

Col David R. Welling, MD, USAF (Ret.)

Dr. David R. Welling, FACS, FASCRS, DMCC, is a doubly-boarded general and colorectal surgeon. He was born in California, raised in Utah, attended Brigham Young University for a undergraduate degree in chemistry, served a mission for his Church in France for 2 ½ years, attended the University of Utah College of Medicine, and then did a surgery internship at Wilford Hall USAF Medical Center, San Antonio, Texas. He did a military-sponsored surgery residency at University of Utah, finishing in 1978. He served as a general surgeon at Eglin AFB, Florida, Wiesbaden, Germany, and Hill AFB, Utah. He was then awarded a fellowship in colorectal surgery at Mayo Clinic, from 1986 to 1987. After successful completion of the fellowship, he went to Travis AFB, California, where he was at David Grant USAF Medical Center from 1987 to 1996, serving the last 8 years there as Chairman of Surgery. He returned to Bitburg, Germany, in 1996, serving as Squadron Commander and Chief of Hospital Services, and then left Bitburg in 1999, moved to Ramstein/Landstuhl Germany. His last 3 years on active duty were as Chief of General Surgery at Landstuhl Regional Medical Center, Landstuhl, Germany. He retired from Landstuhl in 2002, having served 30 years on active duty. He joined the surgery faculty at Uniformed Services University in January, 2003. Among other duties, he chairs the Department of Surgery International Relations Committee. He is still an active member of the Association Francaise de Chirurgie, and spends much time and effort in the promotion of international medicine and surgery. Dr. Welling speaks fluent French, passable German, and some Spanish. He is the faculty advisor to the Surgery Interest Group (SIG). He has several private pilot ratings. He is a member of a number of professional societies. He is married to Lindy, his wife of 39 years.