



# Corps Chiefs U.S. Army Dental Corps



John Sayre Marshall  
1901-1911



William H. G. Logan  
1917-1919



Frank L. K. LaFlamme  
1919



Russell J. Czerw  
2006 -



Robert T. Oliver  
1919-1924



Rex H. Rhoades  
1924-1928  
1932-1934



Julien R. Bernheim  
1928-1932



Edwin H. Smith  
1971-1975



Leigh C. Fairbank  
1938-1942



Robert H. Mills  
1942-1946



Thomas L. Smith  
1946-1950



Walter D. Love  
1950-1954



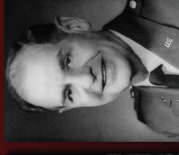
Oscar P. Snyder  
1954-1956



James M. Epperly  
1956-1960



Joseph L. Bernier  
1960-1967



Robert B. Shira  
1967-1971



Surindar N. Bhaskar  
1975-1979



George Kuttas  
1979-1982



H. Thomas Chandler  
1982-1986



Bill B. Lefler  
1986-1990



Thomas R. Tempel  
1990-1994



John J. Cuddy  
1994-1998



Patrick D. Sculley  
1999-2002



Joseph G. Webb, Jr.  
2002-2006

## A HISTORY OF DENTISTRY IN THE US ARMY TO WORLD WAR II



### **John Sayre Marshall**

June 26, 1846–November 20, 1922.

#### **Education**

University of Syracuse, 1876.

#### **Assignments**

1864–1865: Enlisted and served in New York Volunteer Cavalry.

1869–1901: Civilian career in dentistry, including establishing the Northwestern University Dental Department and serving as its dean, reorganizing the American College of Dental Surgery, and publishing two textbooks.

1901–1905: Served as one of original contract dental surgeons; appointed to dental examining board; sent to the Presidio of San Francisco.

1901–1911: President of the Board of Examining and Supervising Dental Surgeons, senior contract dental surgeon.

1905–1906: Duty at San Francisco's General Hospital.

1906–1907: Served temporarily in Honolulu, Hawaii, before returning to San Francisco; served as sanitary inspector of refugee camp at Point Lobos.

1907: Served at Camp Yosemite, Yosemite Valley, California.

1908–1910: Served at Manila, Philippine Islands.

1910: Served to Columbus Barracks, Ohio.

1911: Retired from active service.

#### **Distinctions**

Viewed as the father of the Dental Corps, instructor in dental and oral surgery at Northwestern University, reorganized the American College of Dental Surgery, wrote several books on dentistry and diseases of the mouth, and received an honorary Doctor of Science degree from the University of Syracuse.

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### **Colonel William HG Logan**

October 14, 1872–April 6, 1943.

#### **Education:**

DDS, Chicago College of Dental Surgery, 1896.

MD, Chicago College of Medicine and Surgery, 1905.

#### **Assignments:**

1917: Chairman of the Committee of Dentistry of the General Medical Board of the Council of National Defense.

1917–1919: Chief of the Dental Service at the Surgeon General's Office.

1920: Became dean and chief of oral surgery at the Chicago College of Dental Surgery, Dental Department of Loyola University.

1922–1933: Colonel in the Medical Reserve Corps.

1935: Became chairman of the Foundation for Dental Research of the Chicago College of Dental Surgery.

#### **Distinctions:**

1970: The Logan Army Dental Clinic at Fort Belvoir, Virginia, was dedicated in Colonel Logan's honor.

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**Lieutenant Colonel Frank LK Laflamme**

December 7, 1879–June 6, 1966.

**Education:**

DDS, Baltimore College of Dental Surgery, 1907.

**Assignments:**

1909–1911: Contract dental surgeon.

1910–1913: Dental surgeon, Fort Mills and other stations, Philippine Islands.

1911: Received commission as a first lieutenant, Dental Corps.

1913–1915: Dental surgeon, Fort Hamilton, New York.

1915–1917: Dental surgeon, US Military Academy, West Point, New York.

1917–1918: Temporary duty to examine Dental Corps candidates, Camp Meade, Maryland.

1918–1919: Dental surgeon 79th Division, Camp Meade, Maryland.

1919: Chief, Dental Section, Office of The Surgeon General.

1919–1925: Assistant dental surgeon until 1924, then chief dental surgeon, US Military Academy.

1925–1928: Chief, Dental Service, Tripler General Hospital, Hawaii.

1919–1929: Dental surgeon, General Dispensary, US Army, Washington, DC.

1929–1932: Commandant of the Army Dental School, US Army Medical Center, Washington, DC.

1932–1938: Post dental surgeon, Fort Sam Houston, Texas.

1938–1942: Chief, Dental Service, Fort Jay, New York.

