

## Department of Veterans Affairs Senior Executive Biography

## Ralph Loren Erickson, MD, DrPH

Chief Consultant, Post Deployment Health
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Doctor Erickson's office assesses the impact of deployment and environmental exposures on Veterans and develops national policy and strategies for research, education and innovative health care delivery. <a href="http://www.publichealth.va.gov/exposures/index.asp">http://www.publichealth.va.gov/exposures/index.asp</a>

COL (Ret) Erickson is an Army Veteran of the Gulf War (1990-91) and Operation Iraqi Freedom (2003). He retired with over 32 years active-duty service, during which he held a number of leadership positions including: Commander of the Walter Reed Army Institute of Research (WRAIR);



Command Surgeon, US Central Command; and Director, Department of Defense Global Emerging Infections Surveillance and Response System (DoD-GEIS). He is a board certified physician in Preventive Medicine and Public Health. Dr. Erickson is the 2009 recipient of the Association of the United States Army (AUSA) National War College (NWC) Writing Award, the 2007 recipient of the AMSUS Gorgas Medal, and the 2002 recipient of the Army Surgeon General's Physician Recognition Award (top Medical Corps LTC). Military awards include: the Defense Superior Service Medal (x2) and the Legion of Merit (x2).

## CAREER CHRONOLOGY:

2015 – Present	Chief Consultant, Post Deployment Health, Washington, DC
2013 – 2015	Director, Pre 9/11 Era Environmental Health, Washington, DC
2011 – 2013	Commander, Walter Reed Army Institute of Research, Silver Spring, MD
2009 – 2011	Command Surgeon, US Central Command, Tampa, FL
2008 – 2009	Student, National War College, Washington, DC
2006 – 2008	Director, DoD-GEIS, Silver Spring, MD
2005 – 2006	Science Director, Walter Reed Army Institute of Research, Washington, DC

## **EDUCATION:**

2009	Masters of Science in Strategic Studies, National War College, Washington, DC
1998	Doctor of Public Health (Epidemiology), Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, MD
1990	General Preventive Medicine Residency, WRAIR, Washington, DC
1989	Masters of Public Health, Harvard University, Boston, MA
1985	Doctor of Medicine, Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences, Bethesda, MD
1981	Bachelor of Science (Chemistry), University of Washington, Seattle, WA