

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;
(Two! Three!)
For where'er we go,
You will always know
That The Army Goes Rolling Along.

United States Army
Medical Readiness
Command, East



Change of Responsibility Ceremony

at 1000 Hours
February 2, 2024
Fort Belvoir, Virginia



**Brigadier General
Lance Raney**

**Commanding General,
United States Army
Medical Readiness Command,
East**

Brigadier General Lance C. Raney assumed duties as the Commanding General, U.S. Army Medical Readiness Command, East in September 2023.

BG Raney is a native of Texarkana, Texas. He attended Ouachita University and the University of Arkansas School of Medicine and was commissioned as a U.S. Army Medical Corps officer in 1993.

He completed a residency in Family Medicine at Eisenhower Army Medical Center, Fort Gordon, Georgia. BG Raney holds a Doctor of Medicine and a Master's in Strategic Studies. He is also board certified by the America Board of Family Medicine.

After completing his residency, BG Raney served in a variety of medical staff, clinic chief, and department chief positions at Reynolds Army Community Hospital, Fort Sill, Oklahoma, and Ireland Army Community Hospital, Fort Knox, Kentucky. From 2003 to 2006, he served as the Brigade Surgeon for the 172nd Infantry Brigade, Fort Wainwright, Alaska, and deployed to Iraq in support of Operation IRAQI FREEDOM.

Upon completing Command and General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, he returned to Fort Knox, Kentucky, as the Deputy Commander for Clinical Services. In 2010, he was assigned to Heidelberg, Germany, serving as the hospital's Deputy Commander and the Chief of Clinical Operations for the U.S. Army Europe Region Medical Command.

BG Raney commanded Raymond W. Bliss Army Health Center, Fort Huachuca, Arizona, from 2013 to 2015 and Womack Army Medical Center, Fort Bragg, North Carolina, from 2016 to 2018. His strategic staff assignments include Chief of Consultants to the Army Surgeon General, U.S. Army Central Command Surgeon, clinical operations chief for the Office of the Secretary of Defense COVID Testing and Diagnostics Task Force, the Army Liaison Officer for Military Health System Governance and Reform, and the FORSCOM Command Surgeon.

BG Raney is married with children.



**Command Sergeant Major
Alexander Poutou**

**Command Sergeant Major
(Incoming),
United States Army
Medical Readiness Command,
East**

Command Sergeant Major Alexander L. Poutou Lopez is a San Juan, Puerto Rico, native. He enlisted in the United States Army in September 1995 under the Reserve Component and transferred to active duty in December 1996. He attended Basic Combat Training at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri, graduated from the Advanced Individual Training at Joint Base San Antonio, Texas, and was awarded the military occupational skill 68G (Patient Administration Specialist).

CSM Poutou served with distinction in multiple leadership positions: Command Sergeant Major, Chief Medical NCO, First Sergeant, Department NCOIC, Medical Regulating Office NCOIC, Platoon Sergeant, Drill Sergeant, Squad Leader, Training NCO, and PAD Clerk. His previous duty installations include Fort Moore, Georgia; Fort Johnson, Louisiana; Joint-Base Lewis McChord, Washington; Fort Cavazos, Texas; Joint Base San Antonio, Texas; and Landstuhl, Germany; and deployed to Kuwait and Iraq.

CSM Poutou's military education includes the U.S. Army Sergeants Major Course - Class 66, Brigade and Battalion Pre-Command Course, CSM Development Program, AMEDD Pre-Command Course, AMEDD Executive Skills Course, Joint Medical Executive Skills Capstone Course, Advanced Senior Leaders Course, Senior Leaders Course, and Warrior Leaders Course.

He earned numerous awards and decorations to include the Sergeant Audie Murphy Award and Order of Military Medical Merit.

His civilian education includes a Bachelor of Science with a concentration in Health Care Management and Master in Science with a concentration in Emergency and Disaster Management. He is also a member of the American College of Healthcare Executives.

