

Col Donald Jenkins, MD, USAF

Colonel Donald H. Jenkins, FACS, DMCC, is a Class of 1988 Doctor of Medicine graduate of the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences. Colonel Jenkins completed his undergraduate education at the University of Scranton in Pennsylvania, earning a Bachelor of Science degree in Biochemistry in 1984. He attended USU from 1984-1988, and following graduation, completed a general surgery internship at Wilford Hall U.S. Air Force Medical Center in San Antonio, Texas. Following a three-year assignment, he returned to Wilford Hall and completed his general surgery residency in 1996. He then went to the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia for a trauma/critical care fellowship. Colonel Jenkins is currently the Trauma Medical Director for the 59th Medical Wing at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas. As such, he is responsible for all trauma medical care and administration of the U.S. Air Force's only American College of Surgeons verified Level I trauma center at Wilford Hall. He is also the flight commander and Chairman of General Surgery for the 59th Medical Wing. Colonel Jenkins has been deployed a number of times, serving from September 2001-March 2002 as the medical chief of staff for the 355th EMEDS in Masirah AB, Oman; August 2004-November 2004, as chief of surgery and deputy squadron commander for the 332nd Expeditionary Medical Group in Balad AB, Iraq; November 2004-March 2005, as trauma systems medical director for the 44th Medical Command in Baghdad, Iraq; and from June 2006-December 2006, as the U.S. Central Command Joint Theater Trauma System Trauma Medical Director for Operation Enduring Freedom/Operation Iraqi Freedom.