition requirements. COL Goetschius deployed as a health facilities planner to Afghanistan, Iraq and Kosovo, where his responsibilities included the design/build of the theater hospital at Balad Airbase (Iraq) and the construction of the multinational hospital at Camp Bondsteel (Kosovo). He also served as a team member on Special Medical Augmentation Response Team – Health Systems missions to conduct medical facility and health system assessments, planning and design for the restoration of medical infrastructure in Honduras, Ivory Coast and Russia. He co-led HFPA's support to the whole of government response to the COVID-19 pandemic through the development of alternate care site concepts and plans in collaboration with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

COL Goetschius earned a Ph.D. in Disaster Science and Management from the University of Delaware, a Master of City Planning and Post-Master's Certificate in International Planning and Development from the University of Pennsylvania, a Graduate Certificate in Global Health and Global Health Engagement from the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences and undergraduate degrees in architecture and psychology from Norwich University. He is certified an urban planner by the American Institute of Certified Planners, awarded the status of Fellow by the Health Facility Institute and designated a Certified Acquisition Professional in Facilities Engineering by the Army Acquisition Corps. He received The Surgeon General's "A" Proficiency Designator for Professional Excellence and is a member of the Order of Military Medical Merit and the Honorable Order of Kentucky Colonels.

COL Goetschius and his wife, Nicole, live in Frederick, Maryland. Their son, James, will study mechanical engineering at Norwich University beginning in the Fall of 2025.



Lieutenant Colonel Ricardo J. Rodriguez

Commander, Health Facility Planning Agency (HFPA)
United States Army Medical Command /
Office of the Surgeon General

Lieutenant Colonel Ricardo J. Rodriguez Cruz is a native of Humacao, Puerto Rico. He attended the Polytechnic University of Puerto Rico, where he received a Bachelor of Science in Industrial Management. In 2006, he received a direct appointment as a Medical Service Corps Officer after serving 10 years as a Finance and Accounting Specialist (36B) and United States Army Recruiter

(79R). LTC Rodriguez also holds a Master of Business Administration in Finance from Inter-American University of Puerto Rico.

LTC Rodriguez's assignments include Medical Service Corps Brigade Medical Planner, 1st Heavy Brigade Combat Team, 2nd Infantry Division, Camp Hovey, Korea; Budget Officer, 18th Medical Command, Seoul, Korea; Deputy Chief of Resource Management, 65th Medical Brigade and MEDDAC-K, Seoul, Korea; Budget Officer and S8 Resource Manager, 44th Medical Brigade at Fort Bragg, North Carolina; Commander of Headquarters and Headquarters Company (HHC), 44th Medical Brigade, Fort Bragg, North Carolina and Bagram Air Base, Afghanistan; Battalion S-4, 261st Multifunctional Medical Battalion, Fort Bragg, North Carolina; Health Facility Planning Intern, Health Facility Planning Agency (HFPA), Falls Church, Virginia; Senior Program and Budget Officer, Facilities Division, Defense Health Agency, Falls Church, Virginia; Battalion Executive Officer, 2nd Medical Recruiting Battalion, Redstone Arsenal, Alabama; Project Manager, HFPA, Schofield Barracks, Hawaii; Director, Support Division, HFPA, Falls Church, Virginia; and Deputy Commander, HFPA, Falls Church, Virginia. He has deployed in support of Task Force Falcon, Kosovo and Operation Enduring Freedom, Afghanistan. He currently serves as the Commander, U.S. Army Health Facility Planning Agency and Assistant Deputy Chief of Staff, Facilities, U.S. Army Medical Command (MEDCOM G-9).

His military education and training include the Command and General Staff College, the U.S. Army Health Facility Planning Internship (ASI 9I), the Army Medical Department Captains Career Course, the Medical Logistics Course, the Operational Contract Support Course (ASI 3C), the Army Medical Department Basic Officer Leader Course, the Noncommissioned Officer (NCO) Academy Advance Leaders Course, the NCO Academy Warrior Leader Course, the Army Recruiting School and the Finance Specialist Course. LTC Rodriguez is Level 3 certified in the DoD Financial Management Certification Program (DFMCP3), Level 3 DoD Acquisition in Facilities Engineering, and a fellow of the Health Facility Institute (FHFI). He is currently enrolled in Senior Service College (Army War College) and will graduate in 2026.

LTC Rodriguez's awards and decorations include the Bronze Star Medal, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (five Oak Leaf Clusters (OLC)), Army Commendation Medal (three OLC), Army Achievement Medal (two OLC), Army Good Conduct Medal, Kosovo Campaign Medal (one Bronze Star), Afghanistan Campaign Medal (two Bronze Stars), NATO Medal (one Bronze Star), and the Gold Recruiter Badge (three Sapphire Stars).

LTC Rodriguez is married to Carmen Adelys Cintron from Yabucoa, Puerto Rico. They have two children, Diego Andres (19) and Izabella Andrea Rodriguez-Cintron (17).



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."

