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Prior to his appointment to Texas A&M University, Dr. Parker held technical to executive leadership positions throughout 36 years of public service at the federal level as a recognized defense and civilian interagency leader in biodefense, high consequence emerging infectious diseases, global health security, and all-hazards public health/medical preparedness and response. This included coordinating the federal public health and medical responses to Hurricanes Katrina through Alex, to the 2009 H1N1 Pandemic and Haiti Earthquake. Dr. Parker's service includes more than 26 years on active duty leading military medical research and development programs and organizations. He is a former Commander and Deputy Commander, United States Army Medical Research Institute of Infectious Diseases. After his military career, Dr. Parker held senior executive level positions at the Department of Homeland Security, Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), and the Department of Defense (DOD). This includes serving as the Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response at HHS, and Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Chemical and Biological Defense at DOD.

Dr. Parker is a 2009 recipient of the Distinguished Executive Presidential Rank Award, the Secretary of Defense Medal for Meritorious Civilian Service in 2013, and the Senator Melcher Leadership in Public Policy Award from the Association of American Veterinary Colleges in 2019. Dr. Parker is a graduate of Texas A&M University's College of Veterinary Medicine, Baylor College of Medicine Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences, and the Industrial College of the Armed Forces.



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