



# U.S. ARMY REGIONAL HEALTH COMMAND - CENTRAL



## CHANGE *of* COMMAND *and* RELINQUISHMENT *of* RESPONSIBILITY CEREMONY

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*2310 STANLEY ROAD*

*JOINT BASE SAN ANTONIO*

*FORT SAM HOUSTON, TEXAS 78234*

# SEQUENCE *of* EVENTS

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# Lieutenant General Nadja Y. West



COMMANDING GENERAL  
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*and*

THE SURGEON GENERAL *of the* U.S. ARMY

LTG Nadja Y. West is the 44th Surgeon General of the United States Army and Commanding General, U.S. Army Medical Command.

LTG West is a graduate of the United States Military Academy with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Engineering. She earned a Doctorate of Medicine Degree from George Washington University School of Medicine in Washington, DC.

She completed her internship and residency in Family Medicine at Martin Army Hospital, Fort Benning, GA. During this assignment, she deployed to Operation Desert Shield with the 197th Infantry BDE, 24th ID, and was attached to the 2/69th Armor BN during Desert Storm. She then served at Blanchfield Army Hospital, Fort Campbell, KY as a staff family physician and then Officer in Charge of the Aviation Medicine Clinic. She also participated in a medical mission with the 5th Special Forces Group (Airborne).

LTG West completed a second residency in dermatology at Fitzsimons Army Medical Center and University of Colorado Medical Center in Denver, CO. She then served as Chief, Dermatology Service at Heidelberg Army Hospital, Germany. LTG West then served as Division Surgeon of the 1st AD, Bad Kreuznach, Germany; deploying to the former Yugoslavian Republic of Macedonia and Kosovo as Deputy Task Force Surgeon.

LTG West served as Chief, Department of Medicine and Dermatology Service at 121st General Hospital in Seoul, Republic of Korea. LTG West then commanded McDonald Army Community Hospital, Fort Eustis, VA. After command she served as Deputy Commander for Integration

at the National Naval Medical Center, Bethesda, MD. She then served as J-3, Director of Operations, Joint Task Force National Capital Regional Medical. Next, she commanded Womack Army Medical Center, Fort Bragg and went on to serve as Commanding General, Europe Regional Medical Command.

LTG West served as Deputy Chief of Staff, G1/4/6, Office of the Surgeon General, Falls Church, VA. Her most recent assignment was Joint Staff Surgeon at the Pentagon. As Joint Staff Surgeon she served as chief medical advisor to the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and coordinated all Health Services issues related to include operational medicine, force health protection, and readiness within the U.S. military.

LTG West completed the Army Medical Department Officer Basic and Advanced Courses, and also graduated from the Army Command and General Staff College and the National War College.

Her awards and decorations include the Distinguished Service Medal, Defense Superior Service Medal, Legion of Merit with three Oak Leaf Clusters, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters, Army Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters, NATO Medal, Combat Medical Badge, Flight Surgeon Badge, Parachutist Badge, Air Assault Badge, and Gold German Armed Forces Proficiency Badge. She is a member of the Order of Military Medical Merit, Order of Saint Christopher, a Fellow of the American Academy of Dermatology and the American Academy of Family Practice.



# Major General Thomas R. Tempel, Jr.

## OUTGOING COMMANDING GENERAL U.S. ARMY REGIONAL HEALTH COMMAND - CENTRAL



MG Thomas R. Tempel, Jr. (Rob) is the Commanding General of the U.S. Army Regional Health Command – Central and the 27th Chief of the U.S. Army Dental Corps.

MG Tempel previously served as the Commanding General of the U.S. Army Western Regional Medical Command on Joint Base Lewis-McChord, WA; Commander of the U.S. Army Dental Command on JBSA-Fort Sam Houston, TX; Walter Reed Dental Activity, Washington, D.C.; Northern Regional Dental Command on Fort Belvoir, VA; and as the Northern Regional Medical Command Readiness Director also on Fort Belvoir.

