

*The Virtual*  
*Military*  
*Promotion Ceremony*  
*for the*  
*Uniformed Service Members*  
*of the*  
*Edward Via College*  
*of Osteopathic Medicine*  
*Class of 2020*

May 2020



# Graduating Military Promotees

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## SERVICE

## RESIDENCY PLACEMENT

### AUBURN CAMPUS

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#### ARMY

Zachary Steven Jarrett	Internal Medicine – Brooke Army Medical Center, San Antonio, TX
Vernon Thomas Traeder Sharp	Transitional Year – Fort Gordon, Augusta, GA
Kenneth Conrad Stroer	Emergency Medicine – Fort Hood, Killeen, TX

#### NAVY

Matthew Robert Ferguson	Internal Medicine – Walter Reed/Bethesda, Bethesda, MD
Hendrix Lafontant	Transitional Year – Naval Medical Center, Portsmouth, VA
Victoria P. Lafontant	Pediatrics – Naval Medical Center, Portsmouth, VA
Nicholas Ford Ryan	General Surgery – Naval Medical Center, Portsmouth, VA

#### AIR FORCE

Craig Robert Goldhagen	General Surgery – Civilian Deferred, Geisinger Medical Center, Wilkes-Barre, PA
Audie Benjamin Mackie Schmid	Internal Medicine – Brooke Army Medical Center, San Antonio, TX

### CAROLINAS CAMPUS

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#### ARMY

Artem Boyev	General Surgery – University of Texas Health Science Center, Houston, TX
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#### NAVY

Hayley Danielle Hatherly	Family Medicine – Naval Hospital, Jacksonville, FL
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#### AIR FORCE

Wyatt Hayden Danner	Family Medicine – Scott Air Force Base, O’Fallon, IL
Daltrey Allen Meitz	Preliminary Surgery – San Antonio Military Medical Center, San Antonio, TX
Emily Elizabeth Olinger	Transitional Year – Campbell University, Fayetteville, NC
Dakota Katherine Tomasini	Pediatrics – Brooke Army Medical Center, San Antonio, TX
Kyle Randall Tomasini	Emergency Medicine – SAUCHEC, Brooke Army Medical Center, Fort Sam Houston, Houston, TX

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### VIRGINIA CAMPUS

#### ARMY

Anne Grace Brezovec  
Hunter Jaymes Hicks  
Steven Donald Jette

OBGYN – Womack Army Medical Center, Fort Bragg, NC  
Family Medicine – Deaconess Hospital, Evansville, IN  
Pediatrics – Tripler Army Medical Center, Honolulu, HI

#### NAVY

Gabrielle Ann Bruzda  
Louis Michael Damiano  
Natale DeMarco, Jr  
Cory Scott Geohegan  
Shajaylyn Leaner Lee-Combs

Transitional Year – Walter Reed National Military  
Medical Center, Bethesda, MD  
Anesthesiology – Virginia Commonwealth University,  
Richmond, VA  
Anesthesiology – University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA  
Internal Medicine – Naval Medical Center, San Diego, CA  
Family Medicine – Naval Medical Center,  
Camp Lejeune, Jacksonville, NC

#### AIR FORCE

Jill Elizabeth Danyuk  
Jessica Maria May Franklin  
Mitchell Raymond Horten  
Kristina Chantel Krumpos  
Catherine Edelmira LaRowe  
Cynthia Mary Leaf  
Donovan Chan Nourn  
Daniel Wayne Shields, Jr

Family Medicine – Fort Belvoir Community  
Hospital, Fort Belvoir, VA  
Transitional Year – San Antonio Military  
Medical Center, San Antonio, TX  
Anesthesiology – San Antonio Military Medical  
Center, San Antonio, TX  
General Surgery – Keesler Medical Center, Biloxi, MS  
Family Medicine – Nellis Air Force Base,  
Las Vegas, NV  
Traditional Surgery Year – Nellis Air Force Base, Las Vegas, NV  
Psychiatry – Virginia Commonwealth University - Richmond, VA  
Internal Medicine – Naval Medical Center  
– Portsmouth, VA