1942: Dental surgeon, Stark General Hospital, Charleston, South Carolina.

1942–1943: Chief, Dental Service, Moore General Hospital, Swannanoa, North Carolina.

**Distinctions:**

On December 1, 1969, the new dental clinic at Fort Bragg, North Carolina, was dedicated as the Laflamme Army Dental Clinic.

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**Robert Todd Oliver** (Senior Dental Corps Officer, 1911–1917, and Dental Corps Chief, 1919–1924)

January 25, 1868–July 11, 1937.

### **Education:**

DDS, Indiana Dental School.

### **Assignments:**

1898: Entered the 27th Battery, Indiana Light Artillery; served in Puerto Rico; discharged from 27th Battery, Indiana Light Artillery.

1901–1911: Contract dental surgeon.

1901–1904: Served in the Philippines.

1904–1911: Assigned to US Military Academy and then Fort Hamilton, New York.

1911–1917: Became senior Dental Corps Officer.

1911–1913: Stationed at Division Hospital, Manila.

1913–1916: Stationed at Letterman General Hospital, California; Fort Worden, Washington; then Fort Flagler, Washington.

1916: Stationed at Fort Bliss, Texas.

1916–1917: Assigned to hospital duty at Fort Bliss and Fort Sam Houston, Texas.

1917–1919: Sent to France and served as senior dental officer, assistant to the surgeon general, then chief dental surgeon, General Headquarters, Services of Supply, American Expeditionary Forces.

1919–1924: Chief, Dental Service, Office of The Surgeon General.

### **Distinctions:**

Earned the Distinguished Service Medal for exceptionally meritorious and distinguished services, and was awarded the Order of University Palms, grade of officer of public instruction Gold Palms, and the Legion of Honor by the French. Served as vice president and president of the American Dental Association.

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### **Colonel Julien R Bernheim**

March 13, 1876–March 6, 1943.

#### **Education:**

DDS, College of Dentistry, University of California, 1900.

#### **Assignments:**

1902–1911: Contract dental surgeon.

1902–1905: Served in Philippines.

1905–1908: Stationed at Fort Slocum, New York.

1908–1910: Served in Philippines.

1911: Commissioned as a dental surgeon with rank of first lieutenant while stationed at Fort Sheridan, Illinois.

1912: Transferred to Fort Logan, Colorado.

1928–1932: Chief, Dental Division, Office of The Surgeon General.

#### **Distinctions:**

July 1916: presented a paper, "Oral Hygiene in the Army," before the National Dental Association in Louisville, Kentucky.



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### **Rex Hays Rhoades**

November 30, 1875–September 11, 1959.

#### **Education:**

DDS, University of California, 1902.

#### **Assignments:**

1902–1911: Contract dental surgeon, served at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas; Philippine Islands (two tours); Fort Sheridan, Illinois; Columbus, Ohio.

1911: Commissioned first lieutenant.

1911–1917: Dental surgeon, served at Philippine Islands and Fort Bliss, Texas.

1917–1918: Dental surgeon, then chief dental surgeon, 2nd Division, American Expeditionary Forces, France. Supervising dental surgeon, Advance Section, Services of Supply, American Expeditionary Forces, France. Chief dental surgeon, First Army, American Expeditionary Forces, France.

1919–1921: Chief surgeon, Second Army, and dental surgeon, Recruit Depot, Fort Slocum, New York.

1921–1923: Assistant surgeon, Sixth Corps Area.

1923–1924: Professor of military science and tactics, University of Chicago.

1924–1928: Chief of Dental Division, Office of The Army Surgeon General.

1928–1934: Senior dental surgeon, Military Academy, West Point, New York.

1932–1934: Chief, Dental Division, Office of The Surgeon General.

#### **Distinctions:**

Awarded the Purple Heart Medal, Philippine Insurrection Medal, Mexican Border Medals, and

World War I Victory Medal (with the Saint Mihiel, Meuse-Argonne, and Defensive Sector Battle clasps). Founding member of the Army Navy Country Club of Arlington, Virginia.

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### **Colonel Frank Powell Stone**

June 19, 1876–February 24, 1952.

#### **Education:**

DDS, Dental Department of Washington University (Missouri Dental College), Saint Louis, 1900.

#### **Assignments:**

1901–1903: Served in the Philippines as a contract dentist.

1903–1907: Assigned to duty at the Presidio of San Francisco.

1907: Contract was annulled after declining another assignment to the Philippines.

1907–1910: Served in private practice.

1911: Signed a new 3-year contract and was assigned to the Presidio of Monterey, California. Took oath of office as a dental surgeon with the rank of first lieutenant.

