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Tommy J. Morris is Acting Director of the Office Force Health Protection and Readiness Programs (FHP&RP). FHP&RP proactively addresses deployment-related threats to the health and welfare of U.S. Service members and their families, and integrates medical lessons learned from previous conflicts into current policy, doctrine and practice.

Previously, Mr. Morris served as FHP&RP Director of Deployment Technologies and Support Programs and principal advisor to the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Force Health Protection and Readiness on all matters related to information management and information technology.

Mr. Morris formulates and articulates the FHP&RP policy on current and emerging information technology, and works closely with the Joint Staff, the Military Health System Chief Information Officer, and the TRICARE Management Activity

Program Executive Officer to ensure that military health information technology programs are well-managed, meet functional requirements, comply with applicable statutes and policies, and advance the objectives of the Military Health System.

Mr. Morris also serves as Operations Security (OPSEC) Manager for the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs, ensuring the application and enforcement of policies designed to protect critical information from U.S. adversaries, and is the medical technology consultant to the White House Medical Unit. Over the years, Mr. Morris has developed numerous advanced technologies and mobile computing applications for the White House, the Department of Defense, the Department of State, the U.S. Marshals Service, and other federal agencies.

Prior to joining FHP&RP, Mr. Morris spent more than a decade supporting worldwide military operations and military health care research and development as the Chief Information Technology Officer (CITO) for the U.S. Army Telemedicine & Advanced Technology Research Center. In 1997, he was named Telemedicine Program Manager for the Battelle Memorial Institution, following more than 10 years of service in the U.S. Army as a tactical medic.

Mr. Morris is the inventor of the Battlefield Medical Information System-Tactical (BMIST) Architectural Standard which provides an all-in-one suite of mobile applications that enable providers to create an electronic health record for America's highly mobile forces. He also holds a patent for the Battlefield Medical Information System Telemedicine Provisional Patent, (Filing Date 15 May 2002), and has patents pending for the System and Method for Handling Medical Information PCT APP., International.

Mr. Morris is the recipient of numerous military decorations and other awards, including the U.S. Army Meritorious Service Medal, the United Nations Service Medal, the Army's Top Ten Greatest Inventions award for 2003, 2004 and 2005; the Microsoft Most Valuable Professional (MVP) award for 2006 and 2007, Government Computer News (GCN) 2005 Agency Award for Innovation, and the 1999-2000 Fredrick CIVITAN Club Project Leadership Award. Award nominations include the Worlds Best Technologies award, the Wired Magazine Medical Scientist Rave Award, and Battelle's Outstanding Technical Achievement Award, all in 2004.

Mr. Morris was a finalist for the Frank Brown Berry Prize, U.S. Medicine, 2004; Keynote Speaker at the Microsoft Architecture Forum, 5-7 Oct 2004, and selected U.S. Delegate to the United Nations Conference for the Exploration and Peaceful Uses of Outer Space (UNISPACE III)