#### Health Professions Scholarship Program

Created under authority of the Uniformed Services Health Professions Revitalization Act of 1972, the Health Professions Scholarship Program (HPSP) Scholarship Program (HPSP) is the primary source of trained healthcare professionals entering the United States Armed Forces. The HPSP is a competitive program that offers financial support during medical school in exchange for future service as a physician in the Army, Navy, Air Force or Public Health Service Corps. It is useful to note there is no HPSP for the United States Marine Corps as medical staff to the Marine Corps are supplied by the Navy. Following verification of eligibility for a commission, the scholarship winner ("selectee") is commissioned as either a Second Lieutenant in the US Army Reserve, Second Lieutenant in the US Air Force Reserve or as an Ensign in the US Navy Reserve. The new officer is then immediately placed on inactive reserve status while under training at medical school. Upon graduation, the student is promoted two ranks, Captain in the Army and Air Force or Lieutenant in the Navy and is recalled to active duty for postgraduate training in a service hospital or, alternatively, a civilian residency program.



# Guest Speaker



**Major Frederic A. Rawlins III, DO, USAF, MC**  
VCOM Class of 2010

*M*ajor Frederic A. Rawlins, DO, is a staff pulmonary and critical care medicine physician in the 81st Medical Group, Keesler Air Force Base, Mississippi. As one of two pulmonary and critical care medicine physicians at the Air Force's second largest medical center, he assists with delivery of care to more than 26,000 enrolled patients. Major Rawlins spends more than 4,000 hours on call annually for intensive care patients enabling continued specialty care. He serves as medical director for the critical care unit, simulation lab, and respiratory therapy services at Keesler Medical Center, and is core clinical faculty for resident physicians in the Keesler Internal Medicine

Residency. Operationally, he serves as a CCATT (Critical Care Aeromedical Transport Team) medical director and physician team lead, leading a three person whose missions involve the evacuation of severely ill or wounded warriors on a variety of airframes.

Major Rawlins attended and graduated cum laude with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Chemistry from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University. Major Rawlins commissioned into the United States Air Force Health Professions Scholarship Program and began medical school at the Via College of Osteopathic Medicine – Virginia Campus in 2006. He graduated with Sigma Sigma Phi honors in 2010 and went on to complete his internship and residency in Internal Medicine at Brook Army Medical Center, San Antonio, Texas in 2013. Major Rawlins scored in the top 10% on his Internal Medicine board examination and was selected 2012-2013 USAF Senior Resident of the Year for Brook Army Medical Center. He was selected for immediate follow-on fellowship training at Brook AMC in Pulmonary and Critical Care Medicine which he completed in 2016. Following the fellowship, he has been stationed at Keesler Air Force Base as a staff physician and is appointed as Internal Medicine faculty at the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences.

Major Rawlins was deployed in July 2017 for 191 days to Southwest Asia in support of Operations Freedom Sentinel and Inherent Resolve. He earned two achievement medals during 58 hours of mission airtime on the C17 and C130 airframes. He has deployed on 15 temporary duty assignments spending more than 377 days away from home and family. Major Rawlins maintains currency in Internal Medicine, Pulmonary and Critical Care Medicine, and Critical Care Aeromedical Transport Team. Major Rawlins received an Internal Medicine Teaching Award in 2018 and was selected as the Air Education and Training Command Field Grade Officer of the Year in 2018. He is supported by his wife of 14 years, Alison, who teaches World History and expertly manages their three successful children when Major Rawlins is called upon for his many hours of patient care and military service.

## Association of Military Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons

**T**he Association of Military Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons (AMOPS) was established in 1977 to serve and represent osteopathic physicians in the uniformed services. AMOPS focuses the attention of the American Osteopathic Association (AOA) on the unique aspects of practice in the Uniformed Services by the more than 2,200 Doctors of Osteopathy (DOs) meeting our nation's military and federal medical needs throughout the world. DOs comprise approximately 10% of the physicians in the Armed Forces, and AMOPS is the 13<sup>th</sup> largest divisional society in the osteopathic profession.

## Symbolism of Military Coins

**T**he use of metal tokens to commemorate special events dates back many centuries. From Military Medals to locally produced tokens, the practice is as old as metal work itself. Many organizations produced custom coins from very early in our history. As a practical matter, we can see the use of custom coins in the United States dating back at least as far as 1824, with Campaign Coins from the 1824 election supporting



Andrew Jackson for President. It is fair to assume this practice did not originate in that year, so custom coins may date back even further. There are also presentation coins dating from the civil war. One coin, dating from 1863, has the flag of the US on one side and the saying, "If anyone tries to tear it down, shoot him on the spot." The flag has the Phrygian cap (often called the Cap of Liberty) atop the staff. This symbol is incorporated into the current US Army Seal.

