



## **Colonel Rodrigo (Rick) Chavez**

### **Deputy Chief of Staff, Force Health Protection**

Colonel Rodrigo Chavez Jr. attended Midwestern State University, Texas where he earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Radiology and was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the Army Medical Service Corps.

His previous military assignments include: Director, Department of Force Health Protection, Medical Center of Excellence, Fort Sam Houston, Texas; Assistant Deputy Chief of Staff, Office of the Surgeon General and U.S. Army Medical Command, Defense Health Headquarters, Falls Church, Virginia; Radiation Safety Officer, U.S. Army Medical Command, Fort Sam Houston, Texas; Deputy Command Surgeon, III Corps, Fort Hood, Texas; Chief, CBRN Sciences Branch, U.S. Army Medical Department Center and School, Fort Sam Houston, Texas; Clinical Operations Officer, 30th Medical Brigade, Heidelberg, Germany; Deputy Chief, NBC Sciences Branch, U.S. Army Medical Department Center and School, Fort Sam Houston, Texas; HHC Commander, Center for Health Promotion and Preventive Medicine-Europe, Landstuhl, Germany; MEDDAC Radiation Safety Officer, Reynolds Army Community Hospital, Fort Sill, Oklahoma; Health Operations Officer, 47th Field Hospital, 47th Combat Support Battalion (Provisional), Fort Sill, Oklahoma.

He has deployed in support of Operation Joint Guardian in Kosovo; Task Force Dagger in Uzbekistan, Operation Enduring Freedom and International Security Forces Intermediate Joint Command Afghanistan; Operation Iraqi Freedom in Iraq; Operation Tomodachi, Pacific Command, Hawaii; and Joint Forces Land Component Command; U.S. Army North, Fort Sam Houston, Texas.

COL Chavez' military education includes graduate of the Army Medical Department Officer Basic and Advanced Courses, U.S. Army Command and Staff College, and United States Army Command and General Staff College. He holds a Master of Science in Environment Health Physics from Colorado State University.

His awards and decorations include the Bronze Star Medal (with oak leaf cluster), Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (with four oak leaf clusters), Joint Service Commendation Medal, Army Commendation Medal (with two oak leaf clusters), Joint Service Achievement Medal, Army Achievement Medal (with four oak leaf cluster), and Expert Field Medical Badge.