1911–1914: Served at Fort Screven, Georgia; Fort Barrancas, Florida; and Fort Ethan Allen, Vermont.

1914–1916: Returned to the Philippines.

1916–1917: Assigned to Letterman General Hospital, California.

1917: Stationed at Laredo, Texas, with Mexican border troops.

1918–1937: Sent to France with the 88th Division at Camp Dodge, Iowa; corps dental surgeon for the VI Army Corps, AEF, then served at Base Section No. 1, Saint Nazaire, France. After returning to the states, was stationed at the Recruit Depot, Fort Logan, Colorado, the Seventh Corps Area, Omaha, Nebraska; Dental Section of the Field Service School, Medical Department, Carlisle Barracks, Pennsylvania; Fort Riley, Kansas; Panama Canal Zone; and the Presidio of San Francisco, California.

1934–1938: Chief, Dental Division, Office of The Surgeon General.

#### **Distinctions:**

One of the original contract dental surgeons.



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### **Brigadier General Leigh C Fairbank**

November 14, 1889–June 28, 1966.

#### **Education:**

DDS, Georgetown University, 1912.

#### **Assignments:**

1914–1915: Acting dental surgeon, Fort Sam Houston, Texas.

1916–1919: Dental surgeon, Fort Mills, Philippines, and Tientsin, China.

1919–1920: Chief of dental clinic and dental surgeon, Fitzsimons General Hospital, Denver, Colorado.

1920–1924: Dental surgeon, Station Hospital, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas.

1924–1926: Operating dental surgeon, Fort Sam Houston, Texas.

1926–1928: Assistant division dental officer, 2nd Division, Fort Sam Houston, Texas.

1928–1929: Professor of military science and tactics, Dental Unit, Saint Louis University School of Medicine, Saint Louis, Missouri.

1929: Post dental surgeon, Jefferson Barracks, Missouri.

1929–1933: Dental surgeon, Station Hospital, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas.

1933–1934: Chief, Dental Service, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas.

1934–1935: Student officer, Army Dental School, Army Medical Center, Washington, DC.

1935–1938: Chief, Dental Service, US Army General Dispensary, Washington, DC.

1938–1942: Chief, US Army Dental Corps.

#### **Distinctions:**

First Dental Corps officer to attain rank of brigadier general. Established a medal bearing his name and image to be awarded to the dental officer with the highest scholastic standing in each session of the Medical Service School's advanced officers' course at Brooke Army Medical Center. Coauthored the *Manual of Maxillo-facial and Plastic Surgery*. Certified by the American Board of Orthodontics.

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### **Robert Hillard Mills**

July 29, 1883–March 31, 1965.

#### **Education:**

DDS, University of Maryland, 1907.

#### **Assignments:**

1909–1910: Contract dental surgeon. Served at Fort Adams, Rhode Island.

1910–1913: Assigned to the Philippines.

1911: Appointed dental surgeon in the Regular Army.

1913–1915: Ordered to Fort Riley, Kansas.

1915–1917: Stationed at Brownsville, Texas.

1917–1918: Transferred to Camp Gordon, Georgia, to serve as camp dental surgeon.

1918: Sailed to France; became chief dental surgeon of the Army Artillery of the First Army, then chief dental surgeon of the Advance Section of the Service Supply.

1919: Returned to the United States, served as camp dental surgeon at Camp Gordon before transferring to Boston, Massachusetts, to serve as dental surgeon of the Northeastern Department, then as attending dental surgeon for the First Corps Area.

1924–1925: Professor of military science and tactics at Northwestern University Dental School.

1925–1929: Assigned to Sternberg General Hospital Manila, Philippine Islands, as chief of Dental Service.

1929–1930: 2nd Division dental surgeon at Fort Sam Houston, post dental surgeon.

1932–1936: Served as director of the Army Dental School, Washington, DC.

1936–1942: Transferred to the Presidio of San Francisco, California, to act as service command dental officer of the Ninth Service Command.

1942–1946: Chief, US Army Dental Corps.

#### **Distinctions:**

Was a fellow of the American College of Dentists and an honorary alumnus of Northwestern University Dental School. Received an honorary degree of Doctor of Science from the University of Maryland Dental School and Distinguished Service Medal for outstanding service as director of the Dental Division in the surgeon general's office.

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### **Major General Thomas Lovet Smith**

May 13, 1891–September 17, 1965.

#### **Education:**

DDS, Southern Dental College, 1916.

#### **Assignments:**

1917–1918: Dental officer, Camp Lee, Petersburg, Virginia.

1918–1919: Division dental surgeon, 80th Division.

