



Major General George N. Appenzeller Deputy Surgeon General and Deputy Commanding General (Operations)

Major General George (Ned) Appenzeller serves as the Deputy Surgeon General and Deputy Commanding General (Operations) for the Army's largest major subordinate command, responsible for the health and readiness of the Total Force and 1.4 million beneficiaries worldwide. He provides fiscal oversight of an \$11B operating budget, oversees performance reviews and establishes metrics to ensure a medically ready force and ready medical force prepared for combat operations, leads Army Medicine's reorganization and Congressionally-directed transition to the Defense Health Agency (DHA), provides direction to Medical Readiness Command leadership, monitors healthcare delivery platforms and systems supporting the Army's readiness, and enables synchronization between Army Service Component Commands and other stakeholders.

Previously, MG Appenzeller served as the Director of Staff for the Defense Health Agency, responsible for synchronizing the Agency's staff ensuring mission success. The DHA is a Combat Support Agency providing support to Combatant Commanders and enabling medical services across the joint force to provide a medically ready force and ready medical force. In this capacity, MG Appenzeller oversaw the TRICARE Health Plan serving over 9.5 million beneficiaries and served as the MHS Electronic Health Record functional champion.

MG Appenzeller graduated from Tulane University with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Biology and an ROTC commission. He then graduated from the Medical University of South Carolina. He completed an Internal Medicine Internship at the Medical University of South Carolina. He later completed a three-year residency in Emergency Medicine at the San Antonio Uniformed Services Health Education Consortium.

MG Appenzeller's early assignments include Chief of the David B. Bleak TMC, serving the U.S. Field Artillery Training Center; Chief, Department of Emergency Medicine, USA MEDDAC, Heidelberg, GE; Chief, 91W IET, AMEDD C&S; and 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. He was then assigned as the Deputy Commander for Clinical Services at Winn Army Community Hospital, Fort Stewart, Georgia.

His commands include the U.S. Army Medical Activity-Alaska, U.S. Army Medical Activity-Fort Campbell, KY, and Blanchfield Army Community Hospital, and Brooke Army Medical Center, Fort Sam Houston, TX. He also served as Command Surgeon, United States Africa Command. His previous flag officer positions include Deputy Commanding General, Regional Health Command-Pacific; Commanding General, Brooke Army Medical Center; and Commanding General, Regional Health Command-Central.

In addition to Operation Iraqi Freedom, MG Appenzeller's operational experience includes service as a medical team leader providing humanitarian care to Cuban and Haitian migrants with the 61st Area Support Medical Company, JTF160, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, and Chief of Emergency Services with both the 62nd Combat Support Hospital and the 212th Mobile Army Surgical Hospital in support of TF-Falcon, Camp Bondsteel, Kosovo.

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

MG Appenzeller's awards and decorations include the 2007 Surgeon General's Physician Recognition Award, Defense Superior Service Medal, Legion of Merit (3 OLC), Bronze Star Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (5 OLC), Army Commendation Medal (3 OLC), Army Achievement Medal (3 OLC), the Expert Field Medical Badge, and Air Force Flight Surgeon Wings.