

Lieutenant General Eric B. Schoomaker, M.D., Ph.D.



Lieutenant General Eric B. Schoomaker was sworn in as the 42nd Army Surgeon General on 11 December 2007 and assumes Command of US Army Medical Command on 13 December 2007. Before this selection, LTGSchoomaker served as the Commanding General Walter Reed Army Medical Center and the North Atlantic Regional Medical Command.

LTG Schoomaker was born into an Army family in Detroit, Michigan. In 1970 he graduated from the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor, was commissioned a Second Lieutenant as a Distinguished Military Graduate, and awarded a Bachelor of Science degree. He received his medical degree from the University of Michigan Medical School in 1975 and completed his Ph.D. in Human Genetics in 1979.

He completed his internship and residency in Internal Medicine at Duke University Medical Center in Durham, North Carolina, from 1976 to 1978, followed by a fellowship in Hematology at Duke University Medical Center in 1979. He is certified by the American Board of Internal Medicine in both Internal Medicine and Hematology. His military education includes completion of the Combat Casualty Care Course, Medical Management of Chemical Casualty Care Course, AMEDD Officer Advanced Course, Command and General Staff College, and the US Army War College.

LTG Schoomaker has held a wide variety of assignments. From 1979 until 1982, he was a research hematologist at Walter Reed Army Institute of Research. He served as Assistant Chief and Program Director, Department of Medicine, Walter Reed Army Medical Center, 1982 - 1988; Medical Consultant to Headquarters, 7th Medical Command, Heidelberg, Germany, 1988 - 1990; Deputy Commander for Clinical Services, Landstuhl Army Regional Medical Center, Landstuhl, Germany, 1990 - 1992; Chief and Program Director, Department of Medicine and Director of Primary Care, Madigan Army Medical Center, Tacoma, WA, 1992 - 1995; Director of Medical Education for the Office of The Surgeon General/HQ USAMEDCOM conducting a split operation between Washington, DC, and Fort Sam Houston, TX, 1995 - 1997; and Director of Clinical Operations at the HQ USAMEDCOM, February to July 1997. From July 1997 to July 1999, he commanded the USA MEDDAC (Evans Army Community Hospital) at Fort Carson, CO. He attended the US Army War College in Carlisle Barracks, PA, from 1999 to 2000 followed by assignments as the Command Surgeon for the US Army Forces Command (FORSCOM) from July 2000 to March 2001, and Commander of the 30th Medical Brigade headquartered in Heidelberg, Germany, from April 2001 to June 2002.

The Army Surgeon General appointed General Schoomaker to the position of Chief of the Army Medical Corps when he assumed command of the Southeast Regional Medical Command/Dwight David Eisenhower Army Medical Center from June 2002 to June 2005. Prior to commanding the North Atlantic Regional Medical Command, he was the Commanding General of the U.S. Army Medical Research and Materiel Command and Fort Detrick, Maryland from July 2005 – March 2007.

His awards and decorations include the Distinguished Service Medal with one oak leaf cluster, the Legion of Merit with four oak leaf clusters, the Meritorious Service Medal with two oak leaf clusters, the Joint Service Commendation Medal, the Army Commendation Medal, the Army Achievement Medal and the Humanitarian Service Medal. He has been honored with the Order of Military Medical Merit and the "A" Proficiency Designator and holds the Expert Field Medical Badge.

LTG Schoomaker is married to a former Army Nurse Corps Officer and yoga instructor and has three school-aged children.