1920: Dental surgeon, General Hospital No. 31, Carlisle Barracks, Pennsylvania; chief of Dental Service, Lawson General Hospital, Atlanta, Georgia; chief of Dental Service, Station Hospital, Fort McPherson, Georgia.

1921: Dental surgeon, Fort Moultrie, South Carolina.

1921–1925: Assistant dental surgeon, Fort Benning, Georgia.

1925–1928: Post dental surgeon, Fort Amador, Canal Zone.

1928–1929: Student, Army Dental School basic course, Washington, DC.

1929: Student, Medical Field Service School, Carlisle Barracks, Pennsylvania.

1929–1934: Post dental surgeon, Jefferson Barracks, Missouri.

1934–1939: Dental surgeon and dental representative, Medical Field Service School, Carlisle Barracks, Pennsylvania.

1939–1941: Chief, Dental Service, Sternberg General Hospital, Manila, Philippine Islands; dental surgeon, Camp Shelby, Mississippi.

1942–1944: Dental surgeon, Headquarters, Second Army, Memphis, Tennessee.

1944–1945: Chief, Dental Division, Office of Theater Surgeon, European Theater of Operations.

1947–1950: Chief, US Army Dental Corps.

1950–1951: Special assistant to the surgeon general.

#### **Distinctions:**

Awarded the Legion of Merit and the honorary degree of Master Dental Surgeon, Durham University.

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### **Major General Walter D Love**

June 15, 1892–May 22, 1991.

#### **Education:**

DDS, University of Pittsburgh, 1915.

#### **Assignments:**

1918–1920: Reserve officer at Camp Greenleaf, Georgia; Army Supply Base, Newark, New Jersey; Debarkation Hospital No. 3, New York, New York; Camp Morritt, New Jersey; Mitchel Field, New York; Fort Omaha, Nebraska.

1920: Commissioned as first lieutenant in the Army Dental Corps.

1922–1923: Served at Fort Snelling, Minnesota, and Fort Omaha, Nebraska.

1924–1925: Completed basic dental courses at Army Dental School in Washington, DC, and at the Medical Field Service School at Carlisle Barracks, Pennsylvania.

1925–1926: Served at West Point, New York.

1926–1929: Served in Tientsin, China.

1930–1934: Served at Scott Field, Illinois.

1934–1937: Served at Army Medical Center, Washington, DC.

1938–1940: Served in Hawaii.

1940–1944: Camp dental surgeon at Fort Knox, Kentucky.

1944–1946: Chief of dental service at a 2,000-bed general hospital in the India-Burma theater.

1946: Became chief of the Dental Service Branch, and later chief of the Dental Standards Branch, in the Office of The Surgeon General.

1950–1954: Chief, US Army Dental Corps.

#### **Distinctions:**

Awarded the Army Commendation Ribbon for 1940–1944 service at Fort Knox.

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### **Major General Oscar P Snyder**

January 6, 1895–February 21, 1983.

#### **Education:**

DDS, Ohio State University, 1916.

#### **Assignments:**

1916: Dental surgeon, Columbus Barracks, Ohio.

1917–1918: Dental surgeon, 28th Infantry Division.

1918: Participated in four campaigns in France, including the Meuse-Argonne Offensive.

1919: Assistant to the base dental surgeon, Base Section No. 2, France; served as camp dental surgeon, Camp Dodge, Iowa.

1920–1922: Camp dental surgeon, Camp Grant, Illinois.

1923–1924: Post dental surgeon, Camp Sheridan, Illinois.

1924: Dental surgeon, Camp Stotsenberg, Philippine Islands.

1925–1927: Assistant to the chief, Dental Service, Sternberg General Hospital, Manila.

1927–1931: Served at Walter Reed General Hospital, Washington, DC.

1931–1935: Post dental surgeon, Fort Thomas, Kentucky.

1936–1941: Dental officer, General Dispensary, Washington, DC; dental surgeon, US Military Academy, West Point, New York.

1941–1942: Chief, Dental Service, Lawson General Hospital, Atlanta, Georgia.

1942–1944: Chief dental surgeon, Southwest Pacific Theater, Melbourne, Australia.

1945: Chief, Dental Service, England General Hospital, Atlantic City, New Jersey.

1945–1948: Chief, Dental Service, Fitzsimons General Hospital, Denver, Colorado.

1948–1953: Director of dental activities, Walter Reed Army Medical Center, Washington, DC.

1953–1954: Director of dental activities, Brooke Army Medical Center, Fort Sam Houston, Texas.

1954–1956: Chief, US Army Dental Corps.

#### **Distinctions:**

Awarded the Legion of Merit, Mexican Border Medal, World War I Victory Medal (with four bronze stars), Army of Occupation Germany, American Defense Medal, American Theater Medal, Asiatic-Pacific Theater Medal (with one bronze star), and World War II Victory Medal.

