

Top priority: Win the fight

By Raymond T. Odierno,
Chief of Staff, U.S. Army

Editor's Note: Gen. Raymond T. Odierno became the Army's chief of staff during a ceremony on Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall, Va., September 7.

I am honored and humbled to be your 38th Chief of Staff. Over the last 10 years our Army has proven itself in arguably the most difficult environment we have ever faced. Our leaders at every level have displayed unparalleled ingenuity, flexibility and adaptability. Our Soldiers have displayed mental and physical toughness and courage under fire. They have transformed the Army into the most versatile, agile, rapidly deployable and sustainable strategic land force in the world.

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RAYMOND T. ODIERNO, CHIEF OF STAFF, U.S. ARMY

9/11 reflection ten years later

By Command Sgt. Maj.
Forbes Daniels

September 11, 2011, brought back memories of the attack 10 years ago. Like many, I remember exactly what I was doing.

Assigned as first sergeant to the 603rd Aviation Support Battalion, 3rd Infantry Division, my commander and I were surveying a training site for an upcoming exercise when a civilian pulled up in a vehicle and told us a plane hit the World Trade Center.

We gathered around the radio, at first believing it was a serious error. We looked at each other in disbelief and in deep sympathy for the families of those passengers. Shortly after, we heard another message announcing that another plane crashed into the second tower of the World Trade Center. We knew then it was not a serious error but that we were under attack from an unknown source. We felt that those responsible would



COMMAND SGT. MAJ. DANIELS

need another planet on which to hide, because the United States, not just New York, would respond.

At the same time, we asked ourselves how we became complacent in such a dangerous world after repeated attacks at home and abroad. Would we become complacent again?

We got into our vehicles and started driving back, listening to the radio in total disbelief, when we heard about another plane crash at the Pentagon and another

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History Channel film crew 'impressed'

By Mark Schauer

A film crew from Half Yard Productions visited Yuma Proving Ground Wednesday, last week to obtain footage and interviews for an episode of the popular History Channel series "Modern Marvels" that is scheduled to air next February.

The episode, entitled "Mobile Military", explores the many ways in which modern technology enables the military to rapidly deploy to even the world's most rugged and remote locations. The segment filmed at YPG gives viewers an up close look at the Joint Precision Airdrop System (JPADS), parachute systems that utilize global positioning satellite (GPS) technology and onboard computers to steer payloads within meters of their target, even when dropped from miles above at high

altitudes. Both GPS and JPADS underwent extensive developmental testing at YPG.

"Yuma Proving Ground is the best place in the world to conduct this type of testing," said Sanjay Patel, project manager with the U.S. Army Natick Soldier Center, Mass. "Yuma has the infrastructure and personnel with the knowledge base to do it successfully. The ability to fully test a parachute's envelope in a safe location is a big deal, and Yuma's size is tremendous."

During their visit, the film crew witnessed JPADS parachutes drop fuel containers and even a Humvee. They also saw rigged test items loaded into C-130 cargo planes, and got a grand tour of the control room in which YPG testers monitor all parachute action with live video feeds and real-time telemetry data.



PHOTO BY MARK SCHAUER

The History Channel film crew visits the site of a successful drop. After a journey starting many thousands of feet above, a Humvee came to a safe landing on the desert floor. Test personnel were enthused by the picture-perfect test.

"It is fascinating how what goes on here impacts the world," said Mark Young, field producer of the segment. "I didn't know about the work going on here, and I presume the vast majority of the population doesn't. What takes place at YPG affects everybody."

YPG was one of several stops for the film crew, who filmed testing at Natick Soldier Center several weeks ago and proceeded to Fort Benning, Ga. After a long day of setting up equipment, experimenting with camera angles, squeezing into cramped control rooms, and filming

multiple takes of interviews, the four person crew was satisfied with their long day of effort that will likely result in four or five minutes of broadcast footage. Likewise, the YPG personnel who participated were excited about the opportunity to share part of their work with the nation.

"We want to let American taxpayers know what we are doing as much as possible without endangering our Soldiers," Patel said. "The work taking place in Yuma is making a substantial and direct difference in theater. The items we tested today will be deployed very soon."

