

# Retirement Ceremony



*In honor of*

*Mr. Jeffrey S. Kirkpatrick*

*12 September 2025*

*1030 hours*

*Defense Health Headquarters  
Navy Medal of Honor Room, 1NW435  
7700 Arlington Boulevard  
Falls Church, Virginia 22042*

## *Sequence of Events*

Arrival of the  
Official Party

National Anthem

Invocation  
Colonel (Retired)  
Andrew C. Kim

Host Remarks  
Major General  
Jill K. Faris

Retirement Award

Presentation of Awards

Honoree Remarks  
Mr. Jeffrey S. Kirkpatrick

The Army Song

Receiving Line

Reception



## Major General Jill K. Faris

Chief of Staff

United States Army Medical Command

---

Major General Jill K. Faris is a member of the Ohio Army National Guard. She assumed her duties as Chief of Staff, United States Army Medical Command on 1 October 2024. She began her military service as a Private in the South Dakota Army National Guard and upon graduation from South Dakota State University, Brookings, South Dakota, in 1987 received her commission. She has served as a member of the South Dakota, Minnesota and Ohio Army National Guard, respectively, during her 42 years of service.

She has served in all medical operations positions from company through Division and Joint Force Headquarters. Recent assignments include, Deputy State Surgeon for Minnesota and Ohio, Division Medical Operations Center Chief, Deputy Commander Medical Detachment, Deputy J-1 Mobilization Readiness, and Deputy Surgeon for the Army National Guard and Assistant Surgeon General for Mobilization, Readiness and National Guard Affairs, Deputy Chief of Staff for Support, United States Army Medical Command (MEDCOM) G-1/4/6, Deputy Chief of Staff, G-3/5/7 as the lead for the Operational Planning Team on Medical Reform, detailed as the United States Army Medical Command (MEDCOM) Interim Deputy Chief of Staff, G-3/5/7, Director, Office of the Joint Surgeon, National Guard Bureau, Special Assistant to the Army Surgeon General, and now serves as Chief of Staff, United States Army Medical Command.

MG Faris received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Broadcast Journalism from South Dakota State University and a Master of Business Administration from Trident University. She is also a graduate of the United States Army War College, Command and General Staff College, Combined Service Arms Service School, Medical Service Corps Advanced Course, Adjutant General's Officer Basic, Support Operations Course, Joint Senior Medical Leaders Course, Medical Strategic Leadership Program, and Global Health Strategies for Security Course.

Her military awards and decorations include the Legion of Merit (1 bronze Oak Leaf Cluster), Meritorious Service Medal (1 silver Oak Leaf Cluster), Army Commendation Medal (3 bronze Oak Leaf Clusters), Army Achievement Medal, Air Force Achievement Medal, Army Reserve Components Achievement Medal (1 silver Oak Leaf Cluster and 3 bronze Oak Leaf Clusters), National Defense Service Medal (Bronze Service Star), Armed Forces Service Medal, Humanitarian Service Ribbon, Armed Forces Reserve Medal (Gold Hourglass Device), Army Reserve Components Overseas Training ribbon (with Numeral 3), Army Service Ribbon, Ohio Distinguished Service Ribbon, Ohio Service Ribbon (1 bronze Oak Leaf Cluster), Ohio Faithful Service Ribbon, and Minnesota Service Ribbon (Gold XV Device). MG Faris has been awarded the Department of the Army Staff Identification Badge.

She is a life member of the National Guard Association of Ohio, the National Guard Association of the United States, and the Association of the United States Army.



## Mr. Jeffrey S. Kirkpatrick

Director, Operations and Integration Directorate  
United States Army Medical Command

---

Mr. Jeffrey S. Kirkpatrick (Director, Operations and Integration Directorate; OID) with the U.S. Army Medical Command (USAMEDCOM) Deputy Chief of Staff for Force Health Protection (DCS, FHP) officially retires on 30 September 2025 after 36 years of dedicated public service. Mr. Kirkpatrick began his Army Civilian Service career in 1988 as a Meteorologist in the Air

Pollution Engineering Division, U.S. Army Environmental Hygiene Agency. He quickly applied his talents of air pollution meteorology/health risk assessment that supported permitting of Army open burning/open detonation units; 1991 Kuwait Oil Well Fires Health Risk Assessment; and exposure investigations with the Department of Defense (DoD) Office of the Special Assistant for Gulf War Illnesses.

Over the course of his distinguished career, he held increasingly important leadership roles. These included: Program Manager, Global Threat Assessment Program; Director Health Risk Management; Director, Public Health Service Line; and Director, Operations and Integration Directorate with the U.S. Army Center for Health Promotion and Preventive Medicine, U.S. Army Public Health Command; USAMEDCOM Deputy Chief of Staff for Public Health; and USAMEDCOM Deputy Chief of Staff, Force Health Protection (DCS, FHP), respectively.

Mr. Kirkpatrick executed, managed, and supported deployment occupational and environmental health surveillance activities for worldwide military operations and task forces. Of note are: Operations Desert Storm, Vigilant Warrior, Southern Watch, Allied Force, Bright Star, Noble Eagle, Enduring Freedom, Iraqi Freedom, Tomodachi, United Assistance; and Joint Task Forces Bravo, 510, 180, Katrina, and Horn of Africa. He directed programs in environmental health risk assessment, environmental surveillance integration, global threat assessment, and health risk communication.

Mr. Kirkpatrick's transition to the USAMEDCOM Headquarters focused on strategic/policy-level work. Contributions included: collaborating among USAMEDCOM/OTSG and the Defense Health Agency (DHA) for Public Health (PH) changes with respect to the FY 2017 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) Section 702 (Military Health System (MHS) Transformation) and FY 2019 NDAA Section 711 (PH Transition); providing direct support to DHA PH Directorate for DoD Wide Zero-Based Review of functions/activities; and contributing to FY 2021 NDAA Section 731 (COVID-19 MHS Review) PH Working Group.

As the OID Director, he was responsible for providing administrative, technical, project, and managerial support to OID Staff; synchronizing DCS, FHP Staff at four geographic locations; and synchronizing FHP activities with Regional USAMEDCOM and Army organizations. Mr. Kirkpatrick's leadership was instrumental in representing FHP equities in the OTSG/USAMEDCOM Functions and Structure Review; Command Management Plan 2 for USAMEDCOM DCS, FHP Restructure for FHP and the former Army Public Health Center; and providing timely inputs to requirements associated with continuous transformation.

In retirement, Mr. Kirkpatrick looks forward to traveling, spending time with family and friends, playing disc golf, tracking weather, and completing do it yourself projects around the house.



## *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."