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**Major General James M Epperly**  
July 5, 1900–November 14, 1973.

**Education:**

DDS, Saint Louis University School of Dentistry, 1923.

**Assignments:**

1924: Served at Fitzsimons Army Hospital, Denver, Colorado.

1926: Attended the Army Dental School and Medical Field Service School.

1926–1928: Served in the Philippines.

1928–1935: Served at the Presidio of San Francisco and Letterman Army Hospital, California.

1935–1942: Served in Panama and at the US Military Academy.

1942–1944: Chief of dental service at Camp Breckinridge, Kentucky.

1944: Named dental surgeon of the Ninth Army at Fort Sam Houston, Texas, and served with the Ninth in England, France, and Germany.

1945: Dental surgeon of the Second Army in Memphis, Tennessee.

1946: Trained at Walter Reed Army Medical Center and was appointed chief of the Dental Service Branch in the surgeon general's office.

1951–1953: Served at Fitzsimons Army Hospital.

1953: Appointed temporary advisor on dental service to the Greek army.

1954–1956: Director of dental activities at Brooke Army Medical Center, Fort Sam Houston, Texas.

1956–1960: Chief, US Army Dental Corps.

**Distinctions:**

Awarded the Legion of Merit and the Bronze Star Medal..



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**Major General Joseph L Bernier**  
April 5, 1909–January 4, 1989.

**Education:**

DDS, University of Illinois, 1932.

**Assignments:**

1934–1938: Served at Walter Reed General Hospital, Washington, DC.

1938–1939: Chief, Oral Pathology Branch, Armed Forces Institute of Pathology, Washington, DC.

1939–1941: Chief, Department Dental Laboratory, Panama Canal Zone.

1941–1942: Chief, Oral Pathology Branch, Armed Forces Institute of Pathology.

1942–1943: Dental coordinator, 15th Hospital Center.

1943: Dental surgeon, Camp Polk, Louisiana.

1943–1944: Director, Dental Division, McCloskey General Hospital, Temple, Texas.

1944–1945: Dental surgeon, 254th General Hospital, European Theater.

1945–1960: Chief, Oral Pathology Branch, Armed Forces Institute of Pathology.

1960–1967: Chief, US Army Dental Corps.

**Distinctions:**

Awarded the American Defense Medal, American Campaign Medal, European African Mediterranean Medal, World War II Victory Medal, Army of Occupation Medal (Germany), Meritorious Service Medal, and National Defense Service Medal.

## A HISTORY OF DENTISTRY IN THE US ARMY TO WORLD WAR II



**Major General Robert Bruce Shira**  
December 2, 1910–November 22, 2002.

**Education:**

DDS, Kansas City Western Dental College, 1932.

**Assignments:**

1938: Commissioned first lieutenant.

1938–1941: Dental officer, Barksdale Field, Louisiana.

1941–1947: Chief, Dental Activities, Gorgas Hospital, Ancon, Canal Zone.

1947–1954: Chief, Oral Surgery, Letterman General Hospital, San Francisco, California.

1954–1964: Chief, Dental Service and chief, Oral Surgery, Walter Reed General Hospital, Washington, DC.

1964–1966: Dental surgeon, US Army, Europe.

1966–1967: Director of dental activities, Walter Reed General Hospital, Washington, DC.

1967–1971: Chief, US Army Dental Corps.

**Distinctions:**

Awarded the Legion of Merit (with two oak leaf clusters); Army Commendation Medal; American Defense Medal; American Campaign Medal; World War II Victory Medal; National Defense Service Medal (with oak leaf cluster); Hinman Award; "Sword of Hope Award" of Pennsylvania Division, American Cancer Society; "Man of the Year Award" of University of Missouri at Kansas City; Jarvie-Burkhart Medal, Dental Society of State of New York; Pierre Fauchard Medal; and Distinguished Alumni Award, University of Missouri at Kansas City.

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**Major General Edwin Howell Smith, Jr**

May 3, 1916–June 19, 2001.

### **Education:**

DDS, University of Pennsylvania, 1940.

### **Assignments:**

1941–1941: Dental officer, surgery, Walter Reed General Hospital.

1941–1943: Chief, Prosthodontics, Brooke General Hospital.

1943: Dental surgeon, Station Hospital, San Juan, Puerto Rico; chief, Dental Service, Henry Barracks, Puerto Rico; dental surgeon, Station Hospital, Camp Sutton.

1943–1944: Chief, Prosthetics Section, Glennan General Hospital.

1944–1946: Chief, Prosthetics, and assistant chief, Dental Service, Valley Forge General Hospital.

