

Promotion Ceremony



In honor of

*Brigadier General Thad J. Collard
to
Major General*

*4 September 2026
1000 hours*

*Defense Health Headquarters Pavilion
Salons A, B, and C
7700 Arlington Boulevard
Falls Church, Virginia 22042*

Sequence of Events

Arrival of the
Official Party

National Anthem

Invocation
Chaplain Eddie Cook

Host Remarks
Lieutenant General
Mary K. Izaguirre

Promotion Order

Placing of Rank
Mrs. Denise Collard
Captain Jack Collard
First Lieutenant
Carson Collard
Cadet Troy Collard
Mr. James Collard

Oath of Office
Lieutenant General
Mary K. Izaguirre

Presentation of 2-Star Flag
Sergeant Major Andrew Fink

Rendering of Honors

Honoree Remarks
Major General
Thad J. Collard

The Army Song

Receiving Line

Reception



Lieutenant General Mary K. Izaguirre

**The Surgeon General and Commanding General
United States Army Medical Command**

Lieutenant General Mary K. Izaguirre is The 46th Surgeon General of the United States Army and Commanding General, United States Army Medical Command. Prior to her appointment as The Surgeon General and Commanding General, she served as the Commanding General, U.S. Army Medical Readiness Command, East and Chief of the U.S. Army Medical Corps.

LTG Izaguirre received her Bachelor of Science degree in Biology from Houghton College in 1991 and was commissioned through the Health Professions scholarship program as a second lieutenant in the United States Army. She received her Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine in 1995 from Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and completed residency training in Family Medicine in 1998, and Faculty Development Fellowship in 2002, both at Madigan Army Medical Center, Fort Lewis, Washington.

LTG Izaguirre is board certified in Family Medicine and is a Fellow of the American Academy of Family Physicians. She received a Master of Public Health from the University of Washington in 2002, a Master of Military Arts and Science from the Command and General Staff College in 2008, and a Master in National Security and Resource Strategy at the Dwight D. Eisenhower School of National Security and Resource Strategy in 2015.

LTG Izaguirre's military education includes the War College, Army Command and General Staff College, AMEDD Officer Advanced Course, AMEDD Officer Basic Course, Army Flight Surgeon Course, Division Surgeon Course, and Brigade Command Course.

LTG Izaguirre's military assignments include Commander, Tripler Army Medical Center, Honolulu, Hawaii from 2018-2020; Supervisory Assistant Deputy Health Affairs, Assistant Secretary of the Army for Manpower and Reserve Affairs, (MPQ), Pentagon, Washington, DC from 2015-2018; Commander, U.S. Army Health Clinic Schofield Barracks, Schofield Barracks, Hawaii from 2012-2014; Division Surgeon, 4th Infantry Division, Fort Carson, Colorado, and Tikrit, Iraq, in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation New Dawn from 2009-2012; Chief of Soldier Care, Evans Army Community Hospital, Fort Carson, Colorado from 2008-2009; Director of Residency Training, Department of Family Medicine, Fort Bragg, North Carolina from 2005-2007; Associate Program Director, Department of Family Medicine, Fort Bragg, North Carolina from 2003-2005; Deputy Surgeon, Combined Joint Civil Military Operations Task Force, Bagram, Afghanistan in 2003; Director of Research, Family Medicine Residency Program, Dewitt Army Community Hospital, Fort Belvoir, Virginia; Faculty Development Fellow, Madigan Army Medical Center, Fort Lewis, Washington from 2000-2002; and Family Medicine Residency Faculty, Madigan Army Medical Center, Fort Lewis, Washington from 1998-2000. Prior to her current position, she served as the Commanding General for Medical Readiness Command, East from 2021-2023 and Chief of the U.S. Army Medical Corps from 2022-2024.

LTG Izaguirre's military awards include the Army Distinguished Service Medal, Legion of Merit (two Oak Leaf Clusters), Bronze Star Medal (Oak Leaf Cluster), Meritorious Service Medal (three Oak Leaf Clusters), Army Commendation Medal (two Oak Leaf Clusters), and the Army Achievement Medal (Oak Leaf Cluster). LTG Izaguirre is an Army Flight Surgeon, has earned the Expert Field Medical Badge, the Army Staff Identification Badge, and holds The Surgeon General's 9A Designation. LTG Izaguirre is a member of the Order of Military Medical Merit.

LTG Izaguirre and her husband Joseph Izaguirre remain grounded through the joy and adventures of parenting their five children.



Brigadier General

Thad J. Collard

Deputy Surgeon General for Mobilization and Readiness

Brigadier General Thad J. Collard was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant Medical Service Corps Officer (Regular Army) through the ROTC program at the University of Southern California, where he was awarded a 4-year ROTC National Scholarship and the Army ROTC Superior Cadet Decoration. He graduated in 1996 with a Bachelor of Science in Biomedical and Mechanical Engineering. In 1999, he earned a Master of Business Administration from University of Colorado – Colorado Springs. In 2020, he graduated with honors as a Superior Graduate from the United States Army War College (USAWC) with a Master's degree in Strategic Studies. He holds an academic appointment as Assistant Professor, USAWC.

His military education includes the Army Medical Department (AMEDD) Officer Basic Course; Medical Logistics Management Course; Combat Casualty Care Course; AMEDD Captains Career Course; Health Services Plans Operations Intelligence, Security and Training Course; Combined Arms Exercise; Health Service Human Resource Manager Course; Command and General Staff College; Defense Strategy Course; Reserve Component National Strategy Course; Brigade Pre-Command Course; Senior Officer Legal Orientation; Medical Strategic Leadership Program; Advanced Strategic Art Program; the Senior Manager Course in National Security Leadership and Senior Service College.

BG Collard's most recent assignment was as the Deputy Commanding General, 3d Theater Medical Command, Forest Park, Georgia. His previous General Officer assignments were as the Deputy Commanding General – Operations, U.S. Army Medical Command, Joint Base San Antonio, Texas; Assistant Surgeon General for Mobilization, Force Management, Readiness, and Reserve Affairs, Office of the Surgeon General, Falls Church, Virginia; and Deputy Commanding General, Army Reserve Medical Command, Pinellas Park, Florida. He previously served as the John Parker Chair of Reserve Component Studies at the USAWC. He also served as the Health Human Resources Army Reserve Consultant to The Surgeon General. BG Collard has a personnel, operations and logistics background and served in numerous leadership and staff positions at all levels. His operational deployment was as the Chief Medical Mentor for the Afghan National Police, Joint Task Force 1 / Regional Command East, Gardez, Afghanistan.

BG Collard's military awards include the Legion of Merit (Oak Leaf Cluster), Meritorious Service Medal (Silver Oak Leaf Cluster); Joint Service Commendation Medal; Army Commendation Medal (Oak Leaf Cluster); Army Achievement Medal (two Oak Leaf Clusters); Army Reserve Components Achievement Medal (Silver Oak Leaf Cluster); Afghanistan Campaign Medal; Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal; Armed Forces Reserve Medal (with Mobilization Device and one Oak Leaf Cluster); Overseas Service Ribbon; Expert Field Medical Badge; Combat Action Badge and the Parachutist Badge. He is a member of the Order of Military Medical Merit.

He is married to Denise Laster Collard, and they are the proud parents / grandparents of Jack, Devyn, Sloan, Carson, Troy and Abbie. In his civilian position, he serves as the OTSG/MEDCOM Deputy Chief of Staff.



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."