

COLONEL DONALD A. GAGLIANO

Executive Director, DOD/VA Vision Center of Excellence

Colonel Gagliano graduated from the United States Military Academy in 1975 and was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. Following graduation from the Chicago Medical School in 1981, he completed his internship and residency training in Ophthalmology at Brooke Army Medical Center and a fellowship in Vitreo-Retinal Diseases and Surgery at the University of Illinois Eye Center in Chicago.

He is the author of multiple publications and book chapters, a Fellow of the American Academy of Ophthalmology, and a member of the Retina Society and the American Society of Retinal Specialists. In 1995, he was awarded the Army Surgeon General's "A" Designator in recognition of his leadership and extensive international contributions as an Ophthalmologist and Retinal Surgeon. In 1998, COL Gagliano received the Master of Health Administration degree from Penn State and is a Fellow of the American College of Healthcare Executives and a Certified Physician Executive of the American College of Physician Executives.



Colonel Gagliano has led soldiers at every level of command, having served as Platoon Leader and Company Commander, 11th Engineer Battalion; Laboratory Commander, US Army Medical Research Detachment, Brooks Air Force Base, TX; Hospital Commander, 5th Mobile Army Surgical Hospital (Airborne), Fort Bragg, NC; Hospital Commander, 28th Combat Support Hospital (Airborne), Fort Bragg, NC; Hospital Commander, MEDDAC, Fort Campbell, KY; and Brigade Commander, 30th Medical Brigade, Heidelberg, Germany. From Feb 2003 thru Feb 2004, he commanded the 30th Medical Brigade in Iraq and simultaneously served as the CJTF-7 Surgeon with responsibility for planning, integrating and executing all coalition combat health support in Iraq during the first year of Operation Iraqi Freedom. In November 2008, COL Gagliano was appointed into his current position as the Executive Director of the DoD/VA Vision Center of Excellence.

His military education includes Ranger School, Airborne School, Air Assault School, Engineer Officer Basic Course, AMEDD Officer Advanced Course, Army Flight Surgeon Course, Command and General Staff College, Air War College, and Army War College. His awards and decorations include the Legion of Merit with four Oak Leaf Clusters, Bronze Star, Meritorious Service Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters, Joint Services Commendation Medal, Army Commendation Medal, National Defense Service Medal with two Stars, Iraq Campaign Medal with Star, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal and Service Medal, Expert Field Medical Badge, Army Flight Surgeon Wings, Parachutist's Badge, Air Assault Badge, Ranger Tab, Order of Military Medical Merit and the Order of Saint Michael. While under his command, the 30th Medical Brigade was awarded the Meritorious Unit Citation for exemplary performance during Operation Iraqi Freedom.