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VIEWPOINTS

Employees of Tropic Regions Test Center in Panama are experts at testing items in extreme jungle environments. For this Viewpoint, we asked members of the TRTC-Panama workforce, "Have you ever visited Yuma? What do you remember most about it?"



Lloyd Hay
Human factors evaluator

The last time I was in Yuma was four or five years ago. I remember the wide open spaces, and a lot of outstanding Mexican restaurants. It was very, very hot. I live in the tropics, but Yuma's heat is really something. The climates of both places are just what we need for testing, though.



Ricardo Martinez
Operations chief

The thing I remember most is that there is a Martinez Lake near the proving ground. Yuma is great. The people are very nice and I had a good experience there. It has been about five years since I've been there.

Luisa Wong
Technical writer

I remember Yuma as being very hot with lots of opportunities to test. After work, I remember shopping at the mall and going out to eat. Yuma is nice, but small compared to Panama City.



Loydeth Cordoba
Office manager

I haven't been there, but I've heard that is a large installation that is very hot in the summer. I've visited Trax's home office in Las Vegas in the summer, and I hear that the weather is similar in Yuma. I'd love to visit Yuma sometime.



Frederico Dixon
Data collector

It's a beautiful place. The only thing I don't like about Yuma is the heat. I've visited Yuma multiple times, but coming to support a Soldier systems test a few years back stands out in my mind. We went on long marches with the troops and ate at the Cactus Cafe every day, and I enjoyed both.



Clinton Launsett
Physical science technician

I was last there several years ago. I remember it being hot without very much plant life, but cold enough at night to need a jacket out on the range. I heard a new shopping mall has been built in town since I was there. There are good things and bad things about any place you go.



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Prevent the insider threat

Submitted by Bob Hallahan
Acting Security Manager,
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How do you identify the insider threat? Better question, how do you train your personnel to identify characteristics of an insider threat? Nobody wants to point fingers at the person sitting in the next cubicle or across the room.

You probably think "It's just my imagination ~ what if I'm sued for making false accusations ~ I know what she/he's doing is wrong but, it's not my place to say anything, etc."

Have any of these thoughts crossed your mind when you see a co-worker who seems angry at the world or just isn't acting right? You justify it to yourself as everybody has a bad day or you overheard she/he was

having marital problems or a financial setback. For most people, it is just that.

We all have some responsibility to act in these scenarios.

Some recent case studies show these issues can be the beginning of something more. But what are the triggers that lead to that "something more?" "There are highly trained medical professionals who are able to identify personality traits or disorders and the different triggering mechanism that may set someone off. But to the untrained eye, we may just pass these things off as random acts based on fleeting emotions. Just as personality traits are based on an individual's background, experiences and genetics, so may be those triggers we're talking about.

Like many of you, we are not one of those highly trained medical

professionals. But, we are trained security professional. Like you, we are trusted agent and guardian of our nation's most sensitive information. And as we have seen in the headlines over and over again-even those trusted agents can turn-after all, we are human and subject to human weaknesses.

Motivations for the insider threat are many - greed, loyalty, coercion, perceived need, a sense of entitlement-and the list goes on.

It is for these reasons we have a continuing evaluation program aimed at those of us who occupy sensitive positions in the federal government. The program constitutes recurring periodic background investigations, self-reporting and the responsibility for all of us to assess the actions of others around us who have been entrusted with our nation's secrets. You have a responsibility to report deviations in security practices through your chain of command but, you can also report it directly to your security activity or through command or IG hotlines (such as 1-800-CALL-SPY, iSalute (<https://www.us.army.mil/suite/page/633775>), or iWatch (<https://www.us.army.mil/suite/page/605757>)).

