

Promotion Ceremony



In honor of
Major Eileen J. Babon

20 March 2026
1200 hours

Russell Senate Office Building
Kennedy Caucus Room, SR-325
2 Constitution Avenue, NE
Washington, D.C. 20002

Sequence of Events

Arrival of the
Official Party

National Anthem

Invocation
Mrs. Anna Borrego

Host Remarks
Brigadier General
Lance C. Raney

Promotion Order

Placing of Rank
Lieutenant Colonel
Babon's Family

Oath of Office
Brigadier General
Lance C. Raney

Honoree Remarks
Lieutenant Colonel
Eileen J. Babon

The Army Song

Receiving Line

Reception



Brigadier General Lance C. Raney

**Deputy Surgeon General
Office of the Surgeon General**

Brigadier General Lance C. Raney assumed duties as the Deputy Surgeon General, United States Army, in June 2025.

BG Raney is a native of Texarkana, Texas. He attended Ouachita University and the University of Arkansas School of Medicine and was commissioned as a U.S. Army Medical Corps officer in 1993.

He completed a residency in Family Medicine at Eisenhower Army Medical Center, Fort Gordon, Georgia. BG Raney holds a Doctor of Medicine and a Master's in Strategic Studies. He is board certified by the America Board of Family Medicine.

After completing his residency, BG Raney served in a variety of medical staff, clinic chief, and department chief positions at Reynolds Army Community Hospital, Fort Sill, Oklahoma, and Ireland Army Community Hospital, Fort Knox, Kentucky. From 2003 to 2006, he served as the Brigade Surgeon for the 172nd Infantry Brigade, Fort Wainwright, Alaska, and deployed to Iraq in support of Operation IRAQI FREEDOM.

Upon completing Command and General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, he returned to Fort Knox, Kentucky, as the Deputy Commander for Clinical Services. In 2010, he was assigned to Heidelberg, Germany, serving as the hospital's Deputy Commander and the Chief of Clinical Operations for the U.S. Army Europe Region Medical Command.

BG Raney commanded Raymond W. Bliss Army Health Center, Fort Huachuca, Arizona, from 2013 to 2015 and Womack Army Medical Center, Fort Bragg, North Carolina, from 2016 to 2018. His strategic staff assignments include Chief of Consultants to the Army Surgeon General, U.S. Army Central Command Surgeon, clinical operations chief for the Office of the Secretary of Defense COVID Testing and Diagnostics Task Force, and the Army Liaison Officer for Military Health System Governance and Reform. As a General Officer, Brigadier General Raney served as the FORSCOM Command Surgeon, the Commanding General, Medical Readiness Command East, and Director, Defense Health Network East.

BG Raney is the recipient of the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star Medal, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medical, Army Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal, Army Staff Identification Badge, the Army Combat Medical Badge, and the Order of Military Medical Merit.



Major Eileen J. Babon

Executive Assistant to the Deputy Surgeon General
Office of the Surgeon General

Major Eileen J. Babon is an active-duty Nurse Corps Officer in the United States Army currently serving as the Executive Assistant to the Army Deputy Surgeon General.

A native of Missoula, Montana, MAJ Babon entered the Army as a Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) cadet in 2004 at Gonzaga University. She holds a Bachelor of Science in Nursing from Whitworth University and received her commission as an Army Nurse Corps Officer from the Gonzaga University ROTC Program in 2008. She completed her first master's in Nursing Leadership and Administration from Capella University in Minneapolis, Minnesota. As part of her Congressional Fellowship, she completed her second master's in Professional Studies in Legislation Affairs at George Washington University. Her military education includes the Army Medical Department (AMEDD) Basic Officer Leader Course, AMEDD Captains Career Course, Command and General Staff Officer Course, and the Defense Strategy Course.

MAJ Babon's prior assignments include Staff Nurse and Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner on the Maternal Child Unit and Medical-Surgical Unit at Landstuhl Regional Medical Center. She deployed as a Staff Nurse to Soto Cano Airbase, Honduras in 2011. She worked as a Charge Nurse at Bayne-Jones Army Hospital in Fort Polk, Louisiana and deployed to Afghanistan in 2013. During her deployment, she was attached to a U.S.-Contingent and British Medical Unit Role 3 Hospital in Helman Province. Other positions MAJ Babon held were Health Care Recruiting Center Officer in Charge in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and Company Commander of 86th Combat Support Hospital in Fort Campbell, Kentucky, where she deployed with her unit to Kuwait in 2017. Before the Army Congressional Fellowship, she was a Head Nurse of a General-Surgery Unit at Tripler Army Medical Center, Hawaii. After completing her time in Senator Baldwin's Office as a defense fellow, she finished her tour as an Army Senate Liaison for the Chief of the Army of Legislation Affairs.

MAJ Babon attributes the awards she has received to the incredible service members, civilians and families she has had the honor to serve with and for. MAJ Babon has earned the Army Staff Identification Badge, the United States Army Recruiter Badge and The German Armed Forces Proficiency Badge.

Eileen's family, #1 Fans, and support system includes her late mother, Cindy Babon, her father, his wife, her three sisters and their spouses, and eight nieces and nephews spread throughout Oregon, Washington, Utah and Montana.



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."

