



LTC Michael M. Armstrong Commander, U.S. Army Dental Health Activity-Japan

LTC Michael M. Armstrong was born in Detroit, Michigan to Alan and Kathryn Armstrong. Homeschooled through high school, he received his B.A. in English Literature and Theater in 1998 from Cornerstone University, Grand Rapids, MI. He studied English Literature briefly at St. Edmund Hall Oxford, UK in 2000, before deciding to pursue a career in dentistry. He completed science prerequisites at Grand Valley State University in Allendale, MI in 2003, and earned his Doctor of Dental Medicine from the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia, PA in 2008 as an Army Health Professions Scholar.

LTC Armstrong earned his Comprehensive Dentistry certificate from the Advanced Education in General Dentistry (AEGD) two-year program at Schofield Barracks, Hawaii and his master's degree in Oral Biology from the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences in 2013. He became a diplomate of the American Board of General Dentistry in 2016. His military education includes the AMEDD Officer Basic Course 2005, the AMEDD Captain's Career Course in 2015, the Command and General Staff Officer's Course 2018, the AMEDD Precommand course in 2018, and the JMESI Healthcare Managers Course in 2023.

LTC Armstrong was assigned as a General Dentist and Officer-In-Charge the Storck Barracks Dental Clinic in Illesheim, Germany (2008-2011). He deployed for six months with the 257th Dental Company Area Support at Contingency Operating Station Echo, Al Diwaniyah, Iraq (2010). He was stationed at Schofield Barracks, Hawaii, for training in the AEGD-2 program (2011-2013). After he completed residency training, he was assigned to the 618th Dental Company in the Republic of Korea for a utilization tour, where he served as the Officer-In-Charge of the Camp Casey Dental Clinic (2013-2015). He served as a Comprehensive Dentist and the Officer-In-Charge at the Vicenza Dental Clinic at Caserma Ederle, Italy (2015-2018). He was selected for command of the SHAPE Dental Clinic Command in Mons, Belgium (2018-2021). He was selected for a broadening assignment as the Deputy Chief and Career Manager for the Dental Corps Branch at Human Resources Command in Fort Knox, KY (2021-2023). Again selected for command, he presently commands the Dental Health Activity-Japan in Camp Zama, Japan.

LTC Armstrong has been awarded the Meritorious Service Medal (1OLC), the Joint Service Commendation Medal, the Army Commendation Medal (2OLC), National Defense Service Medal, Iraqi Campaign Medal (2BS), Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Korea Defense Service Ribbon, Army Service Ribbon, and the Overseas Service Ribbon (5).

LTC Armstrong is fortunate to be married to his college sweetheart, Grace Marilyn (Willing) Armstrong from Clementon, NJ. Together they have three brilliant daughters, Eowyn (15), Nycteris (12) and Psyche (3), and three fantastic sons, Judah (11), Paladin (8), and Marius (5).