



Major General Joseph J. Heck

Deputy Surgeon General for Mobilization,
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Major General Joseph J. Heck is a native of New York and moved to Pennsylvania while in high school. He holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Health Education from the Pennsylvania State University and received his medical degree from the Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine.

MG Heck completed a general internship at St. Joseph's Hospital and a residency in Emergency Medicine at the Albert Einstein Medical Center, both in Philadelphia. He is board certified in Emergency Medicine with a Certificate of Added Qualification in Emergency Medical Services. MG Heck received his direct commission into the United States Army Reserve Medical Corps and holds a secondary Area of Concentration as a Flight Surgeon and is a graduate of the U.S. Army War College with a Master of Strategic Studies.

His military positions included: Chief of Emergency Services, 2290th USAH, Washington, D.C.; Operational Medicine Officer/J3-J5, U.S. Northern Command, Colorado Springs, CO; Chief of Emergency Services / Aero Medical Evacuation, 325th CSH, Al Asad, Iraq; Commander, 6252D USAH, San Diego, CA; Commander, Western Medical Area Readiness Support Group, San Pablo, CA; Medical Advisor, Office of the Chief Army Reserve; and Deputy Commanding General, 3rd Medical Command, Atlanta, GA. He served as the Deputy Surgeon and Director of Reserve Readiness in the Office of the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and as the Commanding General, 807th Medical Command (Deployment Support). He currently serves as the Deputy Surgeon General for Mobilization, Readiness and Army Reserve Affairs.

MG Heck's military awards include: Distinguished Service Medal, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (1 Oak Leaf Cluster), Army Commendation Medal (1 Oak Leaf Cluster), Joint Service Achievement Medal, Army Achievement Medal (2 Oak Leaf Clusters), Army Reserve Components Achievement Medal (7 Oak Leaf Clusters), Armed Forces Service Medal, National Defense Service Medal (1 Service Star), Iraq Campaign Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Armed Forces Reserve Medal (30-yr Award and M Device), Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal, and Army Service Ribbon. He is also admitted to the Military Order of Medical Merit.