1947–1948: Chief, Prosthetics Section, Walter Reed General Hospital.

1948–1949: Dental officer, Operations Section, and assistant chief, Prosthetics Section, Tripler General Hospital; chief, Prosthetics Section, Tripler General Hospital.

1949–1956: Chief, Prosthetics Section, Dental Service, Walter Reed General Hospital.

1956–1959: Assistant chief, Dental Career and Assignments Brigade, Dental Division, Office of The Surgeon General.

1959–1960: Chief, Dental Career and Assignment Brigade, Dental Division, Office of The Surgeon General.

1960–1963: Deputy dental surgeon, chief, Dental Clinic No. 1, and consultant to chief, Army Dental Corps, 89th Medical Detachment.

1963–1965: Chief, Dental Service, Headquarters Company.

1965–1967: Dental surgeon and director of dental education, US Army Infantry Center, Fort Benning.

1967–1971: Chief, Department of Dentistry, and consultant on removable prosthetics to the surgeon general, Walter Reed General Hospital.

1971–1975: Chief, US Army Dental Corps.

### **Distinctions:**

Awarded the Legion of Merit, Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal (with oak leaf cluster), American Defense Service Medal, American Campaign Medal, World War II Victory Medal, and National Defense Service Medal.

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**Major General Surindar N Bhaskar**

**Education:**

DDS, University of Punjab, 1942.

DDS, Northwestern University, 1946.

**Assignments:**

1962–1970: Chief, Department of Dental and Oral Pathology, and consultant to the surgeon general on oral pathology, US Army Institute of Dental Research, Washington, DC.

1970–1973: Director, US Army Institute of Dental Research, and consultant on oral pathology to the surgeon general, Walter Reed Army Medical Center, Washington, DC.

1973–1975: Director of personnel and training, Office of The Surgeon General.

1975–1978: Chief, US Army Dental Corps.

**Distinctions:**

Awarded the Legion of Merit and the Meritorious Service Medal.

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**Major General George Kuttas**

**Education:**

DDS, University of Pennsylvania School of Dentistry, 1951.

**Assignments:**

1968–1971: Assistant chief, Dental Corps Branch, Military Personnel Division, Personnel and Training Directorate; later assistant chief, Professional Branch, Office of the Assistant for Dental Services, Office of The Surgeon General.

1971–1972: Attended US Army War College, Carlisle Barracks, Pennsylvania.

1972–1973: Chief, Operations, Programming and Planning Branch, Office of the Assistant Surgeon General (Dental), Office of The Surgeon General.

1973–1975: Senior Dental Corps staff officer, Office of The Surgeon General.

1975–1979: Deputy commander, US Army Medical Command, Europe; dental surgeon, US Army Europe.

1979–1982: Chief, US Army Dental Corps.

**Distinctions:**

Awarded the Distinguished Service Medal, Legion of Merit (with oak leaf cluster), and the Bronze Star Medal.

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**Major General H Thomas Chandler**

**Education:**

DDS, University of Maryland, 1957.

**Assignments:**

1968–1969: Commander, 518th Medical Department, Vietnam.

1979–1973: Chief, Prosthetic Department, Regional Dental Activity, Walter Reed Army Medical Center, Washington, DC.

1973–1974: Attended US Army War College, Carlisle Barracks, Pennsylvania.

1974–1975: Management and studies officer, Office of The Surgeon General.

1975–1979: Senior Dental Corps staff officer, Office of The Surgeon General.

1979–1982: Dental surgeon, US Army Medical Command, Europe.

1982–1986: Chief, US Army Dental Corps.

**Distinctions:**

Awarded the Distinguished Service Medal, Bronze Star Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, and Army Commendation Medal..



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**Major General Bill B Lefler**

**Education:**

DDS, University of Tennessee, 1956.

**Assignments:**

1956–1959: Dental officer, Dental Detachment, US Army Garrison, Fort Chaffee, Arkansas.  
1959–1960: Dental officer, 469th Medical Detachment, 2nd Brigade, 4th Cavalry, Korea; dental officer, US Army Dental Detachment, Fort Hood, Texas.  
1961–1963: Dental officer, Dispensers A, US Army Garrison, Fort Benning, Georgia.  
1963–1965: Dental officer, later chief, Crown and Bridge Section, 196th Station Hospital, US Army Europe.  
1965–1966: Chief, Fixed Prosthodontic Section, US Army Dental Unit, Fort Bragg, North Carolina.  
1968–1972: Chief, Fixed Prosthodontics, US Army Armor Center Dental Detachment, Fort Knox, Kentucky.  
1972–1976: Chief, Fixed Prosthodontia Service, Department of Dentistry, Walter Reed Army Medical Center, Washington, DC.  
1976–1979: Commander, US Army Dental Activity, Fort Jackson, South Carolina.  
1979–1984: Deputy commanding general/assistant chief surgeon (dental), US Army Health Services Command, Fort Sam Houston, Texas.  
1984–1986: Deputy commanding general/assistant chief surgeon (dental), 7th Medical Command Europe.  
1986–1990: Chief, US Army Dental Corps.

