

# *Promotion Ceremony*



*In honor of*

*Major Daniel A. Gonski*

*25 April 2025  
1000 hours*

*Defense Health Headquarters Pavilion  
Salon A  
7700 Arlington Boulevard  
Falls Church, Virginia 22042*

## *Sequence of Events*

Arrival of the  
Official Party

National Anthem

Host Remarks  
Major General  
Jill K. Faris

Promotion Order

Placing of Rank  
Mrs. Elise Gonski

Oath of Office  
Colonel (Retired)  
Mark Orwat

Honoree Remarks  
Lieutenant Colonel  
Daniel A. Gonski

The Army Song

Receiving Line

Reception



## Major General Jill K. Faris

Chief of Staff

United States Army Medical Command

Major General Jill K. Faris is a member of the Ohio Army National Guard. She assumed her duties as Chief of Staff, United States Army Medical Command on 1 October 2024. She began her military service as a Private in the South Dakota Army National Guard and upon graduation from South Dakota State University, Brookings, South Dakota, in 1987 received her commission. She has served as a member of

the South Dakota, Minnesota and Ohio Army National Guard, respectively, during her 42 years of service.

She has served in all medical operations positions from company through Division and Joint Force Headquarters. Recent assignments include, Deputy State Surgeon for Minnesota and Ohio, Division Medical Operations Center Chief, Deputy Commander Medical Detachment, Deputy J-1 Mobilization Readiness, and Deputy Surgeon for the Army National Guard and Assistant Surgeon General for Mobilization, Readiness and National Guard Affairs, Deputy Chief of Staff for Support, United States Army Medical Command (MEDCOM) G-1/4/6, Deputy Chief of Staff, G-3/5/7 as the lead for the Operational Planning Team on Medical Reform, detailed as the United States Army Medical Command (MEDCOM) Interim Deputy Chief of Staff, G-3/5/7, Director, Office of the Joint Surgeon, National Guard Bureau, Special Assistant to the Army Surgeon General, and now serves as Chief of Staff, United States Army Medical Command.

MG Faris received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Broadcast Journalism from South Dakota State University and a Master of Business Administration from Trident University. She is also a graduate of the United States Army War College, Command and General Staff College, Combined Service Arms Service School, Medical Service Corps Advanced Course, Adjutant General's Officer Basic, Support Operations Course, Joint Senior Medical Leaders Course, Medical Strategic Leadership Program, and Global Health Strategies for Security Course.

Her military awards and decorations include the Legion of Merit (1 bronze Oak Leaf Cluster), Meritorious Service Medal (1 silver Oak Leaf Cluster), Army Commendation Medal (3 bronze Oak Leaf Clusters), Army Achievement Medal, Air Force Achievement Medal, Army Reserve Components Achievement Medal (1 silver Oak Leaf Cluster and 3 bronze Oak Leaf Clusters), National Defense Service Medal (Bronze Service Star), Armed Forces Service Medal, Humanitarian Service Ribbon, Armed Forces Reserve Medal (Gold Hourglass Device), Army Reserve Components Overseas Training ribbon (with Numeral 3), Army Service Ribbon, Ohio Distinguished Service Ribbon, Ohio Service Ribbon (1 bronze Oak Leaf Cluster), Ohio Faithful Service Ribbon, and Minnesota Service Ribbon (Gold XV Device). MG Faris has been awarded the Department of the Army Staff Identification Badge.

She is a life member of the National Guard Association of Ohio, the National Guard Association of the United States, and the Association of the United States Army. MG Faris is married to her husband Steve, and they are raising two amazing children.



## Major Daniel A. Gonski

Medical Operations Branch Chief  
G-3/7 Medical Readiness Division  
Office of the Surgeon General/  
United States Army Medical Command

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Major Daniel A. Gonski currently serves as the Operations Branch Chief in the Medical Readiness Division, Office of the Surgeon General (OTSG). He is responsible for the confidentiality, integrity and accessibility of all total Army medical readiness information used to support medical actions and readiness workflow. During his civilian career, MAJ Gonski

worked at the Food and Drug Administration culminating as the Division Director for IT in the Center for Drugs and Evaluation Research. He also worked for numerous Department of Defense (DOD) companies advising the DOD and Army on cybersecurity and data management policy.

MAJ Gonski's medical career spans numerous assignments within the National Guard Bureau (NGB), the Joint Program Office at Office of the Secretary of Defense (OSD) and the Maryland Army National Guard (MDARNG) managing programs that process, and store data and information used to manage readiness and deployability of the warfighter.

His military education includes: Army Medical Department (AMEDD) Basic Officer Leader Course; AMEDD Operations Course; AMEDD Captains Career Course; AMEDD Patient Administration Course; AMEDD Medical Information Management Course; Intermediate Level Education Course; Advanced Operations Course; and the AMEDD Medical Information Technology Course.

MAJ Gonski earned his Bachelor of Science in Exercise Science from McDaniel College in 2009. He also earned his Master of Science in Health Systems Management from the University of Baltimore in 2012 and a Master of Science in Data Science from the University of Maryland in 2017.

MAJ Gonski's awards and decorations include the Meritorious Service Medal (2 Oak Leaf Clusters), Army Commendation Medal (4 Oak Leaf Clusters), Army Achievement Medal (1 Oak Leaf Cluster), Army Reserve Component Achievement Medal (4 Oak Leaf Clusters), National Defense Service Medal, Humanitarian Service Medal, Armed Forces Reserve Medal, Army Service Ribbon, Armed Forces Reserve Medal with mobilization, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, National Guard Bureau Identification Badge, and Army Staff Identification Badge.

He is married to Elise and they have two children: Greyson (8) and Charlotte (5). They currently reside in New Market, Maryland where they enjoy participating in their children's numerous activities and sports teams.



U.S. ARMY



## *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 hū! hū! 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.*



The song "The Army Goes Rolling Along" is the official song of the United States Army. The song was dedicated on Veterans Day, November 11, 1956. The music was composed in 1908 by Lieutenant (later BG) Edmund L. Gruber and was originally known as the "Caisson Song."