As a precursor to any adverse action and to maintain continued eligibility for security clearance,

all employees must recognize and avoid behaviors that might jeopardize their security clearance or eligibility to perform sensitive duties. Although supervisors are well positioned to remind employees of these responsibilities and encourage reporting when an activity or event may put an employee's clearance in jeopardy; as peers and co-workers, we all share that responsibility. Early intervention is often the key to quick, effective resolution of problems without causing undue harm to the employee and/or the organization. Problems in the workplace can often be prevented by timely and appropriate response to warning signs that an individual is under stress or having trouble handling personal problems.

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Today is like no other time in our history. We remain at war, and our

top priority is to win the current fight. It is also a time of uncertainty and historic change. We face a multitude of security challenges, such as transnational and regional terrorism in places like Yemen, Somalia, North Africa and Pakistan's Federally Administered Tribal Areas.

We have the uncertainty of the Arab Spring, the proliferation of nuclear weapons, and challenges of rising powers. All of this is underpinned by fiscal constraint.

Despite the challenges, we confront the future from a position of great

strength. Our Army will continue to be the best equipped, best trained, and best led force in the world. The strength of our nation is our Army; the strength of our Army is our Soldiers; the strength of our Soldiers is our families. This is what makes us Army Strong.

Along with the Secretary of the Army, in the coming weeks, I will share thoughts on our way forward. This includes sustaining our All-Volunteer Army, providing depth and versatility to the Joint Force, and ensuring flexibility for defense of our

interests at home and abroad.

I am proud to serve in your ranks, filled by great men and women that willingly serve our country. You are courageous, confident, competent, and compassionate. You live our Army Values 24/7 in all you do. Discipline, high standards, and fitness are your watch words. You are the best our country has to offer. I look forward to seeing you as I visit your camps, posts, stations, and operating bases. Thank you for your steadfast dedication and loyal service to our nation.

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that crash-landed in a field in Pennsylvania. As we returned to our company area, we immediately turned on the television to gather more information and held a

formation to inform our Soldiers of the ongoing catastrophic events.

It was frustrating that day, to say the least, when we started getting ready for a response, if called upon. We knew our world was to change, but there were still unknowns, like were all planes in the air accounted see **REFLECTION** page 6

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Cutting edge aircraft tested amid blue skies of Southwest Arizona

By Mark Schauer

Air reconnaissance has been an important mission since the advent of airplanes. Today, unmanned aerial systems (UAS) are increasingly used to gather intelligence and targeting information. The MQ-8B Fire Scout was the first UAS to land on a moving ship without being controlled by a ground-based operator and, five years later, a new version of the platform dubbed the Fire-X is currently undergoing test at YPG.

“It provides a heavier lift capability than the Fire Scout, is faster, and can fly higher,” said Darryl Abling, test and evaluation site manager for Northrop Grumman. “It’s not designed to replace the Fire Scout platform, but to complement its capabilities as a part of a family of systems.”

Based on the Bell 407, a conventional manned helicopter, the Fire-X’s designers removed the typical flight controls and replaced them with unmanned avionics similar to those on the Fire Scout. The platform’s designers calculated flight models for the aircraft in various



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Luis Avila, senior flight mechanic, prepares the Fire-X unmanned aerial system for a test at YPG. Based on the Fire Scout, the new platform is faster, flies higher and can carry more cargo.

conditions and seek to validate them with real-world testing at the proving ground.

“Fire-X is being subjected to very rigorous flight tests,” said John Penny, test officer. “We want to ensure the system is more than capable of meeting our customer’s requirements. YPG provides a good

place for us to accomplish these activities.”

This intense phase of testing will consist of missions across the proving ground’s vast ranges that simulate the kind of action the platform would see in theater. It could be something relatively simple like taking a surveillance photo of a given

waypoint, or more complex tasks like touching down to deliver simulated medical supplies or ammunition.

YPG’s highly instrumented ranges and support capabilities also allow the platform’s targeting laser to be tested on moving military vehicles. Live fire could even be incorporated into the testing. None of this would be possible without YPG’s more than 2,000 square miles of restricted airspace over the desolate range: if the platform failed during a test, it would crash far from any populated area.

“YPG has sunny weather year-round and a wide-open range with restricted airspace, so we don’t have to worry about non-participating civilian aircraft coming through,” said Abling. “It gives us the flexibility we need to do envelope expansion testing, which is inherently risky. The support we get from YPG range personnel is nothing less than superb.”