**Distinctions:**

Awarded the Distinguished Service Medal (with oak leaf cluster), Legion of Merit, Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal, and Expert Field Medical Badge.

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**Major General Thomas Robert Tempel**

**Education:**

DDS, University of Pennsylvania, Dental Surgery, 1963.

**Assignments:**

1964: Dental officer, 768th Medical Detachment, United States Army Europe, Germany.

1964–1966: Dental officer, 8th Medical Battalion, 8th Infantry Division, United States Army Europe, Germany.

1966–1967: Chief, United States Army Dental Clinic, Coleman Barracks, US Army Europe, Germany.

1968–1970: Guest scientist, Immunology Section, Laboratory of Microbiology, National Institute of Health.

1971–1974: Research periodontist, Maxillofacial Sciences Division, Letterman Army Institute of Research, Presidio of San Francisco, California.

1976–1977: Deputy commander, United States Army Institute of Dental Research, Walter Reed Army Medical Center, Washington, DC.

1977–1979: Chief, Periodontics Service, Walter Reed Army Medical Center, Washington, DC.

1979–1981: Dental education advisor, and later dental education coordinator, United States Army Medical Department Personnel Support Agency, Washington, DC.

1982–1983: Commander, 123rd Medical Detachment (dental), United States Army Europe, Germany.

1983–1987: Senior Dental Corps staff officer, Office of The Surgeon General, Falls Church, Virginia.

1987–1990: Deputy commander/assistant chief surgeon (dental), 7th Medical Command, United States Army Europe, Germany.

1990–1994: Chief, US Army Dental Corps.

**Distinctions:**

Awarded the Distinguished Service Medal, Legion of Merit (with oak leaf cluster), Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal (with oak leaf cluster), Army Achievement Medal, and Expert Field Medical Badge.

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**Major General John J Cuddy**

**Education:**

DDS, Marquette University, 1969.

**Assignments:**

1969–1972: General dental officer, US Army Dental Detachment, Fort Hood, Texas; dental officer, Darnall Army Hospital, Fort Hood, Texas.

1972–1973: Team leader, instructor, and general dentistry officer, Dental Company, Fort Hood, Texas.

1973–1975: General dentistry resident, Student Detachment, Dental Company, Fort Ord, California.

1975–1977: Chief, Dental Activity, US Army Medical Activity, Tehran, Iran.

1977–1981: Dental instructor, Academy of Health Sciences, Fort Sam Houston, Texas.

1981–1984: Commander, US Army Dental Activity, 7th Medical Command, Vicenza, Italy.

1984–1986: Chief, Graduate Dental Education Branch, Office of The Surgeon General, US Army Medical Department Personnel Support Activity, Washington, DC.

1987–1991: Assistant chief of staff, Dental Services, 7th Medical Command, US Army Europe and Seventh Army, Germany.

1991: Deputy commanding general/assistant chief surgeon (dental), 7th Medical Command, US Army Europe and Seventh Army, Germany.

1991–1994: Deputy commanding general, US Army Health Services Command, Fort Sam Houston, Texas.

1994–1996: Chief, Dental Corps/commanding general, US Army Medical Department Center and School, Fort Sam Houston, Texas.

1994–1998: Chief, US Army Dental Corps.

**Distinctions:**

Awarded the Distinguished Service Medal, Legion of Merit (with oak leaf cluster), Meritorious Service Medal (with three oak leaf clusters), Army Commendation Medal, and Expert Field Medical Badge.

## A HISTORY OF DENTISTRY IN THE US ARMY TO WORLD WAR II



**Major General Patrick D Sculley**

**Education:**

DDS, State University of New York, Buffalo, 1973.

**Assignments:**

1974–1976: General dental officer, McAfee United States Army Health Clinic, White Sands Missile Range, New Mexico.

1976–1977: General dental officer/assistant director, Hospital Dental Clinic, Dental Company, United States Army Medical Department Activity, Fort Knox, Kentucky.

1977–1979: Resident, US Army Dental Activity, Fort Knox, Kentucky.

1979–1981: Chief dentist, Dental Clinic No. 3, United States Army Dental Activity, Fort Riley, Kansas.

1982–1985: Commander, 576th Medical Detachment, 7th Medical Command, US Army Europe and Seventh Army, Germany.

