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Michael E. Kilpatrick, M.D., is the Deputy Director for Force Health Protection and Readiness Programs in the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs and the Director of Strategic Communications for the Military Health System (MHS). His responsibilities are to ensure the Defense Department has the medical facts and supporting information to answer health concerns of military leaders, Service members and their families before, during and after deployments. This includes sharing deployment health information from the Military Health System with the Department of Veterans Affairs. His strategic communication task is to develop and direct an aggressive plan to increase public awareness of the accomplishments and direction of the MHS in health care delivery, medical research, and medical education and training.



He served in the Navy from 1974 to 1999. Most of his 25 years as a Navy physician were spent studying infectious diseases in areas of the world where we may need to send our personnel.

His military career began as a staff physician in the Infectious Disease division at the Naval Regional Medical Center in San Diego. He served five tours with the Medical Research and Development Command including assignments in Egypt and Peru. He was executive officer of the Naval Hospital in Orlando, Florida and commanded the Naval Hospital in Millington, Tennessee.

Dr. Kilpatrick completed his Navy career as the senior medical advisor to the Special Assistant for Gulf War Illnesses. He was selected to the Senior Executive Service in 2000.

He earned his bachelors degree from Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, and his Medical Degree from the University of New Mexico, School of Medicine in 1969. He completed his Internal Medicine residency in 1972 and an Infectious Disease fellowship in 1974 at the University of California, Irvine.

He is a Fellow of the American College of Physicians and a member of the Association of Military Surgeons in the United States. He has co-authored more than 70 peer-reviewed publications on tropical medicine and infectious diseases.

His military awards include the Defense Superior Service Medal, two Legion of Merit awards, three Meritorious Service medals, the Navy Unit Commendation, the Meritorious Unit Commendation, two National Defense Service Medals, the Southwest Asia Service medal, and the Peruvian Navy Cross.