He received his Bachelor of Arts degree, and was a Distinguished Military Graduate from Gettysburg College in 1987. He was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in the Medical Service Corps and then attended the University of Maryland Dental School, where he received his dental degree in 1991. After dental school, MG Tempel attended the Advanced Education in General Dentistry – One Year Program at Fort Jackson, SC. He then went to Fort Bragg, NC, for the Special Forces Assessment and Selection and Detachment Officers Qualification Course, then on to Fort Lewis, to be the 1st Special Forces Group (Airborne) Dental Surgeon.

Following the Advanced Education in General Dentistry – Two Year Residency at Fort Bragg, MG Tempel was assigned to the 1st Special Forces Operational Detachment – Delta. He also served as the Professional Development Officer for the Dental Corps Branch, Army Personnel Command; commanded the 464th Medical Company, to include a year in Iraq as the 464th Commander and Multinational Corps-

Iraq Dental Surgeon with Task Force 44th MEDCOM. He attended the Army War College in Carlisle, Pennsylvania, after which he served as the Fort Meade Dental Activity Commander on Fort Meade, MD.

MG Tempel is a graduate of the AMEDD Officer Basic and Advanced Courses, the Army Command and General Staff College, and the Army War College. He completed the Special Forces Detachment Officers Qualification Course; Survival, Evasion, Resistance and Escape (SERE) School; Combat Casualty Care Course; Jumpmaster School; Dental Clinic Management Course; Federal Healthcare Executives Course; and the Medical Capstone Course. He wears the Special Forces Tab, the Senior Parachutist Badge, and the Royal Thai Airborne Wings.

Additionally, MG Tempel is a Diplomate of the Federal Services Board of General Dentistry, the American Board of General Dentistry, and a Fellow in the International College of Dentists and the American College of Dentists. He is an active member of the American Dental Association, Academy of General Dentistry, Association of Military Surgeons United States, and Association of the United States Army.

MG Tempel's awards and decorations include the Legion of Merit with two Oak Leaf Clusters, Bronze Star Medal, Meritorious Service Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters, Army Commendation Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters, Army Achievement Medal two Oak Leaf Clusters, Iraq Campaign Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Humanitarian Service Medal, the Order of Military Medical Merit, and the Army Surgeon General's "A" proficiency designator.

# Brigadier General Jeffrey J. Johnson

## INCOMING COMMANDING GENERAL U.S. ARMY REGIONAL HEALTH COMMAND - CENTRAL



BG Johnson began his formal education at Evangel College in Springfield, MO. He graduated in 1987, a Distinguished Military Graduate with a BS in Biology. BG Johnson then graduated in 1991 from medical school at the University of Colorado Health Sciences Center in Denver, CO. Subsequently, he completed his residency training in Family Medicine at Madigan Army Medical Center in Tacoma, WA.

BG Johnson furthered his professional training by completing a fellowship in Faculty Development at the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill, Chapel Hill, NC. He is a Board Certified Fellow in Family Medicine.

BG Johnson continuously aspires to be a student and teacher. He graduated from the Industrial College of the Armed Forces in 2011 earning a Master's Degree in National and Strategic Studies. He completed additional military training including Capstone, Command and General Staff College, Interagency Institute of Federal Healthcare Executives, Medical Strategic Leadership Course, Joint Medical Planners Course, Tactical Combat Medicine Course, Medical Management of Chemical Casualties, Medical Management of Biological Casualties, Army Primary Flight Surgeon Course, NASA Primary Trans-Atlantic Abort Landing Site Course, Hyperbaric Medicine Course, and Basic Airborne training.

BG Johnson's assignments include Commander, Wiesbaden Health Clinic, Wiesbaden, Germany, from 1994-1997; Battalion and Group Surgeon, 7th Special

