

Retirement Ceremony



In honor of

Colonel Stephen J. Tanner

12 June 2026

1100 hours

*Fort Sam Houston Golf Club
1050 Harry Wurzbach Road
San Antonio, Texas 78209*

Sequence of Events

Arrival of the
Official Party

National Anthem
Senior Airman
Emily Marshall

Invocation
Chaplain (Lieutenant Colonel)
Valeria R. Van Dress

Host Remarks
Brigadier General (Retired)
Shan K. Bagby

Retirement Award

Presentation of Awards

Honoree Remarks
Colonel (Retired)
Stephen J. Tanner

The Army Song

Receiving Line

Reception



Brigadier General (Retired) Shan K. Bagby

28th Chief, United States Army Dental Corps

Dr. Shan Bagby is the President of Molaro Barrister Associates and formerly served as the Vice President and Head of Mobile Integrated Care at Cityblock Health. He also currently serves as Chair of the University Health Foundation Board of Directors in San Antonio, Texas and Co-Chair of the Pacific Northwest University of Health

Sciences School of Dental Medicine Leadership Council in Yakima, Washington.

Dr. Bagby is certified by the American Board of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery and is a Fellow of the American Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons. He is also a Fellow of the American College of Healthcare Executives and board certified by the National Association of Corporate Directors.

Dr. Bagby's educational background includes a Bachelor's degree in Physics from Rutgers University, a Dental degree from the University of Pittsburgh, a Master's degree in Healthcare Administration from Baylor University, and a Master's degree in Strategic Studies from the U.S. Army War College. He completed his Oral Surgery Residency at Martin Luther King, Jr./Drew Medical Center in Los Angeles, California, and a trauma fellowship at the University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston.

Dr. Bagby retired from active duty in January 2023 after more than 30 years of service in the United States Army. His military career included diverse clinical, administrative, and leadership roles, culminating in concurrent positions as the 28th Chief of the United States Army Dental Corps, Commanding General of Regional Health Command-Central under United States Army Medical Command, and Deputy Director of the Small Market and Stand-Alone Organization under the Defense Health Agency.

His awards and decorations include the Distinguished Service Medal, Legion of Merit, Bronze Star Medal, Parachutist Badge, and other military and civilian honors. He holds the Army Surgeon General's "A" Proficiency Designator for leadership excellence and is a member of the Order of Military Medical Merit (O2M3).



Colonel Stephen J. Tanner

Director, Army Recovery Care Program
United States Army Medical Command and
29th Chief, United States Army Dental Corps

Prior to assuming the role as the Director of the Army Recovery Care Program, Colonel Stephen Tanner served as the Deputy Commanding Officer of William Beaumont Army Medical Center, Fort Bliss Texas; Deputy Corps Chief, United States Army Dental Corps; Commander, Dental Health Command Europe (DHCE), Sembach, Germany; Dental Corps Branch Chief at Human Resource Command; Commander, Fort Eustis Dental Activity; and Dental Clinic Commander, Carlisle Barracks, Pennsylvania. He has also held a variety of clinical and staff assignments to include Chief Dental Corps Personnel Proponent Officer, Army Medical Department (AMEDD) Personnel Proponent Directorate, AMEDD Center and School, Fort Sam Houston, Texas; Officer-in-Charge, Rader Dental Clinic, Fort Myer, Virginia; Chief Professional Development Officer, Dental Corps Branch, Human Resources Command, Alexandria, Virginia; Officer-in-Charge, Dental Clinic #3, Fort Hood, Texas; and Officer-in-Charge of a Modular Dental Team, 464th Medical Company, Landstuhl, Germany.

COL Tanner's educational background includes a Bachelor's degree in Biology from Brigham Young University, a Dental degree from the University of Southern California, School of Dentistry, and a Master's degree in Strategic Studies from the United States Army War College. He completed a General Dentistry Residency at Fort Campbell, Kentucky and a 2-year Advanced Educational General Dentistry Residency at Fort Hood, Texas.

COL Tanner's awards and decorations include the Legion of Merit (2 Oak Leaf Clusters (OLC)), Meritorious Service Medal (5 OLC), Army Commendation Medal (2 OLC), and National Defense Service Medal with one star. He is a Diplomat of both the Federal Services Board of General Dentistry and the American Board of General Dentistry and a fellow of the American College of Dentistry and the International College of Dentistry. He is a member of the Order of Military Medical Merit (O2M3).



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."