1985–1988: Dental staff officer, later assistant inspector general, United States Army Health Services Command, Fort Sam Houston, Texas.

1988–1990: Dental requirements officer, United States Health Professional Support Agency, Falls Church, Virginia.

1991–1992: Commander, US Army Dental Activity, Fort Bragg, North Carolina.

1992–1993: Director of dental services, US Army Health Services Command, Fort Sam Houston, Texas.

1993–1996: Commander, US Army Dental Command, Fort Sam Houston, Texas.

1996–1998: Commanding general, US Army Center for Health Promotion and Preventive Medicine, Aberdeen Proving Ground, Maryland.

1998–2002: Chief, US Army Dental Corps.

**Distinctions:**

Awarded the Legion of Merit (with three oak leaf clusters), Meritorious Service Medal (with oak leaf cluster), Joint Service Commendation Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal (with oak leaf cluster), and Expert Field Medical Badge.

## CHIEFS OF THE US ARMY DENTAL CORPS



**Major General Joseph G Webb, Jr**

### **Education:**

DMD, Medical University of South Carolina, 1971.

### **Assignments:**

1971–1974: Dental officer, US Army Dental Activity, Fort Benning, Georgia.

1974: Clinic chief, US Army Dental Activity, Bangkok, Thailand.

1975–1976: Chief, Oral Medicine, US Army Dental Activity, Fort Meade, Maryland.

1976–1979: Resident, Oral Pathology, later research dental officer, US Army Institute of Dental Research, Walter Reed Army Medical Center, Washington, DC.

1979–1984: Chief, Oral Pathology and Oral Medicine, US Army Dental Activity, Fort Ord, California.

1985–1986: Staff officer resident/dental augmentee to the inspector general, 7th Medical Command, United States Army Europe and Seventh Army, Germany.

1986–1988: Assistant division commander, 8th Infantry Division, US Army Europe and Seventh Army, Germany; Commander, 766th Medical Detachment, 7th Medical Command, US Army Europe and Seventh Army, Germany.

1988–1992: Commander, US Army Dental Activity-Alaska, Fort Wainwright, Alaska.

1992–1995: Dental consultant to the deputy surgeon general/assistant surgeon general for Dental Services, US Health Professional Support Agency, Falls Church, Virginia.

1995–1997: Senior Dental Corps staff officer, Office of The Surgeon General, Falls Church, Virginia.

1997–1999: Commander, US Army Dental Command, Fort Sam Houston, Texas.

1999–2002: Assistant surgeon general for Force Development and Sustainment, US Army Medical Command, Fort Sam Houston, Texas.

2002–2006: Chief, US Army Dental Corps, Deputy Surgeon General.

### **Distinctions:**

Awarded the Distinguished Service Medal, Defense Superior Service Medal, Legion of Merit (with four oak leaf clusters), Meritorious Service Medal (with two oak leaf clusters), Army Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal, and Expert Field Medical Badge.

## A HISTORY OF DENTISTRY IN THE US ARMY TO WORLD WAR II



**Major General Russell J Czerw**

**Education:**

DDS, State University of New York, 1987.

**Assignments:**

1987–1988: Dental resident, US Army Medical Department Activity, Fort Jackson, South Carolina.

1988–1991: Dental officer, later general dentist officer-in-charge, Muenchweiler Dental Clinic, 124th Medical Detachment, 7th Medical Command, US Army Europe and Seventh Army, Germany.

1992–1994: Resident, US Army Dental Activity, Fort Hood, Texas.

1994–1997: Professional development officer, later chief professional development officer, Dental Corps Branch, Officer Personnel Management Directorate, US Total Army Personnel Command, Alexandria, Virginia.

1997–1999: Commander, 464th Medical Company (Dental Service), 30th Medical Brigade, V Corps, US Army Europe and Seventh Army, Germany, and Operation Joint Guard, Bosnia-Herzegovina.

1999–2001: Chief, Dental Corps Branch, Officer Personnel Management Directorate, US Total Army Personnel Command, Alexandria, Virginia.

2002–2004: Commander, 93rd Medical Battalion (Dental Service), 30th Medical Brigade, V Corps, US Army Europe and Seventh Army, Germany, and Operation Iraqi Freedom, Iraq.

2004–2005: Dental Corps staff officer, Office of The Surgeon General, Falls Church, Virginia.

2005–2006: Commander, US Army Dental Command, Fort Sam Houston, Texas.

2006– : Commander, US Army Medical Department Center and School and Fort Sam Houston; chief, US Army Dental Corps.

**Distinctions:**

Awarded the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (with five oak leaf clusters), Army Commendation Medal (with oak leaf cluster), Army Achievement Medal (with two oak leaf clusters), and the Expert Field Medical Badge.