Forces Group, Fort Bragg from 1997-1999; Director of Resident Training, Family Medicine, Womack Army Medical Center, Fort Bragg from 2000-2005; Division Surgeon, 82nd Airborne Division, Fort Bragg from 2005-2007; Combined Joint Task Force-82 Command Surgeon, Bagram, Afghanistan from 2007-2008; Commander, Irwin Army Community Hospital, Fort Riley, KS, from 2008-2010; Assistant Program Manager Health Affairs, Office of the Program Manager, Saudi Arabian National Guard, Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, from 2011-2012; Commander, 44th Medical Brigade, Fort Bragg from 2012-2014; Director, Health and Wellness, G3/5/7, U.S. Army Medical Command, Falls Church, VA, from 2014-2015; Command Surgeon, Combined Forces Command and United States Forces Korea, Yongsan, Korea. He has deployed in support of Operation Provide Hope (Georgia, Kyrgyzstan, Moldova), Operation Sharp Point (Kenya), Counter Drug Operations (Bolivia, Honduras), and Operation Enduring Freedom (Afghanistan) twice. Prior to his current position, he served as the Commanding General of Brooke Army Medical Center, Deputy Commanding General, Regional Health Command - Central, JBSA Fort Sam Houston, TX, and the Market Manager for the San Antonio Military Health System.

BG Johnson's decorations include the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star Medal, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, and Meritorious Service Medal. He is a Senior Flight Surgeon and has earned the Parachutist and Expert Field Medical Badge. He is a member of the Order of Military Medical Merit.

# Command Sergeant Major Tabitha A. Gavia

## OUTGOING COMMAND SERGEANT MAJOR U.S. ARMY REGIONAL HEALTH COMMAND - CENTRAL



CSM Tabitha A. Gavia entered the Army and attended Basic Training at Fort McClellan, AL, and Advanced Individual Training for Pershing II Missile Electronic Repairer at Redstone Arsenal, AL. She later attended the Advanced Individual Training for Radiology Specialists at Fort Sam Houston, TX.

Her assignments include 41st Ordnance Company, 59th Ordnance Brigade, West Germany; Madigan Army Medical Center, Fort Lewis, WA; 99th Support Battalion, 199th Infantry Brigade, Fort Lewis; Troop Support Squadron, 2nd Armored Cavalry Regiment, Fort Polk, LA; Fort Polk NCO Academy, Fort Polk; Denver Recruiting Battalion, Colorado Springs, CO; Walter Reed Army Medical Center, Washington, D.C.; 21st Combat Support Hospital, Fort Hood, TX; Army Medical Department Center and School, Fort Sam Houston; 65th Medical Brigade, Republic of Korea; General Leonard Wood Army Community Hospital, Fort Leonard Wood, MO; Brooke Army Medical Center, Joint Base San Antonio - Fort Sam Houston; Western Regional Medical Command, Joint Base Lewis-McCord, WA, Regional Health Command-Pacific (Provisional), Joint Base Lewis-McCord. CSM Gavia currently serves as the Regional Health Command - Central Command Sergeant Major.

CSM Gavia has served in several duty positions to include Pershing II missile electronic

repairer, radiology specialist, area support team noncommissioned officer (NCO), squad leader, primary leadership development course instructor, recruiter, station commander, imaging and radiology services NCOIC, Combat Support Hospital Operations NCO, Combat Medic Training Research and Development NCO, First Sergeant, Chief Instructor/Writer, Academy of Health Sciences Senior Enlisted Advisor, Brigade Operations Sergeant, General Leonard Wood Army Community Hospital Command Sergeant Major, Brooke Army Medical Center Command Sergeant Major, Western Regional Medical Command Sergeant Major and Chief Clinical NCO, Regional Health Command-Pacific (Provisional).

Her military education includes all noncommissioned officer professional development study courses. She is a graduate of the United States Army Sergeants Major Academy, Class 55. She has earned an Associate Degree in Technology, a Bachelor of Science in Liberal Arts, and a Masters in Business Administration. Her awards and decorations include the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star Medal, Meritorious Service Medal with four Oak Leaf Clusters, Army Commendation Medal with one Oak Leaf Cluster, the Army Achievement Medal with Silver Oak Leaf Cluster, and the Expert Field Medical Badge. She is a member of the Sergeant Audie Murphy Club and the Order of Military Medical Merit.



# 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 Hi Hi! Hey!  
The Army's on its way  
Count off the cadence loud and strong!

For where e'er we go,  
You will always know  
That the Army Goes Rolling Along.