“There are not many places in the world with the assets, infrastructure and support elements of YPG,” added Gene Hunt, YPG test officer managing the evaluation.

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for?

We must never forget the 2,983 lives lost that day, the 343 first responders and the families directly affected by that horrific act of terror by cowards and extremists. Ten years have now passed, but to those family members who live with that loss daily, it was just yesterday, and the burden is overwhelming. The first responders (fire fighters, police

officers and volunteers) who braved danger to assist fellow citizens represented the utmost of courage and demonstrated remarkable bravery.

The day it started raining steel in Afghanistan, I knew that where-ever those terrorists hid, their days were numbered. They had awakened a sleeping giant that was just beginning to respond.

Over three million Americans have answered the call to serve their country since 9/11. This generation of American Soldiers, Marines,

Airman, Navy, Coast Guard men and women, police, and firefighters represent the best America has ever seen and they enlisted regardless of origin, race, sex, or ethnicity. They reminded others that America is the greatest country on earth, and that it can be your best friend or worst enemy.

We must continue to pray for those still in harm’s way and doing the nation’s bidding. As we paused to remember this 10th anniversary, dozens (77) of our troops were

injured when a suicide attacker detonated a truck bomb outside a NATO base in eastern Afghanistan. We pray for them and their families.

Today, during the month of this 10th anniversary, we are able to stand in grateful silence, knowing the Navy’s Seal Team VI delivered the strongest blow to those responsible for hitting America’s World Trade Center Towers, the Pentagon and the heroes on Flight 93 that went down in Shanksville, Pa.

9/11 tragedy leads to workload explosion

By Chuck Wullenjohn

The world was relatively quiet early September 11, 2001. YPG commuters were experiencing a typical drive along Highway 95, many turning into the Yuma Test Center headquarters area or Laguna Army Airfield, unhindered by security guard posts or lines of slow-moving traffic. A typical day had begun, but only a few hours later, conditions changed dramatically. What happened seared itself into everyone's mind.

When terrorists took over commercial aircraft to destroy the World Trade Center and part of the Pentagon, killing over 1000 American citizens in the process, YPG's people were momentarily stunned, as others throughout the nation, as reality seeped in. Was our nation at war?

Who was the enemy? Were other attacks in the works? Should YPG's workforce be sent home?

Senior leaders at YPG met that morning and decided that, with no direct or imminent threat, the best course of action was to continue performing the proving ground's workload - to not hand terrorists a victory by closing down the installation.

In the ten years since that fateful day, YPG has undergone many changes, the most obvious being beefed up security and an increased workload that has seen the proving ground set workload records each of the past three years. But there's a great deal more to the story.

Julio Dominguez, technical director and senior YPG civilian, remembers the events of 9/11 well. He was working in the Armament Operations Center at the Kofa Firing Range that day.

"We watched events develop on television," he said, "and I remember



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Vehicles commonly seen proving their stuff on YPG's test ranges are used by forces overseas. The MRAPs shown above are in use today in Afghanistan.

seeing people with tears in their eyes, shocked at the tragedy unfolding in New York; others were just plain angry. The most common emotion was anger - people were furious what had just happened."

The YPG workload didn't grow immediately, but over the next few years, the proving ground saw more and more work heading its way. Early in the war, intensive testing to field the Stryker combat vehicle overseas was a major effort, as were testing of up-armored Humvees, initial testing to counteract the threat posed by improvised explosive devices (IEDs), and rapid testing of the Counter Rocket, Artillery, and Mortar (C-RAM) systems used to warn and protect forward operating bases from attack.

Many weapon systems in common use today had not existed, at least not how they were eventually deployed, prior to 9/11. The C-RAM system adapted an existing Navy shipboard

weapon designed to shoot down sea-skimming missiles into a land-based system that fires at and damages incoming enemy projectiles and rockets, causing them to fall short of their intended targets. Similarly, Mine Resistant Ambush Protected, or MRAP, vehicles, once marketed by small companies to countries where buried mines were a problem, were brought to YPG to undergo extensive testing over YPG test courses to examine performance and endurance over rough terrain, just as the systems would be used by Soldiers overseas. YPG's automotive workload grew to such an extent during the past five years that it is now the largest single component of the proving ground's test commodity workload.

