

Major General Nadja Y. West Joint Staff Surgeon

Major General Nadja Y. West is the Joint Staff Surgeon, at the Pentagon, Washington, DC. She serves as the chief medical advisor to the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, providing advice to the Chairman, the Joint Staff, and the Combatant Commanders. She coordinates all issues related to Health Services to include operational medicine, force health protection, and readiness among the Combatant Commands, the Office of the Secretary of Defense, and the Services.

MG West is a graduate from the United States Military Academy with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Engineering. She attended the George Washington University School of Medicine in Washington, D. C., where she earned a Doctorate of Medicine Degree.



She completed her internship and residency in Family Medicine at Martin Army Hospital, Fort Benning, GA. During this assignment she deployed with the 197th Infantry Brigade, 24th Infantry Division during Operation Desert Shield and was attached to the 2/69th Armored Battalion during Desert Storm. She then served at Blanchfield Army Hospital, Fort Campbell, KY as a staff family physician and then the Officer in Charge of the Aviation Medicine Clinic. While there she also participated in a medical mission with the 5th Special Forces Group (Airborne).

MG West completed a second residency in dermatology at Fitzsimons Army Medical Center and the University of Colorado Medical Center in Denver, CO. She was then assigned as the Chief, Dermatology Service at Heidelberg Army Hospital in Germany. In her following assignment, she served as the Division Surgeon of the 1st Armored Division, Bad Kreuznach, Germany; deploying to the former Yugoslavian Republic of Macedonia and Kosovo as the Deputy Task Force Surgeon.

She was then assigned as Chief, Department of Medicine and the Dermatology Service at 121st General Hospital in Seoul, Republic of Korea. MG West then commanded McDonald Army Community Hospital, Fort Eustis, VA. Other assignments include Deputy Commander for Integration at the National Naval Medical Center (NNMC), Bethesda, MD where she became the first Army Officer to join the leadership team at NNMC. She then served as the J-3, Director of Operations for Joint Task Force, National Capital Regional, Medical. Following this assignment MG West commanded Womack Army Medical Center, Fort Bragg, NC and went on to be the Commanding General, Europe Regional Medical Command. Prior to

her current assignment, MG West served as the Deputy Chief of Staff, G1/4/6, Office of the Surgeon General, Falls Church, Virginia.

MG West completed the AMEDD Officer Basic and Advanced Courses, the Army Flight Surgeon Course and the Command and General Staff College. She graduated from the National War College, in Washington, D.C., earning a Master of Science in National Security Strategy.

Her awards and decorations include the Combat Medical Badge, the Flight Surgeon Crewmember Badge, the United States Army Parachutist Badge, the United States Army Air Assault Badge, the German Armed Forces Bronze Eagle, the Distinguished Service Medal, the Legion of Merit with three Oak Leaf Clusters, the Defense Meritorious Service Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters, the Army Commendation Medal, the Army Achievement Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters, the NATO Medal, and various campaign medals. She is a member of the Order of Military Medical Merit and is a Fellow of the American Academy of Dermatology and the American Academy of Family Practice.