

VA Ann Arbor Healthcare System Colonel Donald W. Sexton

Deputy Commander for Administration, Madigan Army Medical Center, Joint Base Lewis McChord, WA
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Colonel Donald Sexton is a native of Jerome, Idaho. At the age of 17 he enlisted in the United States Army as a Medical Laboratory Technician. He graduated from the University of Utah (BS in Biology, 2000) as a Distinguished Military Graduate and received his commission as Second Lieutenant in the Medical Service Corps. COL Sexton earned graduate degrees from Baylor University (MHA and MBA, 2008) and a Doctorate of Philosophy in Health Services Organization and Policy from the University of Michigan. He is board certified as a Fellow in Healthcare Administration by the American College of Healthcare Executives.

He is currently assigned as the Deputy Commander for Administration (Chief Operating Officer) for Madigan Army Medical Center at Joint Base Lewis McChord, Washington. COL Sexton is also the Army Regent for the American College of Healthcare Executives.

His developmental and broadening assignments include: Liaison Officer to the Surgeon General, US Army Medical Command; Executive Officer, Office of the Chief, Medical Service Corps; Deputy Commander for Administration, Fort Riley, KS; Assistant Professor, Army-Baylor University Graduate Program in Health and Business Administration, Fort Sam Houston, TX; Chief, Clinical Support Division, U.S. Army Medical Department Activity – Alaska, Fort Wainwright, AK; Healthcare Administration Resident, Madigan Army Medical Center, Tacoma, WA; Commander, C Company, 25th Brigade Support Battalion, 1/25 SBCT, Fort Lewis, WA, and Mosul, Iraq (Operation Iraqi Freedom III); Support Operations Medical Planner, 25th Brigade Support Battalion, 1/25 SBCT, Fort Lewis, WA; Deputy Brigade Surgeon, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1/25 SBCT, Fort Lewis, WA; Medical Platoon Leader, 1st Battalion, 5th Infantry, 1/25 Stryker Brigade Combat Team (SBCT), Fort Lewis, WA; Treatment Platoon Leader, C Co, 25th Forward Support Battalion, 1/25 Brigade Combat Team (Light), Fort Lewis, WA; Medical Laboratory Technician, William Beaumont Army Medical Center, El Paso, TX.

His military education includes: Air Assault School, AMEDD Officer Basic and Advanced Courses, Cold Weather Leader Course, Joint Medical Operations Course, Instructor Training Course, Command and General Staff College (ILE), and the US Army War College. His military awards and decorations include: the Bronze Star Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal (6 OLC), the Army Commendation Medal (2 OLC), the Army Achievement Medal (7 OLCs), the Army Valorous Unit Award, the Army Good Conduct Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary and Service Medals, Expert Field Medical Badge, Combat Medic Badge, Air Assault Badge, and the Order of Military Medical Merit. He also received the Surgeon General's "9A" designation for Healthcare Administration (70A).

COL Sexton is married to the former Darlene Valladolid and has three daughters, Sotiria, Athena, and Persephone.