Dominguez personally visited Iraq in 2007 and, while there, picked up a Stars and Stripes newspaper that contained an article about an artillery projectile that had performed an important mission. "The article was

about the Excalibur 155mm projectile that had been tested at Yuma Proving Ground," he said. "It had been used recently to take out a top al Qaeda leader. It gave me a sense of pride to see in newsprint in a country thousands of miles from Yuma, the reported results of what we do. That pride in knowing that our hard work in developing excellent weapons and equipment for Soldiers and Marines is shared by many others who work here." Dominguez also observed numerous other weapon, vehicle, and other systems tested at YPG in daily use by American forces.

At the dawn of the century 11 years ago, only a handful of widely scattered unmanned aircraft flights took place each year at the proving ground. As the craft proved their usefulness on modern battlefields, the workload exploded. Unmanned aircraft testing today is continuous, with about 150 soaring above the

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Suicide Prevention Month: Watching out for each other

By Lt. Gen. Rick Lynch

When I talk with Army professionals who work in suicide prevention, they all have stories about the person who really made them realize the importance of what they do.

There was the Soldier who seemed to have it all together, until one day he asked a course instructor, "When you're driving home, do you think about wrapping your car around a tree?" And the civilian supervisor with a stressful, high-visibility job, who did not want to attend the mandatory suicide prevention training because he did not want to admit to himself his own thoughts about suicide. And the family member who felt desperately alone and overwhelmed during

another deployment.

Most of the stories have happy endings—the people received the help they needed. When they didn't, it was a hard, hard loss. Suicide prevention is an institutional Army program, focused on this urgent issue year round, but this month the Army intensifies its efforts to make sure every Soldier, civilian and family member knows what resources are available to help those in need.

The Army's commitment to suicide prevention has resulted in some real policy and program changes that have reduced the number of people at risk. But as long as any member of the Army Family views suicide as a viable option, we still have work to do. From the Installation Management

side we are strengthening programs that provide critical support.

One key component to successful Army prevention efforts is fully engaged, committed leadership from top to bottom. Great leaders create a culture in which people observe standards and discipline, and also get to know and care about each other. They make sure policies are enforced, programs are run correctly and everyone gets the training they need to watch out for those around them.

Most critically, great leaders get out the message that it is a sign of strength to ask for help. We will keep repeating that every which way—in formations, during stand down days, on Facebook and in print, until we have no more cause for saying it.

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proving ground each month - about ten times the 2001 workload.

The proving ground's role in the testing of landmines and counter-mine technologies prior to 9/11, and YPG's expansive land and air space, made it a logical place to center the testing of technologies to defeat the threat of improvised explosive devices (IEDs) used by insurgents in overseas combat areas. Urban areas consisting of buildings, paved highways, telephone poles and other town characteristics sprang up to make the testing as realistic as possible.

"Our counter-IED work expanded quickly in 2004 in response to the threat IEDs represented to our forces," explained Dominguez. "YPG's efforts in meeting this challenge were exceptional and

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the people involved in this testing performed superbly.” The work continues today as YPG testers team with equipment developers to anticipate and defeat evolving threats.

The YPG workforce has increased in size over the last ten years to some 3000 today, with the proving ground’s range support contractor tripling in size since 2001. “Training the huge influx of new employees, while simultaneously taking on a rapidly growing workload, was a huge accomplishment,” Dominguez

said. “That YPG was able to do it at high levels of quality, without ever stopping or impeding a test mission, speaks volumes about the quality of the junior leaders training the new people.”

