

Major General Jill K. Faris



Deputy Surgeon General Army National Guard

MG Jill K. Faris is a member of the Ohio Army National Guard. She assumed her duties as the Deputy Surgeon General, Army National Guard on August 1, 2017. As Deputy Surgeon General, she assists in providing consultative services and strategic planning in all aspects of medical readiness, health care, medical personnel, medical operational and training issues that comprise the critical medical readiness indicators pertaining to the Army National Guard. She is currently detailed to the U.S. Army Medical Command serving as the Interim G-3/5/7 where she oversees operations for Army medicine. She began her military service as a Private in the South Dakota Army National Guard and upon graduation from South Dakota State University, Brookings, South Dakota, in 1987 received her commission. She has served as a member of the South Dakota, Minnesota and Ohio Army National Guard, respectively, during her 38 years of service.

She has served in all medical operations positions from company through Division and Joint Force Headquarters. Recent assignments include, Deputy State Surgeon for Minnesota and Ohio, Division Medical Operations Center Chief, Deputy Commander Medical Detachment, Deputy J-1 Mobilization Readiness, and Deputy Surgeon for the Army National Guard and Assistant Surgeon General for Mobilization, Readiness and National Guard Affairs, Deputy Chief of Staff for Support, United States Army Medical Command (MEDCOM) G-1/4/6, Deputy Chief of Staff, G-3/5/7 as the lead for the Operational Planning Team on Medical Reform, and most recently has been detailed as the United States Army Medical Command (MEDCOM) Interim Deputy Chief of Staff, G-3/5/7.

MG Faris received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Broadcast Journalism from South Dakota State University and a Master of Business Administration from Trident University. She is also a graduate of the United States Army War College, Command and General Staff College, Combined Service Arms Service School, Medical Service Corps Advance Course, Adjutant General's Officer Basic, Support Operations Course, Joint Senior Medical Leaders Course, Medical Strategic Leadership Program, and Global Health Strategies for Security Course.

Her military awards and decorations include the Legion of Merit, Meritorious Service Medal (1 silver Oak Leaf Cluster), Army Commendation Medal (3 bronze Oak Leaf Clusters), Army Achievement Medal, Air Force Commendation Medal, Army Reserve Components Achievement Medal (1 silver Oak Leaf Cluster and 3 bronze Oak Leaf Clusters), National Defense Service Medal (Bronze Service Star), Humanitarian Service Ribbon, Armed Forces Reserve Medal (Gold Hourglass Device), Army Reserve Components Overseas Training ribbon (with Numeral 3), Army Service Ribbon, Ohio Distinguished Service Ribbon, Ohio Service Ribbon (1 bronze Oak leaf Cluster), Ohio Faithful Service Ribbon, and Minnesota Service Ribbon (Gold XV Device). BG Faris has been awarded the Department of the Army Staff Identification Badge.

She is a life member of the National Guard Association of Ohio, the National Guard Association of the United States and the Association of the United States Army.