# Order of Events

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Ceremonial Music	
Opening Remarks	Kenneth Schor, DO, CAPT, MC, USN (Ret) Associate Dean for Clinical Affairs
Introduction of Speaker	Craig Johnson, 2LT, US Army SAMOPS President 2019-2020, Class of 2022
	Jennelle LeBeau, 2LT, US Army SAMOPS Vice President 2020-2021, Class of 2023
Guest Speaker	Major Frederic A. Rawlins III, DO, USAF, MC VCOM Class of 2010
Please see the names of all VCOM Class of 2020 Military graduates listed by campus then by service	
Oath of Office	Major Frederic A. Rawlins III, DO, USAF, MC
Pinning	Kenneth Schor, DO, CAPT, MC, USN (Ret)
Reading of Orders	Kenneth Schor, DO, CAPT, MC, USN (Ret)
<i>Army</i>	
<i>Navy</i>	
<i>Air Force</i>	
Congratulatory Remarks	John G. Rocovich Jr., JD, LLM VCOM Chairman of the Board
	Dixie Tooke-Rawlins, DO VCOM President and Provost
Reading of “Old Glory”	James F. Palmieri, PhD, Commander, Medical Service Corps, Navy (Ret)
Salute to the Armed Forces	The SOAP Notes (Recorded)
Closing Remarks	Kenneth Schor, DO, CAPT, MC, USN (Ret)

## SPECIAL THANKS TO THOSE WHO MADE THIS EVENT POSSIBLE:

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### 2020 Military Graduation Committee:

Kenneth Schor, DO, CAPT, MC, USN (Ret); Craig Johnson, 2LT, US Army SAMOPS President 2019-2020; Jennelle LeBeau, 2LT, US ARMY SAMOPS Vice President 2020-2021; Cassie Keene; Kevin Price; David Rakes; Sarah Rakes; Whitney Stokes; Diane Sutphin and Dean Jan Willcox.

Major Frederic A. Rawlins III, DO, USAF, MC, VCOM Class of 2010; John G. Rocovich Jr., JD, LLM, VCOM Chairman of the Board; Dixie Tooke-Rawlins, DO, VCOM President and Provost; James F. Palmieri, PhD, Commander, Medical Service Corps, Navy (Ret); The SOAP Notes and of course, all of VCOM’s Promotees!

## Oath of Office

**T**HE FIRST LAW of the United States of America enacted in the first session of the first Congress on June 1, 1789, was statute 1, chapter 1: an act to regulate the time and manner of administering certain oaths, which established the oath required by civil and military officials to support the Constitution. The founding fathers agreed upon the importance of ensuring that officials promised their allegiance;

indeed, very little debate occurred before the first Congress passed this statute. Although the wording of the military officer's oath has changed several times in the past two centuries, the foundation has withstood the test of time. The current oath is more than a mere formality that adds to the pageantry of the commissioning or promotion ceremony – it provides a foundation for leadership decisions.

The oath reads as follows:

“I, (Officer's Full Name and Rank), do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic, that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; that I take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion, and that I will well and faithfully discharge the duties of the office upon which I am about to enter, SO HELP ME GOD.”

## Osteopathic Medicine

**O**steopathic physicians (DOs) and allopathic physicians (MDs) are the only two types of physicians who are fully trained and licensed to practice the full



scope of medicine and surgery. Osteopathic values include medicine focused

on the patient rather than the disease and the importance of human touch in diagnosing and treating the patient. The practice of osteopathic medicine includes using the most current scientific knowledge to promote health and prevention and to diagnose and treat patients. Osteopathic physicians prescribe medication, perform surgery, and use osteopathic manipulative medicine as a tool to diagnose and treat patients.

The philosophy of osteopathic medicine originated from the teachings of Virginian Andrew Taylor Still over 100 years ago is based on the beliefs that, given the optimum conditions, the human body has the amazing ability to heal, that the structure of the human body is directly related to the function, and that the health of the individual is related to the body, mind and spirit.

## The Mission

**T**he Mission of the Edward Via College of Osteopathic Medicine (VCOM) is to prepare globally-minded, community-focused physicians to meet the needs of rural and medically underserved

populations and promote research and improve human health.

VCOM's faculty, staff and students VALUE:

Professionalism, integrity, duty, compassion, altruism, knowledge and critical thinking.