CSM Poutou is married with children.

Sequence of Events

Welcome

Presentation of Gifts

Invocation

Arrival of Official Party

Presentation of Honors

National Anthem

Change of Responsibility

Remarks

Army Song

Conclusion of Ceremony



**Command Sergeant Major
Rebecca Booker**

**Command Sergeant Major
(Outgoing),
United States Army
Medical Readiness Command,
East**

Command Sergeant Major Rebecca Booker completed Basic Training at Fort Jackson, South Carolina. She then went on to Advanced Individual Training as a Multichannel Transmission System Operator (31D) at Fort Gordon, Georgia and later reclassified as a Combat Medic (91B) at Fort Sam Houston, Texas.

CSM Booker has served with distinction in a multitude of leadership positions commensurate with her career field. These positions include Command Sergeant Major; Chief Clinical NCO; First Sergeant; Inspector General; Detachment Sergeant; Operations NCOIC; Aide Evacuation NCO; Immunization/Allergy Clinic NCOIC; Multi-System Equipment Repairer.

Her former assigned duty locations include Fort Hood, Texas; Fort Monmouth, New Jersey; Fort Sam Houston, Texas; Baumholder, Germany; Aberdeen Proving Ground, Maryland; Fort Bliss, Texas; Fort Riley, Kansas; and Fort Benning (renamed Fort Moore), Georgia. She also deployed to Iraq.

CSM Booker's military education includes Battle Staff Course; Advance Trauma Life Support Course; Combat Casualty Care Course; Inspector General Course; First Sergeant Course; Master Resilience Training Course; United States Sergeants Major Academy (Class 65); Chief/Senior Clinical NCO Course; Senior Leader and Clinicians Course; Basic Healthcare Administration Course; Decision Science Course; AMEDD Pre-Command Course; AMEDD Executive Skills Course; Battalion and Brigade Pre-Command Course, and the CSM Development Program; JMESI Capstone Course; Nominative Leader Course, and U.S. Army Strategic Education Nominative Leader Program.

She holds a Bachelor of Science in Physical Education from Minnesota State University and a Master of Arts in Education: Adult Education and Training from University of Phoenix.

CSM Booker earned numerous awards and decorations to include the Order of Military Medical Merit.

CSM Booker is married with children.



Command History

**United States Army
Medical Readiness Command,
East**

In 1992, the U.S. Army Health Services Command restructured into Health Service Support Areas. The North Atlantic Health Service Support Area, headquartered at Walter Reed Army Medical Center, covered the northeastern U.S.

In October 1993, the U.S. Army Medical Command (Provisional) was established, integrating Army Dental and Veterinary Commands with general medical commands, and was made permanent in 1994. T

his reorganization turned the North Atlantic Health Service Support Area into the North Atlantic Regional Medical Command (NARMC), responsible for about 25% of MEDCOM's U.S. patient load.

The 2005 Base Realignment and Closure led to further changes. Walter Reed Army Medical Command was closed, merged with the Naval Medical Center at Bethesda to form Walter Reed National Military Medical Center, and the Joint Task Force Capital-Medical was established.

This prompted the Northern Regional Medical Command (NRMC) to improve healthcare delivery, covering a region from Maine to North Carolina and west to Wisconsin, overseeing a medical center, about 40 hospitals, clinics, Troop Command, and Warrior Transition Units.

On July 8, 2015, NRMC became Regional Health Command-Atlantic (RHC-A), the largest health command in Army Medicine, managing all Army medical centers, hospitals, and clinics east of the Mississippi River, including dental and public health commands.

Finally, on September 8, 2022, RHC-A was redesignated as the U.S. Army Medical Readiness Command, East, aligning with the Army's modernization efforts and the National Defense Authorization Act, focusing on Soldier and medical force readiness.

**Today, we bid
Command
Sergeant
Major
Rebecca
Booker
farewell and
welcome
Command
Sergeant
Major
Alexander
Poutou.**

Ready Now!