Although Yuma Proving Ground’s primary mission remains testing, support of training activities has also increased exponentially, with advanced parachute training, military working dog training, and training of military units from around the country taking place throughout each year. YPG has become an increasingly valuable national

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Chaplain's Corner

Lost saltiness

Submitted by Chaplain Maj.
Douglas Ball

Maybe Jesus wasn't as nice as we think He was. He was truly holy and good. He was truly caring and compassionate. He was truly loving and kind. People obviously wanted to listen to Him, learn from Him and follow Him, but it wasn't because He said nice things that were easy to hear and to obey. Rather, we often

see Him challenging and confronting people with the hard lessons that they needed to learn.

As Jesus spoke to great crowds one day on what it meant to follow Him, He said this: "Salt is good, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored?"

On the surface, we might all agree with Him. Who would want non-salty salt? But, we quickly realize, He's not talking about salt. He is talking about those who say they

follow Him. Jesus uses this analogy in other places to illustrate that His followers are to perform the same functions in the world that salt does: to provide good flavor and to preserve from spoiling. Basically, those who claim to follow Jesus should make the world around them a better place.

Understanding this analogy makes His next comments a little rough, as Jesus speaks of the non-salty salt. "It is of no use either for the soil or for the manure pile. It is thrown away."

Wait a second.

Did Jesus just say that His non-salty followers are less useful than

manure?

Yep. There is nothing else that could be done with non-salty, impure salt. You couldn't toss it on the old compost pile like you could most household waste back then; it would ruin your fields. At least manure and rotten food could be used to fertilize fields, but not bad salt.

Like I said, Jesus isn't as nice as we think He is. He is truly holy and good. He is truly caring and compassionate. He is truly loving and kind. And Jesus tells it like it is, challenging and confronting us with the hard lessons we need to learn.

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Prepare for the unexpected

Submitted by DPTMS Office

September is National Preparedness Month. During this month, the Army is highlighting Ready Army, a program that encourages Soldiers, civilians, contractors and their families to prepare for all hazards.

Ready Army is a comprehensive community awareness program educating the Army community about man-made and natural hazards and empowering Soldiers and families to take steps in advance of an emergency.

Even with the recent flooding in the midwest and Florida, and the infernos that have blazed through the west, and most recently, Hurricane Irene, most citizens believe that a disaster will never affect them personally. Recent severe weather incidents and similar forecasted patterns in the wiregrass region remind us how vulnerable we are when "Mother Nature" turns on her wrath. Although we cannot control the weather, the Yuma Proving Ground leadership is doing everything possible to help prepare community members for potential disasters-natural and man-made.

"National Preparedness Month is an important reminder about each American's civic responsibility to prepare for emergencies," said Homeland Security Secretary Michael

Chertoff. "Those with the capacity and wherewithal to help themselves must do so in advance, so that in the event of an emergency, responders can first assist those who are unable to tend to themselves. From wildfires and earthquakes in California, to hurricanes and tropical storms along the Gulf Coast, to flooding in the Midwest, and with the most recent power outage that took place here in Yuma, these events remind us more than ever that we must prepare ourselves and our families for a disaster. Every American should ask the question, "Am I ready?"

Emergency preparedness is the responsibility of every Soldier, their family, Army civilian and contractor of the Installation Management Command. All members are urged to make preparedness a priority by taking three simple steps:

- Make an emergency kit with enough supplies for a minimum of three days.

- Develop a Family Emergency Plan, including a communication plan.

- Become informed about the types of emergencies and related emergency actions that can occur at your installation, and in your local community.

For more information, contact the DPTMS Readiness Officer, Tony Rivera, at ext. 2336.

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Some information provided by the American Academy of Ophthalmology

About Dr. Aiello



Patrick D. Aiello, MD

Dr. Aiello received his MD degree from the University of Michigan. After completing both an Internship and Residency in Internal Medicine at the University of North Carolina, he finished a Residency in Ophthalmology at the world renowned Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota. He is board certified in both Internal Medicine and Ophthalmology.

In addition to caring for his patients at the Aiello Eye Institute, he is an examiner for the American Board of Ophthalmology, and a clinical instructor for the Midwestern School of Osteopathic Medicine in Phoenix. He is a Senior Flight Surgeon and State Air Surgeon for the Arizona National Guard.

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