

U.S. Army Medical Department Activity-Alaska

Colonel George N. Appenzeller



Colonel George (Ned) Appenzeller, Commander, U.S. Army Medical Department Activity – Alaska, was raised in Columbia, South Carolina. He attended Tulane University after receiving a Reserve Officer Training Corps Scholarship. Upon graduating, with a Bachelors Degree in biology, he was commissioned a 2LT in the Medical Service Corps.

Colonel Appenzeller attended the Medical University of South Carolina under the Health Professions Scholarship Program and after completing an Internal Medicine Internship at the Medical University of South Carolina he spent two years at Fort Sill, OK as the Chief of the David B. Bleak TMC serving the US Field Artillery Training Center.

Colonel Appenzeller then completed a three-year residency in Emergency Medicine at the San Antonio Uniformed Services Health Education Consortium in 1999. Subsequently, he was assigned as the Chief, Department of Emergency Medicine, USA MEDDAC, Heidelberg, GE. In 2002, he was assigned to the Army Medical Department Center and School, Fort Sam Houston, TX as the Chief, 91W IET.

Upon completion of the Command and General Staff Officer's Course at Fort Leavenworth, KS in 2004, he was assigned as the assistant chief of Emergency Medicine at Winn Army Community Hospital, Fort Stewart, Georgia. In January, 2006 he assumed duties as the Division Surgeon, Third Infantry Division and then Multi-National Division-Center during a 15 month deployment to Baghdad, Iraq. Until arriving in Alaska, he served as the Deputy Commander for Clinical Services at Winn Army Community Hospital, Fort Stewart, Georgia.

In addition to Operation Iraqi Freedom, his operational experience includes service as a medical team leader providing humanitarian care to Cuban and Haitian migrants with the 61st Area Support Medical Battalion, JTF160, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, and Chief of Emergency Services with both the 67th Combat Support Hospital and the 212th Mobile Army Surgical Hospital in support of TF-Falcon, Camp Bondsteel, Kosovo.

Colonel Appenzeller is board certified in Emergency Medicine. He has made multiple national and international presentations, published numerous peer-reviewed journal articles and has chapters in two upcoming textbooks. His military schooling includes the AMEDD Officer Basic and Advanced Courses, CGSOC, the AMEDD Executive Skills Course and the Medical Strategic Leadership Program. Colonel Appenzeller is a member of the Order of Military Medical Merit, and holds the 'A' Proficiency designator.

Colonel Appenzeller's awards and decorations include the 2007 Surgeon General's Physician Recognition Award, the Bronze Star, the Meritorious Service Medal (50LC), the Army Commendation Medal (30LC), the Army Achievement Medal (30LC), the Expert Field Medical Badge, and Air Force Flight Surgeon Wings.