

Keynote Presenters

Wednesday Keynote

Major General Patrick D. Sargent

Deputy Commanding General for Operations, U.S. Army Medical Command, and Chief of the U.S. Army Medical Service Corps.



Major General Patrick D. Sargent assumed the position of Deputy Commanding General for Operations, U.S. Army Medical Command, JBSA, Texas, on 12 July 2016 and the 18th Chief of the U.S. Army Medical Service Corps. His most recent assignment was leading the Army Medicine Enterprise in the Indo-Asia-Pacific as the Commanding General of the U.S. Army Medical Regional Health Command – Pacific and served as the CEO of the Hawaii Enhanced Multi-Service Market, and Command Surgeon for U.S. Army Pacific in Hawaii.

Previously, MG Sargent was the Deputy Chief of Staff, G-3/5/7 for the U.S. Army Medical Command, Washington, DC and the Commander of Darnall Army Medical Center at Fort Hood, Texas, where he led efforts to implement Soldier and Patient Centered Medical Homes and the CRDAMC Replacement Project. His formative assignments include: Chief of Staff, Army Warrior Transition Command, Washington, DC; Commander, 62nd Medical Brigade, JBLM, Washington, in which he deployed for 15 months as the Medical Task Force Commander in support of Operation Iraqi

Freedom; Executive Officer to the Chief of Army Legislative Liaison, Pentagon, Washington, DC; Commander, 421st Medical Evacuation Battalion, Wiesbaden, Germany, where he deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom; Director, Congressional Operations for the U.S. Army Surgeon General and Army Congressional Fellow in the Office of United States Senator Richard Durbin, Washington, DC; Commander, 507th Medical Company, (Air Ambulance) Fort Hood, Texas and Battalion Executive Officer, 36th Medical Evacuation Battalion, Fort Hood, Texas; Career Manager, Human Resources Command, Alexandria, Virginia; Battalion S-2/3, 52nd Medical Evacuation Battalion, Yongsan, Korea; Instructor, AMEDD Center and School, JBSA, Texas; Commander, Charlie Company, 115th Forward Support Battalion, 1st Cavalry Division, Fort Hood, Texas and Aeromedical Evacuation Pilot, 236th Medical Company, in support of Operation DESERT SHIELD / DESERT STORM.

MG Sargent is a graduate of the Adjutant General Officer Basic Course, Initial Entry Rotary Wing Course, Aviation Officer Advanced Course, Combined Arms and Services Staff School, Command and General Staff College, and the National War College.

MG Sargent is board certified in Healthcare Administration and a Fellow in the American College of Healthcare Executives. He is a member of the Order of Military Medical Merit and Order of Saint Michael. He is the recipient of the Tuskegee Airman, Inc. prestigious General Benjamin O. Davis Jr. National Military Award. MG Sargent earned the Army Surgeon General's prestigious 9A Proficiency Designator for being eminently qualified as an Aeromedical Evacuation Officer.

He is a Distinguished Military Graduate, receiving his commission and earning a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Political Science from Florida State University. He earned a Master of Arts Degree in Human Resource Development from Webster University and a Master of Science Degree in National Security Strategy from the National Defense University. He also earned a Certificate in Healthcare Leadership from Cornell University.

MG Sargent's awards, decorations, and honors include the Distinguished Service Medal (with Oak Leaf Cluster), Legion of Merit (with three oak leaf clusters), Bronze Star Medal (with Oak Leaf Cluster), Meritorious Service Medal (with four Oak Leaf Clusters), Air Medal, Army Commendation Medal (with two Oak Leaf Clusters), and an Army Achievement Medal (with Oak Leaf Cluster). He has earned the Expert Field Medical Badge, Senior Army Aviator Badge, Parachute Qualification Badge, Air Assault Badge, and the Army Staff Identification Badge.

Thursday Keynote

Captain John W. Doolittle

Chief, Preservation of the Force and Family, U.S. Special Operations Command



Captain John W. Doolittle is from Walnut Creek, California. He earned a Bachelor of Science degree from the United States Air Force Academy in 1992, and a Master's Degree in Defense Analysis, Special Operations Low Intensity Conflict from the Naval Postgraduate School (NPS) in 2005.

After an inter-service transfer and "cross-commissioning" from the Air Force in 1992 and various Navy schools, Captain Doolittle then reported to the USS SAFEGUARD (ARS-50) in Hawaii, and served as a hard-hat Dive/Salvage Officer and Surface Warfare Officer for three years while deploying throughout the Pacific. In 1995, he applied for a lateral transfer to the Naval Special Warfare community, attended Basic Underwater Demolitions/SEAL (BUD/S) training, and graduated with BUD/S class 213. From 1996 to 2002, he was assigned to SEAL Team TWO and conducted multiple deployments throughout Europe and Africa to include a Kosovo deployment during 9/11. In 2002, he reported to Naval Special Warfare Unit TWO (NSWU-2) in Stuttgart, Germany where he served as the Operations Officer and focused SOF efforts in the Baltics, Levant, Bosnia and East Africa. In 2003,

he reported to NPS to pursue a master's degree in Defense Analysis. In 2005, he reported to Naval Special Warfare Unit ONE (NSWU-1) in Guam and served as the Executive Officer. This tour included work with Operation Enduring Freedom Philippines (OEF-P) and an OEF deployment to Fallujah, Iraq. In 2007, he reported to US Special Operations Command (SOCOM) headquarters in Tampa, FL where he served in the maritime acquisitions and assessments division. In 2008, while at SOCOM, he deployed as the Deputy Commander for Combined Joint Special Operations Task Force-Arabian Peninsula (CJSOTF-AP). In 2010, he assumed command of the Provincial Reconstruction Team (PRT) for a year in Ghazni Province, Afghanistan. In 2011, he assumed command of NSWU-2 serving, again, in Germany focusing on NATO SOF partner engagements in Afghanistan, Africa, and Europe. In 2013, he reported back to USSOCOM headquarters to work in the J-8 directorate for a year, and is now serving as the Preservation of the Force and Family (POTFF) director for USSOCOM.

Captain Doolittle's decorations include the Bronze Star (two awards), the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal (two awards), and various unit and service decorations.

Captain Doolittle and his wife, Katie, are raising three children: Sean (14), Ryan (12), and Meg (9). The Navy has taken the Doolittles to California three times, Florida three times, Germany twice, Guam, Hawaii, Virginia, and numerous exciting deployments around the globe.